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Ordered that Coll Darnall give Notice to Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Doyne high Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County that to Morrow being the Ninth Instant is the Day prefixed for the Tryall of Jacob Young, and that the Sheriff is Comanded to give Jacob Young Notice of the same accordingly

Then came Joseph Spernon and presented to this house this fol. Petition Viz<sup>t</sup>

To the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary and the Honourable the Upper house of Assembly

The Humble Petition of Joseph Spernon  
Humbly Sheweth

That one M<sup>r</sup> John Rousby one of the Members of the Lower house of Assembly Obtained a Judgment against your Petitioner last february was Twelve Month for 6000<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco Damages and Cost of Suit for Conveying away his two Servants Simon Steins and Christopher Buttler which Judgment was altogether unjustly Obtained as your Petitioner is ready and willing to make appear before this honourable house, and by false Suggestions and Indirect means of the said John Rousby your Petitioner is wholly ruined and forced to flye the Country, he humbly prayeth that he may be relieved by Your Lordship & Upper house of Assembly as by your Lordship and their honours shall seem most Meet—

And he shall ever pray &c.

Then Came Simon Steyns one of the Servants of the said John Rousby that run away as aforesaid and made Oath as followeth (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

The Deposition of Simon Steines Aged thirty years or thereabouts sworn Deposeth upon the holy Evangelists, That Christopher Butler and your Deponent was at the house of William Price in Elk River and Joseph Spernon Then Constable came to the said Prices house, and Examining your Deponents and the said Butler, thought fitt to take us up for Runaways, and Carryed us Home to the said Spernons house and being too late that night to carry us before any Magistrate; the next Morning the said Spernon went abroad and your Depon<sup>t</sup> and the said Christopher believing the said Spernon was gone to fetch help to Carry us before a Magistrate took the Opportunity and run away from the said Spernons house and went back to the said Prices house and staying there an hour or two Espyed Spernon & One or two with him upon which your Deponent and the said Butler immediately run away and made their Escapes to Deleware falls. But when Your Deponent, came to the house of Price as aforesaid