

tency and folly therein, w^{ch} being granted him by the said Coll Stevens, It is Considered by this board that his Offence for this time be passed by, and the punishm^t thereof suspended untill such tyme as he offer further occasion. Lib. R. R. R.

Memdū. Returne made of a Commission granted the nine and Twentieth day of March 1684: to Coll Henry Coursey Cap^t William Lawrence, and M^r William ffrisby to Enquire and Examine betweene Majo^r James Ringold and Anne Tovey widow, upon the Complaint and at the request of said Ringold (viz^t.)

To the R^t hon^{ble} Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ty} of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a and the hon^{ble} Councill

By vertue of a Commission to us Henry Coursey and William Lawrence directed dated the Twenty ninth day of March Anno 1684: to call before us Majo^r James Ringold, and M^{rs} Anne Tovey Relict of Samuel Tovey decd: and now wife to M^r Thomas Joce of Kent County, upon a scandalous Letter directed & sent from the said Anne Tovey unto M^r Robert Carville an Atto^{ny} of the Provinciaall Court, The Copsy of which Letter wee have before us attested by the Register for probate of Wills and granting Adm^cōns. p. 129

In pursuance of which Com^{on} and Letter, the ffifth day of this instant September at the Court house in New Yarmouth in Kent County wee did call and cause to come before us the said Majo^r James Ringold, and the said Anne Joce, and then and there published the said Com^{on} requesting the said parties, what evidence they had of either side, that they would cause them to appeare before us, there to be sworne and examined upon the truth or untruth of the said scandalous Letter, soe that after examination wee might have whereof to make report unto his said Lord^{sp} & Councill

The parties present when the said pretended actions were committed appeareing before us; who haveing first taken their oathes upon the holy Evangelists to make true Evidence and testimony to the best of their knowledge in what shall be required of them doe declare as foll.

Thomas Smith's Deposition

Thomas Smith aged 36 yeares being duely sworne and examined at the request of Anne Joce Saith That to the first part of the Letter against Majo^r James Ringold by Anne Tovey relict of Samuel Tovey decd: (now Anne Joce) he