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(fol. 567)

The Sheriff's Oath

Ye Shall Swear that well and Truly you Shall Serve the Lord Proprietary in the office of Sheriff of the County of Talbot & doe his Lopps profits that belongeth to you to do by way of your office as farr forth as you may can ye Shall not assent to decrease or Lessen nor to concealm.^t of any of Lopps R.^{ts} or of his ffranchizes & wheresoever ye Shall have knowledge that his Lopps R.^{ts} be concealed or withdrawn be it in Lands, Rents, ffranchizes or Gifts or any other things, Ye Shall do yo^r true power to make th.^m to be Restored to his Lopp again and if ye may not do it ye Shall Certific his Lopp or Some of his Councill thereof Such as ye Shall know for Certain will Say it unto his Lopp ye Shall not Respite his Lopps debts for any Guift or favour where you may Raise them without Great Grievance of the Debtor Ye shall truly and Righteously treat the people of your Sheriff-wick and do Right to poor as well as to Rich in all that belongeth to yo.^r office ye shall do no wrong to any man for any Guift or other behest or promise of Goods for favour nor hate Ye shall disturb no man's R^t ye shall acquitt all those of whom ye Shall any thing Receive of his Lopps Debts Ye Shall nothing take whereby his Lopp may Loose of y.^t R.^t may be Lessen or disturbed or his Lopps debts delayed ye Shall truly Return and truly Serve his Lopps writts as farr forth as it Shall be in your Cunning Ye Shall not have to be y^r undersheriff any of the Sheriff's Clerkes of the last year past Ye Shall take no Bayliff in your Service but Such as ye Shall Answer for, Ye Shall make Each of your Bayliffs make Such oath as ye make your Self in that, that belongeth to their Occupation ye Shall receive no writts by you or any of yo^{rs} unsealed nor Sealed by any but by the Justices of the Chancery Provinciall or County Courts or Such other as Shall be thereto Authorized by the Lord Proprietary, Ye Shall make yo.^r Bayliff of the true & Sufficient men of your County you Shall not let yo.^r Sheriffwick or any Bailywick thereof to farm to any, ye Shall truly Set & Re Reasonable & due issues of them y.^t be within your Bailywick after their Estate and hono.^r and make yo.^r pannell yo.^r Self of Such persons as be most meet most Sufficient & not Suspect nor procured all these things you Shall well & truly observe & keep So help you God &^c

June 26.th 1671

Stephen Tully

Then was the above written Oath by me administred unto Stephen Tully Gentl high Sheriff of the County of Talbot Given under my hand the day & year aboves.^d

Phillip Calvert

Writt of discharge to Tilghman

Cæcilius &^c To Richard Tilghman Late high Sheriff of our Co.^{ty} of Talbot Greeting Whereas we have Comitted to our beloved