

Liber FF ever, unhurt and Innocent hath remayned and Continued, And whereas alsoe the sayd Thomas Sprigg was by the Hono^rble the Governour of this Province appoynted Sherriffe of Calvert County for the yeare One thousand six hundred sixty and Foure and by the bond of his Oath by him in that behalfe performed was Bound well and truely to Serve the Lord Proprieto^r in the Office of Sheriffe of Calvert County and to doe his lordships Profitt in all things that belongs unto him by way of his Office as farr forth as he could or might that he should truely and Rightfully treat the People of his Sherriffwicke and Doe Right as well to Poore as to Rich in all that belongeth to his Office, that he should doe noe Wrong to any man for any Guift, Favour, Hate or other affectōn, that he should duely Execute soe farr as he might all such Writts and Warrants as should

[p. 300] be to him directed by Lawfull Authority and thereof should make true Returne, And whereas the said Thomas Sprigg during the whole tyme wherein he was Sherriffe of Calvert County aforesaid well Honestly and according to the Forme of his Oath in all things himselfe behaved and Carryed and all writts in the Courts of the said Lord Proprieto^r and for the Good People of this Province, well truely and Honestly dilligently and Faithfully as sherriff to his Abillity and Knowledge by the whole tyme he was Sherriffe served and Returned without any Negligence Pravity, falsity, or Deceipt, by reason whereof the said Thomas Sprigg the good Will and likeing of the Hono^rble Charles Calvert Esq^z Leivtenant Generall and Cheife Governour of this Province had merrited and obteyned Notwithstanding the said Reymond Staplefort not being Ignorant of the Premisses but meaning him the sayd Thomas Sprigg in his good name Fame Estimācōn and Reputācōn aforesaid greatly to hurt and make worse and to bring him the said Thomas into Scandall Infamy and Disgrace

[p. 301] as well amongst all Honorable and Worshipfull persons as amongst his Neighbours and other Faythfull people of this Province And more Especially to Cast him the said Thomas Sprigg into the greivous displeasue of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprieto^r and the Hono^rble the Leivtenant and Cheife Governour of this Province aforesayd and to cause him to be punished for Falshood and breach of Oath in the Seūall places of Trust in him Reposed as of Justice of the Peace and late of sherriffe of Calvert County and to take away his testimony in any Cause whether Criminall or Civill and soe to render him Infamous upon Record to all posterity, The aforesayd One and twentyeth of November One thousand six hundred sixty and Five att Robert Kingsburyes in Calvert County in open Court theis falce Feyned Scandalous and Malitious words following of the said Thomas then being as aforesayd one of the said Justices of the Lord Proprieto^r assigned For keeping the peace in Calvert County aforesaid and to heare and Determyne divers Fellonyes trespasses

[p. 302] and other Misdemeano^{rs} in the sayd County Committed And being