

Liber JJ pet<sup>r</sup> from the same you will forever binde him to pray for your Excltyes health honor and happyness long to Govern us.

This petition being p<sup>r</sup>esented to his Excellency in open Court his Excellency is graciously pleased & does ord<sup>r</sup> that his punnishment be remitted according to the prayer of the petition, provided he pay Damages to the ptyes agreived according to the Act of Assembly and his ffees. and the said James Neale Jun<sup>r</sup> imediately in open Co<sup>rt</sup> upon his Knees thanked his Exclty for such his Clemency & mercy and prayed for the Lord Proprietary

James Neale Sen<sup>r</sup> being called appears. who desired Councell to be assigned him by the Court, who ordered Mr Morecroft one of the Attorneys of the Court to be of Councill for the prisoner who put in this plea following in writing.

James Neale  
Sen<sup>r</sup>  
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And the said James Neale Sen<sup>r</sup> cometh and saith that the said Lord Proprietary him the said James upon the said Accōn of Indictm<sup>t</sup> ought not or will not Greive or impeach because by ptestation he saith the Indictm<sup>t</sup> is not sufficient in Law to put him the said James to answer thereunto, Notwithstanding for a plea he saith that whatsoever is Contrary to the Act of Assembly aforesayd he is in no wayes guilty in manner & forme as by the said Indictm<sup>t</sup> aforesayd above is supposed and of this he puts himself upon the Country, and Vincent Low Attorney General who for the said Lord Proprietary in this behalfe followeth for the said Lord Proprietary likewise. and the Sheriff of St Maryes County having as he was Comanded returned a Petty Jury for the tryall of prisoners who being called appeared to wit Wifm Harris Richard Atwood Thomas Doxey Nicholas Guither Richard Bayley Henry Bedford William King Guy White ffrancis Gunbee Richard Ackworth John Symonds Henry Smith and Richard Smith, who being Elected tryed & sworne to try the truth in the premises upon their oathes doe say that the said James Neale Sen<sup>r</sup>, is not guilty of the hoggstealing whereof he hath beene Indicted and so they say all, whereupon the said James Neale Sen<sup>r</sup> was acquitted by proclamation, and by the Court Discharged paying his ffees.

Thomas Hackleton }  
W<sup>m</sup> Swetnam & } The Sheriff of St Maryes County being Co-  
Samuell Lester } manded to set Thomas Hackleton William  
Swetnam and Samuell Lester to the barre were  
for the felony aforesayd arraigned and upon their Arraignm<sup>t</sup> pleaded not guilty and for their tryall put themselves upon the Country. and the Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes County having as he was Comanded returned a petty Jury for the tryall of prisoners, who being called appeared to wit Richard Smith Alexand<sup>r</sup> Draper Richard Atwood Nicholas Guither Richard Bayly Henry Bedford William King Guy White ffrancis Gunbee Richard Ackworth John Simons and Henry