Wee Conjure that ye Bp. might reap as much benifitt as any other person ye premiss being
gon[e] and ye Saying that ye proclamacon was or had relacon to ye Bp[s] particular person is Easily falsi and Scandalous

This Wee Affirme for Undoubted truth of our owne Knowledge and which we thought Necessary to declare to the
Country for deleting ye falsitys in ye Peticon or rather falsi and Scandalous libell Insueing

Joh[n] Hammond Tho: Tasker Phill Hoskins
Richard Hill Wm Hatton Thy: Staley

Read and approved of by ye Ills of ye Grand Jury

Hen: Hornby Forsman
In[o]: Scott
Robt Hobbs
Tho: Wells
Tho: Lamar
Sam[l]: Brown

Wm Eden
Joseph Beaks
In[o]: Chairs
Ben: Bickard
Morg[n]: Jones
Rich[d]: Benton

Joseph Edlo
Hen: Hoesley
Edw[d] Larrimore
Ralph Smith
Edw[d] Hillspoll
In[o]: Sales

Aaron Rawling
Jo[n] Sargeant
In[o]: Alford
In[o]: Fr Closer

The Peticon followes in fol: 794:

Maryland Ss Knows all men by these p[r]sents that Wee Wm Dent and Edward Boothby of ye Province of Mary land
Gen[t] are holden and firmly bound unto his Exc[y] Ffra: Nicholson Esq[r] his Ma[ts] Cap[t] Gen[l] and
Chiefe Govern[r] of this Province in ye full and Just Sume of One thousand pounds of Lawfull
Money of England to be p[d] to ye S[d] Ffra: Nicholson Esq[r] his Ex[rs] Adm[rs] or Assignes to ye which
payment well and truely to be made Wee bind our Selves and Either of ourselves by himself
our and Either of our h[rs] Ex[rs] Adm[rs] Joyntly and Severally for ye whole and in ye whole firmly
by these p[r]sents Witness our hands and Seales &c the 13th day 1696

The Condicon of ye above written Obligacon is Such that whereas his Exc[y] Ffra: Nicholson Esq[r] of ye
Kath Commissionated and appointed ye S[d] Wm Dent to be Naball Officer for Potomack River in
this Said Province by his Comission bearing date with these p[r]sents if ye S[d] Wm Dent shall well
and truely p[r]forme ye S[d] Office Acording to ye Several Acts of Parliament in that case made and
provided and Shall observe ye Directions contained in ye Acts of Assembly of this Province
relating to ye Duty of Naball Officers and from time to time Save Defend and keep harmless ye
S[d] Ffra: Nicholson Esq[r] from all Damage Cost and Charges that he ye S[d] Ffran: Shall Sustain
at any time by reason of ye S[d] Dents nonperformance of his S[d] Office So long as he Shall Enjoy ye Same
As in ye S[d] Recited Act is Enacted and ordained then ye above Obligacon to be Void and of none Effect
otherwise to be and remain in full force and Vertue

Wm Dent (Seald)
Edward Boothby (Seald)

Tho: Lawrence
Geo: Plater

Maryland Ss Knows all men by these p[r]sents that we Hen: Denton and Charles Carroll of ye Province of Maryland
afors[d] Gent[n] are holden and firmly bound unto his Exc[y] Francis Nicholson Esq[r] his Ma[ty] Cap[t]
Gen[l] and Chief Govern[r] of this Province in ye full and Just Sume of one thousand pounds of Lawfull
of Lawfull money of England to be p[d] to ye S[d] Francis Nicholson Esq[r] his Ex[rs] Adm[rs] or Assigns
to ye which payment well and truely to be made and done we bind our Selves and Either of us by him
Self our and Either of our h[rs] Ex[rs] and Adm[rs] Joyntly and Severally for ye whole and in ye whole
firmly by these p[r]sents witness our hands and Seales this Tenth day of October 1696

The Condition of ye Above Obligation is Such that whereas his Exc[y] Ffra: Nicholson Esq[r] afors[d] hath
Commissionated and appointed ye S[d] Henry Denton to be Naball Officer of ye Port of Annapolis within ye S[d]
Province by his Commission bearing Equall date with these p[r]sents, Now if ye S[d] Henry Denton shall well
and truely p[r]forme ye S[d] Office according to ye Several Acts of Parliam[t] in that Case made and provided &
Shall observe ye directions contained in ye Acts of Assembly of this Province relating to the Duty of
Naball