

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS CHARLES COUNTY

Liber A, the first book of the Charles County court minutes, begins its session records with the court of June, 1658. The volume has 136 folios (leaves) and several folios are missing. Some of the missing leaves carried record matter. The pages are now numbered in sequence by some modern hand, no notice being taken of gaps due to lost leaves. Apparently there has never been any such numbering of the folios as was usual in the older record books. Liber A

Clerk George Thompson began the liber record and wrote the first 80 pages. Thomas Lomax succeeded him for a brief period in Fendall's time, and used 36 pages for his minutes. Then Thompson was restored to office and the remainder of the volume is in his hand. The last court session is that of October, 1662. It was Thompson who, at his return to office, numbered each court transaction from the front of the book and used these marginal numbers for cross-reference instead of making an index.

On the lattermost pages of the liber are private mercantile accounts of 1648-1651 that were already entered in the book when it was diverted to public uses. These accounts have no connection with the county records.

Records for Charles Countie within the Prouince of Mariland [p. 1]
It being erected into A Countie by the Hon^{ble} Josias
Fendall Esq^r & Gou^r of the say^d Prouince May A^o 1658

Arthur Turner demandeth warrant against John Ashbrooke in an action of debt to the valew of 1300th tob: May 25th

Warrant to the sheriffe of Charles County to arest &^c: Retur: next Countie Court to be holden at Humphery Atwicks the 4th of June next

Henry Lilley demandeth warrant against Edward Paker in an action of the Case: May 27th

Warrant to Sheriffe to arest &^c: Ret: ubi supra

Henry Lilley demandeth warrat against Arthur Turner in an action of debt to the valew of 500th tob:

Warrant to the Sheriffe to Arest &^c Ret: ubi Supra

Samuel Tilman & Henry Parnell per Aturnatum Edward Paker demand warrant against Arthur Turner in an action of debt to the valew of 1500th tob:

Warrant to the Sheriffe to arest &^c Ret: ubi supra

John Ashbrooke demandeth warrant against Arthur Turner in an actione of the case to the valew of 1000th tob:

Warrant to the Sheriffe to arest &^c Ret: ubi Supra