

sixteenth day of february in the nine and thirtieth yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius & in and upon the said Hawkins then their said Master by force and Armes that is to say with certaine Axes of the vallue of forty pence which they the said James Sall John the Negro Robert Warry Robert Speare and Tony the Negro then and there did severally hold in their hands and upon the forenamed Hawkins then there Master, then and there in the peace of God and the Lord Proprietary, being volluntarily of their mallice before thought of did make an assault, and the same Hawkins then their Master then and there with the said Axes feloniously and Traytorously upon his head strongly and stoutly did severally strike so that by the said stroakes the head of the said Hawkins then their said Master was then and there broke giving to him a mortall wound upon the Right side of the head nigh to the Crowne breaking in Severall pieces the skull of the head of him the said Hawkins of the Depth of Three Inches of the breadth of One Inch and the length of One Inch and halfe whereupon the body of him the said Hawkins did Imediately fall to the Earth and the said Hawkins instantly of the said blowes Died so that they the said James Sall John the Negro Robert Warry Robert Speare and Tony the Negro at Elke River aforesaid of their mallice aforethought of the said Hawkins then their said Master in manner and forme &c aforesaid voluntarily & wickedly feloniously and Traytorously did Kill against the peace of the Lord Proprietary his rule and Dignity.

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And further the said Attorney Generall Delivered unto the said Grand Jury the Inquisitions Examinations and other papers that concerned the said busnies, and also the witnesses that were p'sent to make good the said Indictm<sup>t</sup> being called (viz<sup>t</sup>) Charles James Coroner Augustin Harman Richard Chapman and John Rycroft who being Sworne to deliver the truth of their Knowledge in that busnies to the said Grand Jury. The said Juro<sup>rs</sup> withdrew into a private Roome to consider of their verdict.

During which the Co<sup>rt</sup> adjourned for halfe an houre.

The Court being sate againe at the End of the said halfe houre the Grand Jury came into the Court & p'sented to the said Court the said bill of Indictment and other papers, on the backside of which Indictm<sup>t</sup> was then written (vizt) Billa vera.

Comand was then given to the Sheriff of St Maryes County to bring the said James Sall, John the Negro, Robert Warry, Robert Speare, and Tony the Negro, to the barre which being done. The Cryer made Proclamation in these words (vizt)

His Lopps Justices streightly Charge and Command all persons to Keep Silence for now they will proceed upon pleas of the Crowne to the arraigm<sup>t</sup> of Prisoner<sup>s</sup> upon life and Death and that all persons that have any Evidence to give against any of the prisoners now at the Barre draw near and give yo<sup>r</sup> Attendance or forfeit yo<sup>r</sup> Recognizances.