May the 3d 1694

This day Col. Charles Hutchins, Col. David Browne, Maj. Robert King and Mr. John Watson came into Court and took the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration and the Oath of Justice of this Court and took their places according to.

The Grand Jury for the body of this Province being called came into Court and the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration being administred unto them severally who were 17 in number (viz)

Mr. Edward Scotten, foreman	Thomas Beale
James Philips	Richard Benton
George Hope	Robert Smyth
Jacob Marsland	John Hawkins
Robert Hobbs	Michael Miller
John Short	Thos. King
Henry Williams	John Bronnock
Henry Harvey	Math. Searbrough
Thomas Whitaby	

Which Grand Jury for the body of the Province being impannelled summoned and sworne and their charge given them in writing they withdrew themselves to consider thereof.

Mr. William Martin Merchant bound by Recognizance to appear this Court being called made his appearance which was accepted of and the Informacon exhibited against him quashed and he discharged paying his fees.

Mr. Thomas Hand bound by Recognizance to appear this Court made his personall appearance and no person appearing to prosecute, is discharged by Proclamacon.

Edward Grand of Talbott County bound by Recognizance to appear at this Court made his personall appearance and no person appearing to prosecute, is discharged by Proclamacon.

Mr. Robert Coulter borough of Talbott County having been accused for some Misdemeanors by him committed and no person appearing to maintain the said Accusation. It is by the said Court ordered that if no person appear to prosecute the said Complaint, that he be thereof discharged.

The Grand Jury again returned to the Barr being called they all appeared and presented to the Court three severall Bills (viz)

One against John Huggins for Perjury.

One against Walsingham Cook for breach of the peace.

One against Richard Sweetman Senr. for breach of an Act of Assembly.

They are Content the Court shall amend, forbear altering matter of fact substance in things bill they have found.

The Court then gave the Grand Jury a further charge and they got out to consider thereof.

Proclamacon being made the Court proceed to the Barr of the Town

Our Sovr. Lord & Lady the King & Queen vs. John Huggins late of Talbott County otherwise called John Huggins of Talbott County Labourer for that he the said John Huggins the 2nd day of March Anno Dni 1692 not having the feare of God before his eyes but moved and seduced by the Instigacon of the Devil of his own wicked mind and machinacon at a County Court held at Talbott Town the day and year aforesaid before Their Maties Justices of the peace of Talbott County aforesaid then and there in Court sitting he the said John Huggins in a certain Cause then and there depending between him the said John Huggins plt. and one John Dennis of the same County Planter deft. in a plea of Trespass upon the Case falsely did swear upon the Holy Evangelists in the said Court and wilfully and corruptly then and there did commit against Their Maties peace and the Forme of the Statute in that case made & provided.

G: Plater Att: Genll.

Witnesses
John Thompson } Jurors
Edward Mason }
Thomas [illegible]

[illegible] Indictment was thus endorsed

Which Indictment being read and the said John Huggins att the Barr it was demanded what he did be guilty of the Crime whereof he stands Indicted or not guilty.

Whereupon he humbly prayed that he may be admitted Counsell to advise which by the favour of the Court he was accordingly granted and Mr. William Dent assigned him as Counsell.

The said Indictment being again read he was thereupon Indicted and upon the Indictment he was arraigned upon his arraignment he pleaded not guilty and for Tryall he put himself upon God and the Country. It is therefore ordered the Sheriff of St. Mary's County that he Impanel twelve Men of whom of who neither pty. to recognize &c.

Now here at this day to wit the third day of May in the Sixth year of Their Maties Reign of Anno Dni 1694 came the