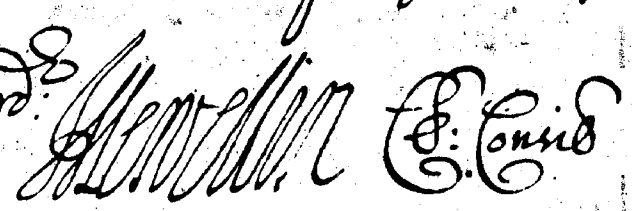


The Lord Prop. had thereupon taken his Negro Litter and was gone up to  
the Governour's house, Moreover the said Hark or Price one of them said  
that the Lady Shipp during y<sup>e</sup> Discours: betweene his L<sup>ty</sup> & M<sup>r</sup>. Rouby  
fell a crying, and that M<sup>r</sup>. Rouby swore he had spoke no: more: then  
what he could produce from under the Kings hand and Seals for And  
Further the s<sup>d</sup>. Smith saith that One Simon Prouther in y<sup>e</sup> Shopp: with  
him heard y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Hark and Price utter these words,

Whereupon Ordered that Summons for Simon Prouther and Warrant for  
Anthony Hark and Thomas Price be directed to y<sup>e</sup> Sheriff of St. Maries  
County to have them before his L<sup>ty</sup> Council Monday y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> instant  
at 3 a Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon: v: 16


You are hereby willed and Required to summon Simon Prouther of y<sup>e</sup>. Balypwick  
that all ready sett apart he be and personally appear before his L<sup>ty</sup> Council  
on Monday next the Tenth instant by three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock precisely a f<sup>r</sup>noon:  
to testify y<sup>e</sup> truth of his knowledge unto such matters and things as shall be  
then and there propounded unto him. Whereof fail not Dated y<sup>e</sup> Eighth Day  
of March Anno 1678:

To Cap: Gerrard L<sup>ty</sup>. High Sheriff of  
St. Maries County or his Deputy: His

Signed for ord:  C. Lewis

You are hereby willed and Required to take into y<sup>e</sup>. Custody Anthony Hark  
and Thomas Price for that you have them before his L<sup>ty</sup> Council  
on Monday next y<sup>e</sup> Tenth instant by three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock precisely a f<sup>r</sup>noon:  
then and there to make answer unto such things as shall be alledged ag<sup>t</sup>:  
them. Whereof fail not. Dated y<sup>e</sup> Eighth Day of March Anno 1678:

To Cap: Gerrard L<sup>ty</sup>. High Sher.  
of St. Maries County or his Deputy: His

Signed for ord:  C. Lewis

A Council held at y<sup>e</sup> same Place as on Saturday last, where present  
this Tenth Day of March Anno 1678:

The s<sup>d</sup>. Hon: y<sup>e</sup> Prop: and y<sup>e</sup> Res: as on Saturday

This L<sup>ty</sup> and y<sup>e</sup> Council having taken into further consideration y<sup>e</sup> Disposition  
of y<sup>e</sup> Office of Sher. in y<sup>e</sup> severall Counties of this Province Do: positively  
ord: therein as follow: v: 16

First for ~~the County of~~ Capt: Bourne being made chiefe of by his L<sup>ty</sup> by  
Council y<sup>e</sup> last time y<sup>e</sup> same was in D: bat: they having further considered y<sup>e</sup>  
Bourne's incapacity (by reason of his lameness) to manage that Office Do: appoint  
Capt: Richard Ladd Sher. of that County for y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year: in room: of Cap: Damae  
John: Arrundell, Robert Branchlyn (according to y<sup>e</sup> former res: full of y<sup>e</sup> Council)  
to be Sheriff of that County in room: of M<sup>r</sup>. With  
St. Maries County: Major: William Boarman in room: of Cap: L<sup>ty</sup>.  
Charles County: M<sup>r</sup>. William Chandler to continue  
Kent County: Michael Miller to continue