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he would Copy it out himself and did so and set his hand to it
as a true Copy & I a notice examin'd it with the Original and can
both attest it as a true Copy under both our hands & Oaths also if
Required this was delivered Mr. Taillard which I then thought
& hoped was Indifferent well to solve me for any breach of Trust
against Mr. Taillard but after I had waited upon your Excellency
I found it would not do I went therefore to Sir Thomas and at two
several times urged his Honour with his Promise of not keeping
the Original to my Prejudice which I now found would be so if
he did not deliver it me he answered me he had given a Copy attested
for true under his own hand and that he did not find himself
Obliged any further but if Mr. Taylard would come to him he
would shew him the Original and give him another Copy which
he should himself witness was a true one of which I told Mr.
Taylard which was the most I could get from Sir Thomas for my
Indemnity I therefore beseech your Excellency's pardon in this
matter and for this present trouble to your Excellency & subscribe

4th April 1693. Y^r Excellency's most humble & obed^t. Serv^t

To his ^{Excellency} the Govern^r Tho: Cromwell

These humbly present

The said Thomas Cromwell pursuant to an Order from his ^{Excellency}
the Govern^r yesterday directed to the Sherif of St Marys County com-
manding him thereby to summons him the said Tho: Cromwell
& W^m Taylard to appear here.....to testify the truth of their
knowledge in such matters and things as shall be proposed unto
them on their Majestys Behalf accordingly makes his appearance
and being thereunto Required to make Oath to the truth of the
matter contained in the above Letter did accordingly prove the same
upon his oath taken on the holy Evangelist

To his Excellency the Gov^r & his honorable Council
The humble Petition of William Taylor

humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner had constructed under his name a