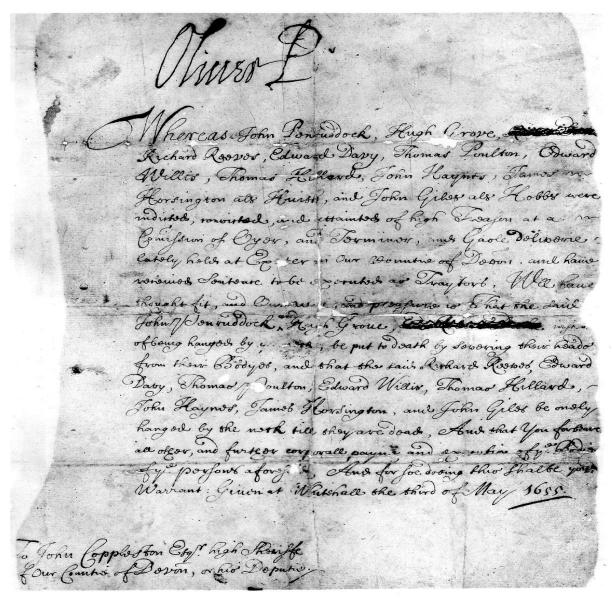
## Death Warrant of Colonel John Penruddock of Compton Chamberlain and Hugh Grove of Chisbury - 3rd May 1655



The Death warrant above signed by Oliver Cromwell sentenced both men to be beheaded at their own request rather than being hanged. Their death sentences resulted from their involvement in the Royalist Uprising against Parliamentarian Forces at Salisbury in March 1655. Salisbury was occupied by the Royalists but failed to gather enough support to maintain their hold and were overrun once more by Cromwell's troops. Many Royalists were captured after fleeing to South Molton in Devon. The leaders were tried and faced death by hanging in most cases with many of Penruddock's men being sent to the West Indies as debentured labour.