

Liber B. being taken before the Governour and Secretary A Court held at S' Maries this 8th day of August 1653.

Upon Examination as aforesaid he the Said John Smith confesseth that about the Seven and twentieth of July last, he being a hired Servant to ffra: Bright of the Isle of opened a Chest which was then locked in his Said Masters house by drawing the Nailes thereof; but whether the Said Chest was his Said Masters or his Mates he doth not know. And that he then tooke out of the Said Chest a Suit of Clothes which he Sayeth were his own, and that he had bought them of the Said Bright his Master, and alsoe then tooke out of the Said Chest two Small pieces or remnants of Lockorume a Shirt a Canvas Sheet a new paire of Shoes a Case of knives and Some Sugar, and had likewise taken in the Same house three pieces of Bacon three loaves of bread four twists of Tobaccho and four apples all which he had bound in a Bundle together intending to have taken them with him to Virginia, but before he put Such his intention in Execution he repented himself thereof, and the better to Colour the busieness and to pacifie his Said Master he told him that the Indians had opened the Chest and had taken the things before mentioned out of the Same, and that he never Enjoyed any of them nor removed them out of the Said house, but that the Same were all of them restored againe to his Said Master, Upon Consideration had by this Court this present Eighth day of August 1653. of the Said prisoner John Smith his Examination aforesaid, And upon the relacōn to the Court by m^r Thomas Hynson and John Ellis that were Charged with the bringing down of the Prisoner to the Court that the particulars intended to be Stolen were not removed out of the Said Brights house but returned to him againe It is ordered that the Said Smith be whiped with twenty five Lashes, and be responsible and pay all Charges incurred by his imprisonment and punishment, And the wages w^{ch} he is to receive from Bright Soe farr as it will extend to goe to the paym^t of the Said Charges, and the rest he is to be responsible for, out of his Labours for the future, And the Sheriffe is forthwith to See the prisoner punished according to the direction of this Order; which was done accordingly and the prisoner thereupon discharged of his imprisonment and the bond for prosecution Mencōned in the Said order at Kent is Vacated.

These presents Testify that I Henry Bishop doe bind and deliver over all my crop unto John Medley and John Thimbleby for their Security for Severall debts due unto them from me the Said Henry Bishop, as Wittness my hand this present 14th of August in the year of our Lord God 1653.

Wittness John Metcalfe
Robert Greene

the mark of Henry Bishop