

Liber the s<sup>d</sup> County on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March following. Whereupon it was  
 P. C. R. Ordered (both p<sup>ties</sup> thereunto then assenting) That this Cause  
 be respited untill the s<sup>d</sup> County Court, & there to haue its determinaõn  
 by a Jury &c:

p. 255 Att a Court held in Charles County 10<sup>th</sup> March 1658

P<sup>ent</sup>

Josias ffendall Esq <sup>r</sup> Gour <sup>e</sup> , M <sup>r</sup> Edw: Parkes	} Commis <sup>rs</sup> .
M <sup>r</sup> John Hatch	
M <sup>r</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Hundley	

The afores<sup>d</sup> Case & State thereof being signified to the Court, a  
 Jury was forthw<sup>th</sup> Impanelled, Viz.

fforema<sup>n</sup>

Will <sup>m</sup> Marshall,	Rich: Stanford	John Piper
Tho: Baker	George Symonds,	Edm: Lindsey
Tho: Mitchell	Peter Carre	Rob <sup>t</sup> Robins
Hen: Moore	James Johnson	Stanop Roberts.

Who being sworne by the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> to bring their Verdict w<sup>th</sup>  
 out feare fauo<sup>r</sup> or affection, & to the best of their wisdome, &  
 understanding, had the accõn afores<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup> the evidences thereunto  
 apperteyning, deliuered unto them. W<sup>ch</sup> Jury after they had accord-  
 ingly considered & weighed the same, They (in their iudgm<sup>ts</sup> all  
 agreeing) deliuered in this their Verdict by their fforeman Will<sup>m</sup>  
 Marshall, That the s<sup>d</sup> Arthure Turner should giue unto the s<sup>d</sup> Strat-  
 ton, for the meintenance of the s<sup>d</sup> Child for the first yeare 1000<sup>t</sup>  
 Tob, for the second yeare 800<sup>t</sup> Tob. & for the third yeare 700<sup>t</sup> Tob.  
 And soe to pay 700<sup>t</sup> Tob, untill the Child afores<sup>d</sup> bee able to gett its  
 owne lyuing, w<sup>th</sup> Cost & Charge of suite. But if the s<sup>d</sup> Turner doth  
 thinke himselfe herew<sup>th</sup> agreiued, Then to take the s<sup>d</sup> Child wholly  
 to himselfe & to meinteine it. This Busines being fownd to exceed  
 the cognizance of the s<sup>d</sup> Court, It is therefore Ordered th<sup>t</sup> it bee sent  
 up to the Prouinciall Court, & there to haue itt<sup>s</sup> determinaõn.

M<sup>r</sup> John Hatch aged 45 yeares or thereabouts sworne & examined  
 in open Court sayth That M<sup>r</sup> Arthure Turner confessed unto this  
 Depon<sup>t</sup> th<sup>t</sup> hee thought in his conscience th<sup>t</sup> the Child borne of Lucie  
 Stratton was his, & further sayth not.

Robert Willson aged 30 yeares or thereabouts sworne & examined  
 in open Court Sayth th<sup>t</sup> hee telling Lucie Stratton th<sup>t</sup> shee was w<sup>th</sup>  
 Child, The sayd Stratton replied, That if shee were, shee would not  
 ffather it uppon any such fellow as this Depon<sup>t</sup>, but th<sup>t</sup> shee would  
 father it uppon such an One as John Ward, or Richard Smith, &  
 further Sayth not.

Edward Williams aged 33 yeares, or thereabouts sworne & ex-  
 amined in open Court, sayth, That he heard Lucie Stratton Say,  
 (shee being told th<sup>t</sup> shee was w<sup>th</sup> Child, That if shee were) shee