

Majesties Dominions in America And there to Trafficque in any Liber B B
 Merchandize not prohibited and to returne wthout any manner of
 lett hinderance or Molesta^on whatsoever Giuen und^r my hand and
 seale at ffort James in New Yorke on the Isle of Manhatans this 26th
 day of Septemb^r 1664— Richard Nicolls

To all Officers both Military
 and Ciuill and whom else
 this may Concerne

After the foregoeing papers was read, and all Acts of Parliam^t
 tending thereto produc'd and per-us'd the Board thought it most Con-
 uenient to haue a Jury of 12 able p^rsons to go upon the meritts of
 the whole Bussiness, and Not that it should be wholly throwne upon
 the Gouverno^r and Councell, whereupon

Warr^t to sherriffe to impanell 12 able p^rsons to serue upon a
 Iury—Re^t forthwith—

In the Interim Jacob Backer desires the informa^on may be read,
 which was, as in folio 397, and deliuered hime in writeing, being
 desired from the Board to put in his answe^re in writing to deliuer
 the Jury, being but yet Verbally giuen Which is as followeth, at the
 bottom of the informa^on (uizt) Jacob Baker in Defence of the
 aforesaid sloop pleads Not Guilty

Sherriffe returnes his warr^t and warnes—

fforeman Cap ^t Thomas Mannyng	}	Thomas Sprigg
Cap ^t Will ^m Burges		John Gittings
Thomas Paine		George Yates
John Bayley		Walter Hall
John Abington		Geo: Thompson
Will ^m Hollingworth		Gasper Guerin

The Iury hauing their Charge deliuered them Whither Jacob [p. 480]
 Backer in defence of the said sloop be Guilty or not, both Acts of
 Parliam^t wth Generall Nicolls letter and the Certificates wth all papers
 being also deliuered into the Iury—

Who returnes into Court and deliuers in their Virdict endorsed
 on the back side of the informa^on thus (Not Guilty) whereupon the
 said Backer & Derrick Janson Smyth are dismiss, and the sloop wth
 her Goods againe deliuered into their possession

Thomas Whyniard and Edward Ladd being Called to the Barre,
 but noe wittnesses coming in ags^t them, Proclama^on is made, that
 the prisoners stands upon their deliue^ry, after 3 times pro-
 claim'd and noe p^rson appearing, it is Ordered they be Clear'd by
 Proclama^on