

Liber A To the Worshipfull Commissioners of Charleses County
473 The humble Petition of James Lee Sheweth

That your Petitioner hath bin at the Charge of buriing ursula Lenton and is yet unsatisfied for his Charges therfor your Petitioner Craueth the Court to Consider of this Accout and to Councell M^r Pope to defray the funerall Charge with Cost and charge of suit & your Petitioner shal pray

2 lb of Pouder.....	20
2 bottels of drames	15
for boat hire and hands to fetch th ^e beer.....	300
36 yards of black Ribining at 12 lb per yard.....	432
3 barrells of beer.....	900

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Whearupon the Defandant deliuer unto the boarde thees interrogations and immediatly Craueth a Jurie requesting the bord to deliuer the Plantiues Petition and thees ensuing instructions to the Jurie to deliuer in ther verdit Concerning the Premisses which was accordingly performed

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Instructions to the Jury by M^r Francis Pope

- In Primis To enquir wheather at an ordinary planters wives funerall it bee not Rediculous to shoote as usually thay doo at a young soldiers death or other Commanders in War
- 2 to enquir wheather it bee Christian Like at the time of a funerall for too or three neighbours to meet together and instead of showing a mornfulnes for the los of their frind and neighbour to turne of their bousing Cups to the quantitie of three barrells of beare to the valew of nine hundered pounds of tob
- 3 Wheather it bee not most unreasonable that James Lee for this sam merry meeting shoold Charge three hundered pounds of tob for boat and hand to fetch this same Drinke
- 4 To Enquir wheather it bee not absurd that the sayd Lee shoold Charge the Administrator of the deceased with 36 yards of black Ribbining at twelue pound per yard four hundered thirtie too pounds of tob: when the whole world may immagin that it was but a dolorous Countenance to Disguis his Reioyceing hart
- 5 Wheather that which a man doath of himself the good or ill success doath not belong unto him, the sayd Lee hauing incurred all this Charge of his owne head without any order:

The names of the Jurie men

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M ^r Thomas Hussey	{ M ^r George Bradshaw George Pucket Gils Glouer Francis Thorington	{ John Belaine Rich: Row Will: Hils Clement Theobals
M ^r Georg Harris		
John Browne		
M ^r Thomas Allonson		