

read it ouer unto him againe and demanded of him as aforsayd and the sayd Cherman answered againe as aforsayd and againe the sayd Cherman was intreated to giue good Attention to his oath and it was the third time very deliberately distinkly and Clearly read unto him and beeing againe examined as aforsayd answered as aforsayd whearupon Laying his hand upon the holy Euanglists swore (to the Predicted oath that it was the truth the whole truth and all that hee know of the truth in diffarence depending between M^r John Meeks and M^r James Lee) by the Contence thearof : Liber B

It is thearfor the opinion of the Court that John Cherman is not Capable of an Oath [p. 203]

Joane Wilmot Sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that the night before the Court which was held in Charleses County at the latter end of May or the begining of June James Lee did cum to M^r Meekeses stoar to bee in a redines the next morning to goe to the sayd Court and M^r John Lewger also was with him M^{is} Cherman had Prouided a bed for them but M^r Lewgar lay downe upon M^r Meekes bed and fell asleepe and M^r Meekes Layd downe upon his Chest and slept thear but James Lee did not go to bed at all but kept himself in the stoar all night I the sayd deponant was Called up very Early next morning to beate Corne did heare sum noys in M^r Meekeses stoare and I the sayd deponant did looke into the stoare and did see James Lee a drawing a bottell of strong drincke alone by himself and I saw M^r Lewgar asleepe upon M^r Meekeses bed and M^r Meekes asleepe upon his Chest so I went to my worke againe by and by the sayd James Lee Called to this deponant to bring him a Coale of fier which the deponant did and James lee hauing a full bottell of drinck in his hand asked whether I woold drinck and I sayd no and went away to my worke after a while M^r Lewgar and M^r Meekes awaked and Rose and began to prepaer to go to the Court but befor they went M^r Meekes mist his bottell which hee did use to draw drinck in began to inquir for his bottell sarch was maed all ouer the hows and about the ground and amoungst the saruants and allso amoungst owr selues no news coold bee heard of it for it was denied by all partys and further sayeth that James Lee sayd it may bee I may draw a bottell of drincke in my drunken humor but say nothing and further sayeth not

Sarah Chad Sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that about the latter end of June last 1663 that her Master M^r James lee cam home from M^r Meekeses stoare with a parcell of goods which hee sayd hee had of the sayd meekes I the deponant beeing then in the hows did see the sayd goods opened as soone as thay wear in the hows of the sayd James Lee I the deponant did see the parcels of them or most of them which I Remember very well sum in Red Cloath sum sarge sum Canuice one paer of mens wosted hoose one parcell of [p. 204]