

and do unanimously conclude that the material cause of the said
Wilson his death was an intermitting fever joined with the dropsy
or scurvy, as commonly understood, and further that the stripes
given him by his Master not long before his death were not material.”
Wm. Fuller and eleven other Jurors. Liber A

Thos. Hynson was Clerk of the County of Kent in 1652. [fol. 49]

At the August Term of the Court, 1652, Edward Coppedge was
found guilty of “living in ——” with Elizabeth Risby, before he
was able to prove the death of her husband, Wm. Risby; and
sentenced to pay 600 lbs. of tobacco, and to remain in the sheriff’s
hands, until the execution of a bond, “that he company not with
her nor come to have any familiarity with the aforesaid Elizabeth
Risby.” [fol. 50]

At the same session of the Court, Elizabeth Risby was sentenced
to receive 15 lashes and to give bond for her good behavior. [fol. 51]

In the year 1652, Mark Benton “petitioned against Robt. Vaughan
for order from the Court for his freedom, with corne and clothes.”
The Court decided in his favor. [fol. 52]

At the same session of the Court Capt. Robert Vaughan was
fined 300 lbs. of tobacco, for insolent language to the Court.

Thos. Ward, about the same time, was arrested upon “suspicion
of felony.” The case was referred to the next Court. In one of the
depositions, it is stated, that a servant had run away, and upon
being taken back, “Mistress Ward did whip her with a peach tree
rod & after she had done, she took water and salt, and salted her,
and when she was adoin the same the maid cried out, and desired
her Mistress to use her like a Christian, and she replied and said:
“Oh! ye —— you.” “Do you liken yourself like a Christian?”
And also after that time, “She ran away several times.” [fol. 54]

The Jury found that the punishment given by Thos. Ward and
his wife was not the cause of the “maid’s” death, but that it was
“unreasonable considering her weak estate of body;” and the
Court imposed a fine of 300 lbs. of tob. for the “unreasonable and
unchristian-like punishment.” [fol. 56]

A second time, Capt. Robert Vaughan insulted the Court by
using most “opprobrious” epithets, bending his “fist” over the
“heads” of the Judges and “swearing” at the Clerk as “he sat
at table.” For this offence the Court imposed a fine of 600 lbs. of
Tob.

Among the Proceedings of the November Court, 1652, is the
following:

“Whereas the Wife of Francis Hunt hath petitioned unto this
Court for a Certificate unto the Provincial Court, that she was the