

Their Majesties  
Petition  
Daniel Selby

Somerset County, the Jurors for their Majesties being sworn upon the holy  
Evangelists at a County Court held for the Body of that County do present and  
find that Samuel Selby of that County Gentleman hath most rudely, arrogantly  
and contemptuously refused and deny to be aiding and assisting to the  
Woulshaw Constable after that the said Selby had been twice seized in their  
Majesties Names by the said Woulshaw Constable, who upon the 19<sup>th</sup> of May was in pursuit of James Minor  
Cordwinder, whose said Minor was their Majesties Prisoner and escaped from the Constable and by him found at the house  
of the said Selby. Now their Majesties Attorney General and says that whereas the said Minor by virtue of a Warrant  
from M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Hopkins one of their Majesties Justices for that County was apprehended on Examination of Richard  
for felony committed by his Negro and him self, by the said Constable and from him escaped, who the said  
Selby did not only entertain, but after the Constable had there taken the said Minor did personally deny  
his assistance, but did aid defend and abscond the prisoner whereby he escaped and frustrated judgment to  
condemne punishment according to Law. Wherefore their Majesties Attorney General's judgment may be entered against  
the said Selby for his Contempt of their Majesties authority and Help of Government according to Law &c.  
James Sangster. Clerk. Judgment.

The Deposition of William Woulshaw their Majesties Constable in Dogals Norton hundred, saith that being  
employed and impowered by Samuel Hopkins one of their Majesties Justices of the Peace to apprehend and secure  
the Body of James Minor, and in Order thereunto to command and assist from any person or persons  
whom he should see cause, the said Deposition making search for the said Minor, did find him in the  
house of M<sup>r</sup>. Daniel Selby, and the said Minor resisting and laying violent hands on the Deposition your Deposition  
did command the said Daniel Selby, in their Majesties names to aid and assist him, the which the said Selby  
presumptuously refused saying it was not his business neither would he do it but in stead of assisting as was  
required he was the only cause of the said Minors escape. your Deposition telling the said Selby he could not  
answer what he had done, the said Selby replied that the Deposition had no business there, the said Minor being  
the said Minor being escaped but not far from the said house it being the 19<sup>th</sup> of the instant Month at night  
your Deposition desired the said Selby to advise the said Minor not to stand it out against authority for it would  
be worse for him, or wife than so do: and so departed the said Selbys house for that night, and the next morning  
returned thither again to see what might be effected in the premises but all to no purpose. The said Minor made  
his escape towards Dartmouth, this your Deposition, saith and further saith not.  
William Woulshaw

I was before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1690  
Witness my hand Samuel Hopkins

The Indictment and Deposition being read before the said Selby at the Bar, to which the said Selby pleaded  
not guilty and for tryall put himself upon a Jury, which Jury was legally impannelled and duly sworn  
upon the holy Evangelists whose names are as followeth viz John Dozman, William Robinson Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Down, Alexander Thomas, Moses Hankin, Robert Polk, Ralph Milbourn, Samuel Shewell, Gu. Dorr  
William Dozman, Matthew Scarborough, Thomas Oxford, who having heard the totall proceedings  
your Deposition to determine the same. And being returned do bring in their following verdict viz  
That they have found Samuel Selby guilty of the Indictment given by John Dozman.  
Wherefore the Court was ordered to be entered. And the said Selby gave security for good behavior and  
and there upon Com the said Selby and Capt Wm. Whittington, and did at Dunstable pay him five hundred pounds  
to be paid to their Majesties Selby in 40. and Whittington in 5. sterling money to be levied on their goods  
and that if the said Selby be of the good be