

the wor. Commissioners of Somerset County the humble petition of us the poor free Jury as representing the body of the County aforesd. humbly sheweth that whereas it hath been usual practice and custom of the Court to assess and lay the County Levy at November and upon that reason the Inhabitants are bound to pay the same and we the Jurors aforesd in the behalf of our neighbours and our selves do humbly pray that your worship will take it into your serious consideration as to follow so good a custom and to do the same till the contrary will be unto the trouble damage and great increase of us and our neighbours as aforesd and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Signed with Consent By the whole grand Jury viz. Geo. Doorman Esq. Lazarus Maddox John Harris Samuel Horsey Richard Curdall Owen Mearns Esq. Emmet Thomas Serron Miles Grey Thomas Gordon John M^r Smith King Holland William Horon John Smart John Gommor Mr Robert John Rumbold Mr Hoag Grand Jury is dismissed

Friday next for giving the County Levy

The humble petition of William Survil to their Ma^{ties} Justices of the Peace for Somerset County sheweth that whereas the Estate of Thomas Duffit of this County deceased was ordered to be appraised by Mr Matthew Starbrough and Robert Johnson which they have not done being so intritals and far from them, so your petitioners crave your worship would be pleased to order two that may be more near and convenient to appraise the same and your petitioners as in duty shall ever pray. William Survil

Ordered that John Franklin and Wm. Goulden appraise the Estate of Thomas Duffit deceased, and that Mr James Round swear so appraised, and that Mr Survil make Oath faithfully to do so.

Emerit County in Maryland. To the wor. Justices of their Ma^{ties} Peace for the County of Somerset and the Petition of Thomas Morris humbly sheweth that whereas your petitioners being the son by Elizabeth Smith in August Court last for her Guardian your worship ordered your petitioners that he should bring Elizabeth Smith to the next Court following, which order your petitioners have obeyed, your petitioners crave your worship judgment therein, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

The said Elizabeth appearing and requesting your Court that she with her nextables may be in the custody of Mr Morris. Order granted for the same. The said Morris giving security to next Court

James John King sworn a Justice of the Peace

Right Wor. Justices of the Peace do hereby certify that James John King is a very dangerous man, and has been so that there was no other way but to send him to Court, more like a dying man than other wise so hoping your worship will take it into consideration, and be so kind as to give him his life.

1690. The Petition of Edward Fowler of Somerset County in Edward Fowler of this County was attached to answer what should be done next in their Ma^{ties} behalf in August Court. And whereas upon the 20 Edward is and Judgment in the said Edward hath most simply & shamefully committed fornication and upon the body of Margertha Maria Cooper begotten a bastard child to great dishonour of Almighty God, scandal and evil example to their Ma^{ties} Good people and against the statute in that behalf provided. Therefore their Ma^{ties} Attorney craves judgment may be entered against the said Fowler according to Law.

Edward Fowler being at the Bar was pleased not guilty and for tryall put himself upon the Court and the said Margertha in lib^{ty} appearing and also made that he the said Edward Fowler was the only father of her bastard child.

Whereupon the Court ordered the above said Edward Fowler to give security to keep the County harmless from the Child, whereupon came the said Edward and put out his name and did acknowledge him self to stand indebted to their Ma^{ties} in the sum of 20 sterling, and the said Thomas Morris and Francis Roberts in the sum of 10 lib^{ty} money due as aforesd to be layd on their good & Chables & bounden to for their Ma^{ties} use & pr.

The Provision of the above said Recognizance is such that if the above bound Edward Fowler do from hence forward, and at all times & times hereafter, will and truly defend and keep this said County of Somerset harmless & unpunished as aforesd for things or troubles of a bastard boy laid to his charge by the above said Margertha, and shall also pay all good law due to the said Recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force & effect.

That Edward Fowler be continued ferry man of Whitton to the ferry for this coming year. Bond to be taken for the due performance thereof upon oaths of said Edward Fowler and Francis Roberts, and did acknowledge them selves bound unto the wor. Court in the sum of six thousand pounds of good law.

Condition of white Bond is that the said Fowler shall during the space of one whole year & up a good sufficient Boat for the ferry's use. & County as also shall give due attendance according to Law, upon the said Bond boys, otherwise to be void otherwise to remain in full force & effect.

That William Grae shall be continued ferry man for this coming year for Corome to the ferry. Bond to be taken for the due performance thereof of W. Grae, upon came Mr James and George Neble and in Court bound themselves in the sum of six thousand pounds law as above for all performance according to Fowler's Obligation.

Mr Majesties. The said Godsmith appeared. The Justices read the charge and for tryall put himself upon the Court.

John Godsmith Junior of this County was attached to answer for the