

Their Majesties
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Matthew Starbrough

The Indictment Read
Matthew Starbrough pleads not guilty

Somerset County. The Jurors for their Ma^{ties} being sworn upon the holy Evangel
at a Grand Jury hold for the body of this County the 20th Tuesday in March 1689
did present and find that in Matthew Starbrough of this County Gent^l upon the 7th
day of Janry last past was at the house of John Webb of this County Gentleman
attarhed in their Ma^{ties} names to answer the suit of Stephen Page then legally issued
at the said Starbrough, but the sd doct did then and there using only power & force
Burrham Sworn sub sherriffe had to arrest him and that there was no more Justices
of the Peace in this County then he was and refused to give bail. Now for their Ma^{ties}
Attorney towns and says that the sd Matthew Starbrough hath not only refused to
Obey the power and authority of this government but by his practice and behaviour
given occasion to the people of this Province to contemne all authority in y^e future
and Earos judgment may be entered agt the Offender according to Law.

Their Majesties Evidences likewise Sworn
viz John Webb. Thomas Oxford
Roger Burrham.

James Saugher. Ch. Jud^t

The above said Indictm^t being read and the vicidit^s Sworn the said Matthew Starbrough
desired to be tryed by a Jury. where Jury appeared being impanelled and Sworn whose
names are followote viz William Piper. Samuel Collins. Martyn Mountain. Thomas Rolph.
Thomas Cull. John Strawbridge. George Bosman. Myer Grey. Thomas Holbrook. William
Harris. William Alexander. William Round. who good sorte to consult the matter. and being
retournd bringd in this following verdict. viz. That the Jurors find Matthew Starbrough
guilty for Contempt of the present power or authority. William Piper Foreman.

The verdict being read before the said Starbrough, who seems to be very Conitent and heartily sorry for
what he humbly begs pardon and then upon the Court ORDER him to give security. And upon
Caution the said Starbrough and George Bosman and by Recognizance became bound to their Ma^{ties} Starbrough
in ten pounds and Bosman in five pounds. The Condition of which Recognizance is such that if the
said Starbrough be of the good behaviour and abearance to all their Ma^{ties} Kings peopls of this Province
that then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full power force
and virtue.

James Ingram. By Recognizance engaged to the Court to have his Wife there before
the Justices, to answer what shall be objected against her.

Henry Morgan humbly sheweth that whereas your Worships Petitioner was summoned
to appear this Court before your Worship, the same humbly to inform you that I have
received a great injury by an accident in one of my legs in so much that I am no way
capable to wait on your Worship. according to my summons therefore hope y^e Worship
will be pleased to have a favourable construction of your Petitioner for his non appearance.