

February 11. 1690

To His wor. thier. Maties Justices of the Peace for the County of Somers. The humble Petition of Tho. Jarran
Sheweth your Petitioner was a Jury man yesterday and was forced last night to go to money for Quarters
and could not come this morning. your Petitioner trusts your worships would remit the fine
your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray. and Petition granted.

John W. Justice of the Peace for the County of Somers. The Petition for the said Mat^{ties} at a Grand Jury held for the County
of this County the second Tuesday in good last past being sworn upon
the holy Evangelists, do present and find, that Thomas Oxford of Man-
-pony hundred within the Jurisdiction of this Court some time in the month
of October last past not having the fear of God before his eyes but inflamed
and assisted by his devil at the house of Stephen Page in the forenoon, did with a deadly and shamefully abused
savage and outrageous manner with profane and unchristian
words, and further proceeded to several and unchristian actions extending his pride to his
woman's view, and finding that the said Margaret was alone and none to relieve her and assist her did violently
lay hands on her and threw her down, and for God y most insolently and inhumanly abused and what in him
the said Oxford did up endeavour to commit a Rape upon her body, until the said Margerolls shrieks and
cries did bring some sound of a person unknown to the house to her assistance. whereupon the said Oxford
was so terrified to desert from his promised and intended villainy. Now His Maties Attorney General
says that the said Oxford being so wicked and shameless as to violate both the laws of God and man, abusing
his own God, and endeavouring a Rape upon the body of the said Margeroll with shamefull and lawfull
with, ought to suffer the pains and punishments due to such offenders, being taken in this offence intended
Act, since the Law Maxim: Injuria puniatur non sequatur effectus, points at the very same Case in all its
Circumstances Therefore praye judgment may be rendered against the said Oxford according to law in that Case made
and provided. Ca: Saugster C. J. Ind. 1690

The above said Indictment being read in Court to witte the said Oxford pleaded not guilty and for the
small put him self upon the Country. whereon Command was given to y Sherriffe to summon twelve
good and lawfull men of his neigbourhood, that the matter in question might be the better understood
and for this purpose the Sherriffe made a return of his list or panel of Jury men whose names are as follows
viz. Richard Chamberlaine. Walter Taylor. John Colton. John Broughton. Matthew Permon. William
Smallen. Thomas Cull. Benjamin Board. William Plummer Junior. John Spoutler. Michael William
Richard. Gifferson, who being legally summoned and sworn, having heard the aforesaid Indictment, as also
the Oath of two Witnesses, as also the examination of those Witnesses, with two depositions therein
deposited.

The Deposition of Margeroll Comdy/ also about twenty one years the Defendant saith that upon the
19th day of October last past came into the house of Mr Stephen Page his and his wife's home in the manor of. Thomas
Oxford, who brought in his hand a Bull's pizzle, with which he struck the Defendant on her back and she replyed
that no Master that ever she had, did ever strike her with such a weapon, and upon those words a youth
the name of which the said Oxford was there he had not a better pizzle than that, the said Oxford answered that
he had, and took out his private members before all the family then in the house saying look you this is
a better pizzle, here is a fine thing, he the said Oxford then laid violent hands on me the Defendant, threw me
cross some chairs, then took me in his arms, and threw me upon Mr Page's bed, there in struggling with me he
dove the curtains, got his hand down what I could upon my naked body, I trying to him to desist in his base and
villainy him that I could at quaint Mr Page, how he endeavourd to desist his God, he replyed that if I
would pay for the C. of in the life and I then calling to Elizabeth Lawrence my wife