

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1690.

Her Majesties  
Charles the 2<sup>d</sup>

Pillney, brother of the Inhabitants Roggs but more especially the Roggs of the Countie of Kent, who in or about the month of March last 1690 and at sundry other times both before and after made the murder of four of the best of his Roggs especially the Roggs Barrow's killed and deadly wounded at what time the said Roggs was there shoot in the woods, and followed by some of his neighbours, did the same course, and did always that it was at a Bear, but that he was sure he had kill him for his Bed like a Rogg, whereupon the said Countie Roggs came running home, whereof two was deadly wounded, and died in the Countie and others were missing, which never came home, and being attested before the Justice for Pillney of his the said Countie Roggs at that time, did most misadventurously and audaciously assert that he was not within twenty miles of the place near his own house when the Contrary will be evident in Court, which said denial, together with the circumstances of the time, place, distance manner of living, the want of provision, and of from his own store, when he had none, being altogether compared, is sufficient testimony of the said Grand Jurys reputation. Also for their Majesties Cause and says that the said suspicion being evidently found against the said Charles, judgment ought to pass against him for

Somerset County in the County for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> being sworn upon by the Grand Jury hold for the body of this County the said Tuesday in a 3<sup>rd</sup> last past do report and find that Charles Johnson of this County is of bad name and a very suspicious person for being a Pillney brother of the Inhabitants Roggs but more especially the Roggs of the Countie of Kent, who in or about the month of March last 1690 and at sundry other times both before and after made the murder of four of the best of his Roggs especially the Roggs Barrow's killed and deadly wounded at what time the said Roggs was there shoot in the woods, and followed by some of his neighbours, did the same course, and did always that it was at a Bear, but that he was sure he had kill him for his Bed like a Rogg, whereupon the said Countie Roggs came running home, whereof two was deadly wounded, and died in the Countie and others were missing, which never came home, and being attested before the Justice for Pillney of his the said Countie Roggs at that time, did most misadventurously and audaciously assert that he was not within twenty miles of the place near his own house when the Contrary will be evident in Court, which said denial, together with the circumstances of the time, place, distance manner of living, the want of provision, and of from his own store, when he had none, being altogether compared, is sufficient testimony of the said Grand Jurys reputation. Also for their Majesties Cause and says that the said suspicion being evidently found against the said Charles, judgment ought to pass against him for

Ga: Sangster & Gubb. amms

William being read, it was demanded of the doct. whether guilty or not guilty, to which place he answered guilty, and for his try all put himself upon the Country, and thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff to Summon twelve good and lawfull men of his vicinage, that the truth of the matter might be the better known, a List or panel appeared as follows (viz) Richard Chamberlaine, Walter Taylor, John Colson, John Broughton, Mathew Forman, William Smullon, Benjamin Board, William Cannon, John Cantler, Michael Williams, Richard Thomas, Thomas Larramore, who being legally Sumoned and duly sworn to attend the try all in hand, who having heard the former Judgment read, and also these evidences sworn against the doct. returned their Charges and are sent forth to determine the same And the same day being returned in Court, being unanimously agreed, do give in their following verdict which is read in the audience of the doct. (viz) The Jury find Charles Johnson, guilty of Suspicion of Roggs stealing, and do award Sworn were Isaac Bolton, Isaac Bolton, Thomas Wood.

Rug Chamberlaine for man.

The Court ordered the verdict to be entered, and that the said Charles Johnson find sureties for all good behavior, whereupon the said Charles and by Estrogizant, did confess himself to be justly indebted to their Majesties in the sum of fourty pounds sterling money of England, due to be satisfied upon his goods and chattels, lands & tenements likewise the said Charles & two Strangers, and did likewise as above at Newbridge the sum of twelve pounds in debt to the said sum of twenty pounds of the man to be satisfied as aforesaid. for which aforesaid or Strangers are Thomas Williams and Thomas Wood. for the said Johnson. The Condition of which Estrogizant is such that if the above bound Charles Johnson, be of the good behavior and abstain to all their Majesties Laws people of this Government during the Courts pleasure and also pay Court fees then the above said Estrogizant to be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full power and effect.

Thomas Wittington  
Sett  
G. Richards. doct

Somerset County in the County of the said County was attached to compel the said Andrew Whitmylen of the same County Gentleman in an action upon the said doct. John Richards is and stands indebted unto the p<sup>ell</sup> in the full sum of quantity of eight hundred pounds, of good sound Mortall Robams in Cash, the said sum was formerly due to John Webb of the above said County Gentleman