

Lord the King att Charles Towne aforesaid Came the Said Thomas Wells in Costody of the Sheriffe of Prince Georges County and being brought to barr here in his propper person presently it is demanded of the Said Thomas Wells how he would Acquitt himselfe of the premises above Imposed upon him the Said Thomas Wells desired the Court to Admitt him Councell to plead for him and it is granted unto him. Whereupon Thomas Hughes one of the Attorneys of the Said Court by the Spetiall favour of the Court here was Admitted as Counsell for the Said Thomas Wells and Whereupon the Said Thomas Wells by Thomas Hughes his Attorney Cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and Saith that the Said Thomas Wells is not guilty thereof and thereof for good and evill putts himself upon the Country. Thomas Hughes.

And his Majesty allsoe. William Bladen.

Therefore Command is given to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County that he cause to Come here Imediatly twelve good men of his balywick to trye the Issue Joynd between our Sovereigne Lord the King and Thomas Wells. And hereupon Came William Bladen Attorney of our Sovereigne Lord the King who for his Said Majesty in this behalfe doth procecute. Offered himselfe to doe the Same by which it is proceeded to take the Said Inquest by the Jurors aforesaid by the Said Sheriffe Impanelled and now Appearing. (viz.)

Thomas Hillory, foreman, Robert Wade, Benjamin Berry, Thomas Plumer, Thomas Bridges, George Jones, Charles Beall, John Allum, Thomas Vaugne, Nathaniell Brothers, Phillip Willesey, William Jones, Thomas Greenfeld, Sheriffe.

Who to Speake the truth in the premises being Elected tryed and Sworne doe Say upon their oaths that the Said Thomas Wells is Guilty of the breach of the peace only. Whereupon it is Considered by the Court here that the Said Thomas Wells pay unto our Soveriegne Lord the King his heires and Successors the Sume of five [29] Shillings Sterling for the breach of his Majestys peace by the Jurors aforesaid. Adjudged etc. and the Said Thomas Wells in mercy etc.

And hereupon before the Said Justices here affirmed by Severall persons worthy of Credit here in court that the Said Thomas Wells hath been of Ill behaviour and prays that the said Thomas Wells may here in Court be bound for his good behaviour towards our Sovereigne Lord the King and all the good people of this province. And now here at this Day (to witt) the 26th day of August Anno Domini 1696 Came the Said Thomas Wells here in Court and Acknowledged himselfe to be Indebted unto our Sovereigne Lord the King in the Just Sume of tenn pounds Sterling money of England to be Leavyed on his goods and Chattles Lands and tenements to his Majestys use if the Said Thomas Wells Shall not appeare att the next County Court to be held att Charles Towne the fourth Tuesday in September next and in the meane time be of good behaviour as well towards our Sovereigne Lord the King as all the good people of this province and Espetially towards Thomas Swareingen.

Steven Smith Came into Court and made oath that hee had Attended as an Evidence on the behalfe of his Majesty and Thomas Swareingen against Thomas Wells two dayes.

Whereas there was a venire facias Issued out against Susannah Grimes to answer unto Such things and matters as on his Majestys behalfe Should be objected against her upon which Said venire Facias She was brought here in