

Thomas Worthington Servant to Mr. Robert Wade Sett Free by Order of Court by reason that he came in a Servant for Seven years and hath Servd twelve years by new Contracts without ever being a Freeman.

Ordered that his Said Master Pay him a Gunn and Cloaths according to act of Assembly.

Ordered that a venire goe foarth for Deborah Keneston to answer the Complaint of Mary Thought in order for her appearance the next Court.

Ordered that Mary Thought be bound to Serve John Summers till this November comeing come twelve months in Consideration the Said John Summers to finde and allow her meat drink and Lodging and apparrell to Keep her warme.

His Majesty v. John Bennett

Prince Georges County Ss: June the 27th 1699.

The Jurors of our Sovereigne Lord the King for the body of Prince Georges County upon their Oaths doe present John Bennett Late of Prince Georges County Labourer that he the Said John Bennett upon or about the first day of September in the year of our Lord 1698 att Patuxant Hundred within the Jurisdiction of this Court not havinge the Fear of God before his Eyes but mooved by the instigation of the Devill then and there had to doe with one Abigaile Clifford and on the body of the Said Abigaile Clifford did begett a male Child commonly called a Basterd Contrary to his Majesties Peace and act of Assembly in that Case made and Provided etc.

Joshua Cecell Clerk Indictments

And now here att this day (to Witt) the 20th day of September annoque Domini 1699 before the Justices of our Sovereigne Lord the King att Charles Towne came the Said John Bennett in Custody of the Sheriffe of Prince Georges County and being brought to barr in his Propper Person presently it is demanded of the Said John Bennett how he would acquitt himselfe of the premisses above imposed upon him.

And the Said John Bennett by William Stone his attorney so admitted by the Speaciall favour of this Court cometh and Defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and Saith that he is in noe wise Guilty thereof and thereof for good or Evell putts himselfe upon the Country: William Stone.

And his Majesty allso. Joshua Cecell

[470] Therefore it is Commanded here that the Sheriffe cause to Come here imeadiately twelve etc. by whome etc. who neither etc. to recognize etc. because as well etc.

And now here at this day (to Witt) the 26th day of September Annoque Domini 1699 came as well the Said Joshua Cecell for his Majesty as the Said John Bennett by William Stone his attorney aforesaid and the Jurors thereon impanelled being called Likewise came (to witt)

John Chittham, foreman, Bartholomew Goff, William Mills, Thomas Locker, David Davis, Isaack Williams, Benjamin Long, Samuel Brasheers, William Morgan, Nathaniell Wickham, William Greenup, John Browne.

Who to Spake the truth in the Premisses being Elected tryed upon their Oaths doe Say that the Said John Bennett is Guilty of the Premisses aforesaid to him in forme as by the Indightment aforesaid is Supposed against him.