

November 12th, 1691

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To the Cour. the Cour. of Somerſet County now in Court sitting — The hundred of ſtilton
of Cheverie. Beaufort sheweth. That whereas your Servient Father Edmund Beaufort
late Clerk of this County deceased, who left ſeverall goodes to him who are coniunct wife in.
John. Roffe as being due to him ſo. Therefore your Servient humbly Crabs. that the abovesd
Offt may have Execution granted to him by your worſps. for the whole, who promifed to give
your Servient ſecurity for to repay him for one half of what he ſtooke over & above what
your Servient father is indebt to the aforesd Offt. So hoping as your Servient father
hath been a faithfull Servant to the Court and County, you will grant the managemēnt of the
whole to the aforesd Offt, and your Servient as in duty bound shall ever pray. — and —
That before going Roade was by this Court granted. — and —

Their Majts. Somerſet County for the Jureſ for their Majts ake Grand Jury
held for the body of this County upon the ſecond Tuesday in March last
M. C. contra. Matthew Starbrough of Mattapeny
Matthew Starbrough) putt do: preſon and fnde that Matthew Starbrough of Mattapeny
and within the Jurisdiction of this Court at his owne houſe in the
Said hundred did in Contempt of the Laws of God and good order glouſlow
Law and Inſtitutions of this Province upon the Sabbath or Lord's day in the fall ſame anno 1688 —
did legeſation with his Servants ſtripp ſcarce & moſt vifely and openly prophaned the ſabbath
or Lord's day to the great diſhonor of Almighty God, ſtand all to obil Rauncle to all their Majts
good people of this Province, Therefore their Majts Attorney Crabs jndgwt may be entred agt
the ſaid Matthew Starbrough according to law in that Cap where it prebides. —

Jas: Somerſet Esq: C. Jureſ.

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placed not guilty, and for tryall putt him ſelfe upon the Court. The Court referred the matter to a Jury
And therefor Command was given to the Sheriff of our Said County to ſummon twelve good & Lawfull
men of his Baly with that the matter might be the better understood. A lift or panel of the Jureſ
names are as followe (viz) Richard Chambers William Judd Thomas Morris John St. Helens
John Jones Roger Phillips Joseph Gray Jas Croucher John Domett John Denier John Sand
Roger Barker, who being legally ſummons returned o ſwore upon the holy Evangelifts, who having
been examined as alſo the Guditmt roade, reſides New Haven & ſent forth
to determine the matter. — and — And this day (viz) the 12th day of November the
aforeſd Jury being returned to the Bar in Court, if the Offt Comy called do: delivere in the following
wordis what it Ordere to be said as followe (viz) Verdict of the Jury findeth not guilty (viz) Chamber
Matt: Starbrough. foreman

This Court hath the matter agt the ſaid Starbrough to be malite. Therefore dismissed to Starbrough

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