

March 8 - 1694

Their Maties  
Contra  
Robert Down

Somerset County vs Robert Down of that County Plaintiff was attorney  
to answer what should be objected against him at a County Court held  
at Stone Tuesday in August in their Maties behalf — and — and

Who was upon their Maties Attorney Comd and says that the said Robert Down did not having  
the fear of god before his eyes but with folly and presumptuously did together with one John Kemp of  
said County Plaintiff in the month of August 1690 range and strow the woods within the Jurisdiction of that  
Court without Licence or Commission from the authority of their Maties Justices, and then he did take  
up and feloniously brand one gray Mare of the price or value of three hundred thirty and nine pence  
of value, and the same did conceal from the knowledge of their Maties Officers for that purpose authorized  
and appointed. the said Mare being neither the Right of him the said Down or Kemp his Co-defendants contrary  
to the good Laws and Institutions of this Brentie and to the great hurt & detriment of the inhabitants and  
against the public peace. Therefore their Maties Attorney Crabs judgment may be entered against the said Down &  
that he suffer the pains and punishment by the Law in this behalf due. *James Langston Cr. Justice*

The foresaid Judgment being read, to which the said Robert Down pleaded not guilty and for by all  
put him self upon the Country. viz the same Jury as of John Kemp. which said Jury was  
legally summoned returned and sworn, as also the same Evidence as of John Kemp were sworn, and  
having heard the full proceedings are sent forth. — the said Jury immediately after  
returned with the following verdict: being thereto all agreed to wit: *James Langston Cr. Justice*  
Robert Down is not guilty of the Indictment. Henry Hall foreman. — and —

Their Maties  
Contra  
Eliz: Wildgoose

Somerset County vs The Jurors for their Maties being sworn upon the Policy  
Exchange at a grand Jury hold for that County the last Tuesday in September  
do present and find that Elizabeth Wildgoose of Dogalton Norton married at Sea  
did, and within the Jurisdiction of this Court; have most wickedly sinfully and  
shamefully committed fornication and born a Bastard Child, to the great dishonour of Almighty God, scandal &  
evil Example, to their Maties good people of this Brentie, and against the laws and institutions of this Brentie.  
Their Maties Attorney Crabs judgment may be entered against the Defendant according to Law in that Case guided  
by the Statute in that behalf made. *James Langston Cr. Justice*

The Defendant being read to which the said Elizabeth Wildgoose. And said that Crabs Judgment was the father of her late  
Bastard Child whereupon this Court ordered that the said Crabs Judgment appear the next County Court to answer for it  
shall be objected against him on behalf of their Maties — and — and  
ORDERED That with the said Elizabeth Wildgoose to find thirty days work diet and tools. Ordered also  
that she remain in Sheriffs Custody till security given for the said fine behaviour and fees.

ind 183: Security