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Instant year to Robert Carr Constable of the said hundred for the said year did willingly & willingly counsel one & the able to him belonging, thereby intending to defraud the County of its just due and to abuse the Law. Therefore their Maties Attorney Crabs judgment may be entered agt the offender according to Law, in that Case made and provided. Ja. Sargeant Cr. Justice.

The aforesaid Indenture being read to which the said Ratcliffe pleaded not guilty. but the matter in Court being debated. The said Ratcliffe referred his cause to the Courts judgment - which judgment was that the said Ratcliffe should pay according to Law, for it is Counselment.

Their Maties
Contra:
William Wouldhave

Somerset. The Jurors for their Maties being sworn upon the holy Evangelists at a grand Jury hold for the body of this County the second Tuesday in 9th last past do present and find that William Wouldhave Blount of Doquebourne hundred and within the Jurisdiction of this Court not being ignorant of the fines and penalties inflicted and laid on all such persons Masters of families and others, that shall keep but or counsel any one or more of their Servants belonging to or residing in their families, yet the said William Wouldhave this instant year 1691. did willingly & willingly counsel one & the able to him belonging, thereby intending to defraud the Country of its right and due, and abuse the Law. Therefore their Maties Attorney Crabs judgment may be entered agt the said offender according to Law in that Case made and provided. James Sargeant Cr. Justice.

The Indentment being read to which the defendant had little to say why judgment should not pass agt him. — Whereupon Walter Calbot the father of the Countess of the able made Case in Open Court that he is some six or seven years of age the next July. The wherefore this Courts judgment is that the said Wouldhave do pay according to Law for the said Counselment.

Their Maties
Contra:
John Sargeant

Somerset. John Sargeant of this County Blount was attached to answer to what should be objected agt him on behalf of their Maties. The second Tuesday in March 1691. This was upon their Maties Attorney Crabs Case - that the said John Sargeant hath most wickedly, sinfully and shamefully committed fornication with Sarah Cairns woman servant to Donat. Donat, and upon her body begotten a Bastard Child. Thereby dishonouring God, giving scandal and evil example to their Maties good people, and against the Laws and institutions of this their Maties Brevin. Therefore Crabs judgment may be entered agt the said offender according to Law in that Case made and provided. Ja. Sargeant Cr. Justice.

The Indentment being read the said Sargeant pleaded not guilty. But the said Sarah Cairns made Case in Open Court that he the said Sargeant was the only father of her Bastard Child Indented for.

Whereupon this Court ordered that the said John Sargeant give good Security to keep this County peace and unpunished from all Charges and troubles that might ensue by reason of the aforesaid Indentment. The Court for the said Indentment was taken in the 11th of March.