Somerset County ss

Capt. Wm. Lyper. — The Grand Jury for the body of this County do present Capt. Wm. Lyper late of this County, for that the said Wm. Lyper not having the fear of God before his eyes but moved by the instigation of the Devil on or about the 10th day of January in the year of Lord 1690 Monocran within the Jurisdiction of this Court, then & there being one hogg of the value of two hundred pounds of Tobo belonging to Christopher Snowdell, the same did wilfully & ffeloniously thieve steal & carry away contrary to the Lawes & ye form of an act of Assembly in that Case made & provided. Dent Clk of pownt.

Witnesses sworn in Open Court agt. Capt Lyper were Hon. Lashmott & Sam. Worthington & Dent up to the Grand Jury, who returned the above Indictment Billa vera.

The Indictment being read to the said Lyper pleaded not guilty, & for tryal refers himself to the Country. —— Whereupon Comand was given to the Sheriff of this County to bring here twelve good & Lawfull men of this Baly wick that the matter in hand might be the better understood, a List or pannel whereof are returned as followeth (viz) James Curtis Alexander Thomas. Lawrence Gary James Longerson. George Goddard. Wesley Fenton Richard Cary. Somerset Dittinson. Jn. Gray. Roger Edowry. Thomas Smith William Wallis 12.) who being legally Summoned returned & Sworn upon the holy Evangelists who having heard the fore said Indictment as also Seen & heard the two Witnesses Sworne Examined, received their Charge and are Sent forth to determine the same ——

And that day to wit the 16th day aforesd Came the fore said Jurors on tryal returnd their Verdict & said Lyper, and being publicaly Called over sate man by his name Answered unanimously agreed of their Verdict the pltff & ffd being likewise called, the said Verdict was in these express words following (viz) We the Jury find Capt. Lyper not guilty of the Indictment. James Curtis foreman. ——

Judgment for Court Ordered to be entered. and also that Capt. Wm. Lyper Deliver to Christopher Snowdell of Tobo to Christopher: Snowdell.

This day [illegible] to pay [illegible]

Cur: Pract. [illegible] Hopkins [illegible] Capt. Jno. [illegible] Sam. [illegible]

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