

In pursuance of the King's High Court standing in this said Court Whaples was no way ignorant of the said Merrius his crimes committed, his just imprisonment, his escape and pursuit, the said Court not having his fear of God before his eyes, but in contempt of Almighty God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, whom the said Merrius had most heinously blasphemed. The said Merrius did not only counsel, & write him the barter & swapp also the said Merrius did aid and abett, & him the said Merrius did furnish with a Pilott & other necessaries for his escape from the hand of Justice, and hereby is become guilty with the said Merrius in the said crimes. Now Sir Mathew Attorney General & Sayor of the said Court Whaples being guilty of the abovesaid crimes ought to suffer the pains & punishment by Law inflicted upon so notorious & heinous offenders. Fra. Jac. Langston Esq. Juror.

The Juror Mathew being read to what the said Court Whaples pleaded not guilty & for sooth put himself upon the Country. — and — and.

Whereupon Command was given to the Sheriffs of our County to bring into the Court good and Lawfull men of the County who shall be ready to give their true verdict in this matter. And the said Sheriffs returned the names of the following viz Samuel Handy. John Langford. Wm. Warwit. John Leare. John. Hatz. Wm. D. Edward. Wm. Simpson. John. Roushau. — Benjamin. Golett. Richard. Cull. Francis. Martin Ralph. Milbourn. 12. who being legally summoned, returned & sworn upon the holy Evangelists, having heard the said Court read and also seen & heard the Evidence viz George Dougan & Anne his wife & John Walker sworn & examined, and also the Defense of the said Whaples & returned their Charge & are sent forth to determine of same. — and —

On this day viz, the 15. day of September 1692. the above said Jurors being Sir Mathew & the said Whaples returned to the Bar in Court, & being each man called by his name and being demanded are all with one Consent unanimously agreed of their verdict. The said Court being called, the verdict is read as followeth. Viz the Jurors find the said Whaples guilty of the Indictment given in by us. Samuel Handy. — and —

Wherefore by the Court ordered to be returned to the Sheriff to be kept in custody till he give security for fifty days work with diet & wash, and also for his good behavior & Court Charges — and —

Ordered by the Court the Jurors to go to their accustomed Lodgings at Westminster. 120. The Quillman sum in Court for Whaples —