

Catherine Degan
William Coulbourn

Command was Given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take
him should safe keep that he might have his body before our Justice of our County Court of Somerset to be
held at Princess Anne Town the third Tuesday of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and
sixty & eleven unto Catherine Degan of Ayles where first with force and Arms on her the said Catherine
at the County of P. he made an Assault and Beat Wounded Imprisoned and ill treated her and her in Prison
without any Reasonable Cause and Against the Law and Custom of this Province of Maryland for a Long time
did detain and other harms to her the said Catherine then and there did to the Great Damage of her the said
Catherine and Against Our Peace the Peace is to be and the same day is Given to the said Catherine her
Attorney at Law

At which day here came the said Catherine Degan by her Attorney and the Sheriff
John Dennis Gent. now here returned that he had taken the said William Coulbourn where he was at the
day he had ready to answer the said Catherine Degan of the said Plea to him it was Comanded
Whereupon the said William Coulbourn puts in his Plea William Hayward Gent. Attorney

at Law again of the said Catherine Degan of the said Plea
And thereupon at the Prayer of the Justice of the said day is to be answered Given with all next Court to
be held at Princess Anne Town the third Tuesday of March then next following in the State of P. now

Answering to the Plea of P.
At which day here came as well the said Catherine Degan as the said William Coulbourn by
their Attorneys at Law and hereupon the said Catherine Degan Complaind against the said William
Coulbourn in the plea of P. in form following

That the said William Coulbourn of Somerset County Plaintiff. Attached to Answer unto Catherine
Degan of Ayles where first with force and Arms on her the said Catherine at the County of P. made
an Assault and Beat Wounded Imprisoned and ill treated her and her in Prison without any
Reasonable Cause and Against the Law and Custom of the Province of Maryland for a Long time did
detain and other harms to her the said Catherine then and there did to the Great Damage of her the said
Catherine and Against the peace of his Majesty the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor his good Rule
and Government and of the said Province. And Whereupon the said Catherine by her Attorney
Complaind that the said William on the tenth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred and sixty at the County of P. with force and Arms on her the said Catherine he made an
Assault and Beat Wounded Imprisoned and ill treated her and her in Prison without any Reasonable
Cause and Against the Law and Custom of the Province of Maryland for a Long time did detain to wit the
space of Seven Months from thence next ensuing did detain and other harms to her the said Catherine then
and there did to the Great Damage of the said Catherine and Against the peace of his Majesty the Right
Honorable the Lord Proprietor his good Rule and Government and of the said Province whereby the said Catherine sayeth
she is prejudiced and hath Damage to the Value of One hundred Pound. of Money of Maryland
therefore she brings Suit and Suffereth

And the said William Coulbourn by his Attorney at Law Comand and Defends the said Catherine her
plea Leave thereof to Judge to be until next Court to be held at Princess Anne Town the third Tuesday of
March then next following and he hath it and the same day is Given to the said Catherine her
Attorney at Law

At which day here came as well the said Catherine Degan as the said William Coulbourn by
their Attorneys at Law and hereupon the said William prayd further Leave thereof to Judge to be until
next Court to be held at Princess Anne Town the third Tuesday of June then next following and he hath it
and the same day is Given to the said Catherine her also

At which day here came as well the said Catherine Degan as the said William Coulbourn by their
Attorneys at Law and hereupon the said William prayd further Leave thereof to Judge to be until
to be held at Princess Anne Town the third Tuesday of August then next following and he hath it and the
same

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not guilty of
against him
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Catherine Degan
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Coulbourn is
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