

August Court 1724

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Prop^y in this behalfe prosecutedt Doth Come here into the s^d Prop^y his
County Court at Chester Town in Kent County and the Eighteenth Day of August
Anno Domini Seventeen hundred twenty and four in his proper person and for
the same Lord Prop^y Doth give the Court here to understand and
be informed that James Watson late of S^t Pauls parish in Kent City
and planter the first Day of July Anno Domini Seventeen hundred
twenty and four at the parish and in the County and within the
jurisdiction of this Court in and upon a certain Margaret Foreman in
the peace of God and of the said Lord Prop^y then and there being with force
and Arms on Assault Did make and her the said Margaret then and there
did beat wound and Evilly Treat so that of her life it was much Dispar
and other harms to her then and there Did to the great Damage of the
said Margaret and Contrary to the peace of y^e s^d Prop^y that now is
his good Rule and Government Whereupon the s^d Michael Howard
prayeth the Advice of the Court herein of Offenses and that due process
of Law may Issue against the said James Watson in this part to be made
to answer unto the s^d Prop^y of and upon the Offenses
of Howard

Whereupon the s^d James Watson in his proper person Comes &
saith that he cannot gain say the Information and so as a ^{brought} against him
nor but that he is guilty of the Offenses above upon him Imposed as by
the s^d Information it is alledged & thereupon Submits to the Court
Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here to wit at the Court house
in the Town of Chester in Kent County and this Eighteenth Day of Aug^t
Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and twenty four that the
s^d James Watson pay unto the Right Honble the Lord Prop^y of this
Province of Maryland &c the sume of one Shilling Curr^t money as a fine
for his s^d offence of Committing Assault and Battery in form afores^d
Confest Also it is Considered by the Justices and here that the same James
pay the sume of one hundred and Sixty Seven pounds of Tob^o Costs
accruing on the Offenses and to the officers of this Court

Jam^s Smith Clerk