

November Court 1724

That Nathaniel Pearce of Shrewsbury Parish in Kent County and Gent the first Day of September Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and twenty four at the Parish and in the County within the Jurisdiction of this Court in and upon a certain Katherine Porter in the Peace of God and of the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> then and there being with force and Arms an Assault Did make and her<sup>y</sup> D. Katherine then and there Did Beat wound & Evilly treat so that of her life it was much Dispar'd and other Harms to her then and there Did to the great Damage of the same Katherine And Contrary to the Peace of the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> that now is his good Rule and Government &c. Wherefore the said atty Prayeth the Advice of the Court herein the premises for the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> and Due process of Law against the said Nathaniel in this part to issue to Answer to the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> of and upon of premises &c  
 Attoward

And the said Nathaniel Pleads not guilty and for Tryal puts himself on his Country —  
 Nath. Pearce in Persona

And he who follows for the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> Says he is guilty  
 Attoward

And the said Nathaniel afterwards to wit the same Day and Year aforesaid Comers into Court and Relinquishes his Plea and Saith that he Cannot gain say the premises aforesaid upon him imposed and Acknowledges himself guilty of the assault and Battery aforesaid as by the aforesaid Informations it is alleged And thereupon Submits to the Court

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here this Seventeenth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and twenty four that the said Nathaniel Pearce pay to the Right Honourable the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> of this Province the sum of two hundred pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup>. as a fine for his aforesaid Offence of committing Assault & Battery in form aforesaid Confest as also that he the said Nath<sup>l</sup> pay the sum of three hundred and fifty Six pounds of Tobacco Costs accruing on the premises aforesaid to the officers of this Court —

James Smith

The said Nathaniel Pearce his Recognizance taken last Court in the Sum of ten pounds Sterling <sup>money</sup> to be levied &c. for the use of his Lordship the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup> of this Province his heirs &c. Conditionally that if he should not  
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