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John Hodges being presented by Grand Jurys in Marshfield upon
suspicion for stealing Tobacco
Command was therefore given to the Sheriff of Kent County 26th day of
March Anno Dom 1697 that he cause the said John Hodges if he should
be found in his Bailiwick so that he be and appear before his Maj:
Justices at the next Court &c.

At which Court viz: the 22th day of June Anno Dom 1697 James Esq:
Edward Ingotman high Sheriff of said County and made return of
to Sherriff in these words following summoned Edw. Ingotman the Sheriff
And now here at this day viz: the 23th day of June Anno Dom 1697
ran the said John Hodges in his proper person & being called appears to
answer of Indictment following

John Hodges }
} Gent: of the Jurors for our Sovereign Lord the King &c: for Kent County
upon their Oath do present Jn: Hodges otherwise called Jn: Hodges
of said County Plant: at Sanyford Bay Condemned in said County within the
Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before his eyes not having on the 20th
day of Feb: Anno Dom 1696 did steal of the proper goods and Chattels of Ho:
Jn: D: One hundred pounds of coarse Tobacco against the Peace of our Sovereign
Lord the King &c: and the Statutes in that case made and provided

Martin & Dom Reges

To which Indictment the said John Hodges pleaded not guilty & for Joyal
wett himself upon God and the Country of Henesley to defend & King his wife
Martin & D: R:

Command was therefore given to the Sheriff that he cause 12 good and
lawfull men &c: to try the Issue or above which Jurys by Name are
Wm Comogys John Weyatt Ralph Arundel John Hiles John Davis Thomas
Wheeler Thomas Hindesley Wm Sparks Jun: Thomas Croton John Knox William
Scales Wm Robinson Jurors who being duly sworn to try the Issue signed
& having tried the whole matter and the Evidence being Roger Norrell
Mary Park and John Bredel withdrew to consider on the Plaintiff and a few
bond time returned and declare that the said Jn: Hodges is not guilty &
he stands Indicted And the said John Hodges moves this Court that he may
be cleared by Proclamation which is accordingly performed

Simon Wheeler

Benjamin Ricard profer to this Court a Petition which is referred to the
Justices thereof by his Ex: the Govern: Touching a fine and Thomas Ricard
Declaring to this Court that the said Benjamin was sick at the time when
the said fines were imposed Ordered that the same be remitted consent to his
Ex: his Order Court adjourns to Court in future Simon Wheeler