

March Court 1731

And the afd William Sowerby makes the Certificate as fold by. These may Certify that having recd. the within mentioned goods Do remitt all that shall accrue to me by the within named Blake followingly taking them as Wth Mth of my hand this 10th day of Sep^r 1731 — William Sowerby — The above was

delivered by the same Justice that Deliv^d the Confession of the afd William Blake being thereon endorsed Thereupon James Blake was not ^{found} ^{on} ^{for} ⁱⁿ Ordered by this Court here on the third Tuesday of March being the twenty first day of said Month anno Dom^o Seventeen hundred and thirty one That Joseph Young Esq^r High Sheriff of H^{er} County keep the afd William Blake in safe Custody until he shall satisfy the cost and Charges afd accrued on the promise being the Sum of Seven hundred and twenty three pounds of Tobacco —

ordered in Examination be fold which is as fold viz^t William Sowerby, belonging to the Ship Harbert having brought before me the Subscriber one of His Lordships Justices of the peace for the County of Kent a certain Wth Blake of the same County and the same Sowerby alleging that the said Blake had stole from him and from on board a Sloop belonging to the said Ship viz^t and being in the County afd the following Goods viz^t one pair of Mens Cloathes Brocher two Ditto Jackets one Good Gunne Holland ^{made} shirt one of mens Pump one Double worsted Man's Leg one good Checkered Lining mans shirt one pair of mens worsted hose of the Goods of the afd William Sowerby. The said William Blake being by me the Subscriber Examined in relation to the promise — Sayth that he looks from on board the said Sloop the foregoing Goods and that the said Goods were neither sold nor given to him by any person and the said Examinant further sayth that no person was on board the Sloop when he entered her and took the said Goods and that ^{he} the Examinant had no right to the said Goods and further the Examinant sayth that the said Goods — belongs to the afd William Sowerby. William Blake

On the back of the afd Examination was ordered as followeth viz^t Kent County Sep^r 10: 1731 Then the within Examination taken by me one of the Justices of the County afd — Sturson —

Of His Lordships — Memorandum that Touch Francis Gould attorney of the right honourable the Lord propley that now is for the County afd who for the same Lord propley in this part prosecuteth doth come here into Kent County Court before William Frisby Esq^r and his associates His Lordships Justices of the same County Court to wit at Chester Town in the County afd the 2nd day of March anno Dom^o Seventeen hundred thirty one and for the same Lord propley doth give the Court here to understand and be informed that William Graves Jun^r.