

His Matie Contra Somersset County. The Grand Jury for the body of this County at a Court holden for the sd County the second Tuesday in March last, on their Oath do present Ralph Houlston for that he & Ralph Haze committed fornication with one Mary Hilpott and on her hate begotten a Bastard Child contrary to the Statute made and agt the del of Assembly in that Case made & provided. Doul. the present.

The sd Ralph and the sd Mary both appearing the said Mary made Oath that he the sd Ralph was the only father of the said Bastard Child for whose the then stood indicted for. And for want of Security for the sd Ralph's fine & for was then ordered by the Writ Court that the Sheriff take into his Custody Ralph Houlston and at his Whipping post to give him twenty lashes on his bare back well laid on. the which was that day Executed by the Sheriff ad p. whom of the sd Ord.

His Matie Contra Somersset County. The Grand Jury for the body of this County on their Oath do present Ralph Houlston of this County for that he the sd Ralph not having the fear of God before his eyes did on or about the 22 day of January in the year of our Lord 1695 at Barb Crook there & there being one Broad dx of the value of two shillings and six pence sterling being the property of Stephen Harsy Junr, then & there being the same, did take & steal and carry away contrary to the Statute made against the del of Assembly in that Case made & provided. Doul. the present.

The Judgment being read the sd Ralph in open Court Confest his fault. and there being then present the sd Ralph being sorry for his offence, the Harsy was content to waite the fourth & to take his Broad dx again. and for the said Ralph's crime the Court did order him to be lashed on his bare back with laid on which was that day by the Sheriff executed.

Ordered likewise that the sd Ralph give Security for his good behaviour & for or payed in case he should. Whereupon came the sd Ralph with his Security Cap. Daniel Elzey, and the sd Ralph did acknowledge himself by way of Recognizance to owe and be indebted unto our Sovereign Lord the King the sum of seven pounds sterling money & his Security the sum of five pounds his money, all due to be levied on his goods & Chattels lands & Commodities for the Matie's use & service. The Condition of this Recognizance is that if the above bound Ralph Houlston be of the good behaviour and abstinence to all his Matie's high Courts of Justice during this Court's pleasure the sd Ralph his wife paying all Offences fees in case he should be indebted that have this Recognizance to be void & of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full power force & virtue.

His Matie Contra Somersset County. The Grand Jury for the body of this County on their Oath do present Peter Watson for that he & Peter Watson committed fornication with one Rose Mason, and with her hate begotten a Bastard Child, contrary to the Statute made and agt the del of Assembly in that Case made & provided. Doul. the present.

The Judgment being read the sd Peter pleaded not guilty, whereupon the sd Rose in open Court made Oath that he the sd Peter was the only father of her late Bastard Child for which she stood indicted, whereupon it was ordered the Sheriff take into his Custody the sd Peter until he give Security for his fine & fees. But for want of Security for the sd Rose, it was ordered that the sd Peter have Corporal punishment (viz) eight lashes on his bare back well laid on. which was given to the Sheriff Executed. Wm Parker was Security for the sd Watson for & Recognizance of the sd Peter Watson in 10 shillings.