

June Court 1701

Kent B. To the Worshipfull his Majesties Justices for the County aforesaid

The humble petition of Sam^r. Taylor in humble manner

Sheweth That whereas the petitioner having formerly granted to him by this Worshipfull Court for the keeping an ordinary this last year the humble petitioner craves this Court to renew the same for the ensuing year as in duty bound the petitioner shall ever pray

The which petition being read by the Court duly considered and It was ordered by the Court that the said Sam^r. have a new license for the ensuing year giving bond according to act of Assembly in that case made & provided
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Elizabeth Colerston having entered into recognizance for her good behaviour & appearance at the Court and appeared according to recognizance & entered into new recognizance with security for good behaviour & appearance at the next Court at which next Court the 29. Day of March 1701 the said Elizabeth was presented by the Grand Jury & found guilty of a Bill of Rape which presentment was by the Grand Jury framed into a bill and followed the said Elizabeth committed into the Kings Custody until she find new security for her good behaviour & appearance at this next Court and viz^t and

Kent County The Jurors for our Lord the King that now is for Kent County upon their oath do present Elizabeth Colerston alias Dutch Elizabeth Colerston of Kent County Spinster for that she the said Elizabeth Colerston by force of God before their eyes not having a force of arms to a force hundred in Kent County within the jurisdiction of this Court & within the day of October Anno Domini 1700 Sixteen yards of Linnen four yards of fritz three yards of caps twenty three yards of Thread two Ells of Hoysifed Linnen of the price of five hundred pounds of Gold. the proper Goods of a certain John Offley feloniously the did steal & bore away against the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King & the forms of the act of Assembly in that case made & provided and Macklin & Dowd. Regd.

The which presentment being read distinctly and by the said Elizabeth heard & being demanded whether she was guilty or not guilty but the said Elizabeth doth confess that she is guilty & submitts to the Court and Judgment was therefore by the Court according to Law and Valued the said Goods to the sum of Two hundred & Fifty pounds of Gold

Therefore it is considered by the Court this Day viz^t the 29. Day of June Anno Domini 1701 That the said Elizabeth Colerston be carried to the whipping post by the Sheriff of this County & there to receive four lashes upon her bare back well laid on & afterwards by the said Sheriff to be put into the pillory & there to remain the space of one quarter of an hour It is likewise considered that the said John Offley do recover from the said Elizabeth Colerston the sum of Eight hundred & eighty pounds of Gold. four fold according to act of Assembly in that case made & provided and It was further considered that the said Elizabeth pay the sum of Six hundred & Sixty four pounds of Gold. fees accruing upon the said presentment & the said Elizabeth Colerston in Mercy and
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