

June 21 1708

and made Return thereof in these words *thorow* *thorow* *thorow*

Wherefore Comanded it was to the Sheriff of Kent County the Twenty seventh day of March in the seventh year of the Reigne of her now Majesty Anne etc that he cause to be Mary Ward of the said County if she should be found in his County that she do appear and delay be sett apart she do personally appear before her said Majesties Justices at the next County Court to be held at the Town of Maidstone to answer unto all such things as should be thinke there objected against her on her Majesty's behalfs, and that he have them show the said writ etc.

At which next Court the Twenty third day of March in the seventh year of her now Majesties Reigne the day of the Return of said writ came Edward Scott High Sheriff of said County & made Return thereof in these words *thorow* *thorow* *thorow*

Butt the said Mary Ward afterwards came into Court and being called appears and was Ordered to enter into Recognizance which was accordingly done Whereupon the same was continued untill the next Court

AND now here at this Court the Twenty third day of June in the seventh year of her Majesties Reigne Anno Dom 1708 came the said Mary Ward in her proper person and being called appears according to Judgement which was as followeth

Item *County* of Kent The Jurors for our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is for the body of *Mary Ward* the said County upon their Oath do present Mary Ward of said County otherwise called Mary Wards the wife of *John Ward* of the same County Hunter that shee the said Mary at her ten hundred in said County within the Jurisdiction of this Court on the first day of July Anno Dom 1707 the year of God before her eyes not leaving but being led by the instigation of the Devil & the corrupt Judgements of the flesh did commit adultery with one *Marshall* mate of a ship then riding at Anchor in said Province to the great displeasure of Almighty God against her Majesty's peace & contrary to a certain Act of a Parliament in that behalf provided

To which Judgement the said Mary Ward pleades not guilty and shee puts her self upon God the Country

AND he who follows for our Sovereign Lady the Queen says shee is guilty

Whereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he immediately cause to come *thorow* *thorow* *thorow* by whom he do Recognize & be answer well & the Sheriff made return that he has here ready Swelms etc as by his precept it was Comanded *Viz* Joseph Couch George Popper Peter Marry Wm Reading William Edwards John Griffon Richard Davis Robert Jerman John Ellis Thomas Jones Philip Davis Edward Wards which Jury being duly tryed & sworn & having heard the Reading Evidences