

March Court 1718

Should be found in his Bailiwick that all excuses and delays be sett apart he be & appear before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at our Court house in the town of Exeter in Said County to Answer unto a Bill of Indisment found against him for a bysing and profaining the Lord's Day himselfe or by his Serv. by working in his own field. And that we have than and there the said precept be. All which said next Court viz. the seventeenth day of March the same year last mentioned the day of return of said precept came Simon Wilmer Gent High Sheriff of said County and made return thereof in these words thereon. Indorsed as folo by Summons of Simon Wilmer Sheriff.

And the afd William being called came and in his proper person appeared to the afd Indisment. And saith that he cannot answer the same and thereupon Submits to the Court therefore it is Considered by the Court here viz. this Nineteenth day of March Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and Eighteen that the afd William Elit pay the sume of one hundred pounds of Tobacco his fine for committing the offence afd and also pay the sume of two hundred forty three pounds of Tobacco for carrying on the premises afd.

John Smith

His Lord Ship *Judicium* For a spaulting *Wm Elit* M^r Johnson Clarke of *Judicium* comes into Court and enters a nolle prosequitur and that the said *Judicium* be no farther prosecuted.

His Lord Ship *Judicium* For a spaulting *Elenor Hipsett* comes into Court and enters a nolle prosequitur and that the said *Judicium* be no farther prosecuted.

His Lord Ship *Judicium* framed into a bill as folo by Gent County to the Jurors for the Hon. the Lord prop. the body of Kent County on their Oath do present that Mary Neale late of Worton

hundred in the County afd Spuister the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighteen at Worton Hundred in the County afd & within the Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before her eyes not having but by the Instigation of the Devill did commit fornication with a certain man to the Jurors unknowne & thereby did suffer herself to be begott with Child to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil & pernicious example of others ag the peace of the said Lord prop. his rule and Dignity & against the form of an Act of Assembly of this province now in force in such Cases made & provided by *John Johnson* & *And Prop* Lord Prop. Blackledge

Under the preceeding bill was asfd by true bill Charles Ruggolds Foreman Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County the Sheriff. Second day of November in the fourth year of his Lord Ship's Dominion viz. that he cause to come here *Mary Neale* late of Worton hundred in the County afd Spinster if she should be found in his Bailiwick that all excuses and delays