

March Court 1719
third Tuesday in March to wit the 12th day of the same month Anno Domini 1719 being
the day of return Indict. Exi. Corpus p. Simon Welmer Sheriff
Kent County. The Jurors for the Hon. the Lord prop^y and the Body of Kent
County on their Oath do present that John Cookson late of Weston
hundred Yeoman the fourth day of August in the Year of our Lord
Christ one Thousand Seven hundred and Nineteen at the hundred of a St.
Pauls parish in Kent County within the Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God
before his eyes not having but by the instigation of the devil adultery
did commit with a certain Sarah Edwards wife of John Edwards late of
Wooten hundred in the parish & County afo^{re} and within the Jurisdiction
afo^{re} planter to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil and
pernicious example of others and against the peace of our said Lord prop^y
his Rule & dignity and against the forme of an act of assembly of this
Province now in force in such Case made & provided
And Fred^r Hanson Church Warden David Macbride & Do pro^{by}
on the back of the preceding bill was endorsed as follows. Bulla Vera p.
William Crow foreman

And now at this Court to wit the 16th day of March Anno Domini 1719 comes
the afo^{re} John Cookson and defends the force and injury when he said says
that he cannot deny it but that he is guilty as afo^{re} charged and therefore
he submits to the Court Therefore it is considered by the Justices
here the 16th day of March Anno Domini 1719 afo^{re} that the said John
Cookson have on his bare back three lashes untill the blood appears
for his offense of committing adultery as afo^{re} as also pay the sum of
Three hundred and forty pounds of Tobacco Cost accruing on the premises

It is considered by the Justices here the same day last mentioned that
Simon Welmer Gent. Sheriff of said County take into his Custody
afo^{re} John Cookson and him to carry to the publick whipping post & there
to receive as in the Judgment afo^{re} and when required to bring him into
Court againe after which came the said Sheriff the same day and last
mentioned with the said John Cookson and made return of his precept to
the Court thereon Indict. In all things served & executed Simon Welmer Sheriff
ordered by the Court here that the said John return to his masters
Service

D. M. His Grace Ship. Prudens Dealbridge
at Sarah Edwards