

March Court 1719

D. M. His Highness the Duke of Devonshire presented at the Suite of his Lordship on a bill  
 John West } found by the Grand Jury for not helping clear the Roads  
 and wherein the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the  
 same was directed makes return thereto to the Court here on the  
 third Tuesday in March to wit the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the same month Anno Dom  
 1719 being the day of return Indorsed Pursuant of Simon Wilmer the  
 Sheriff of Kent County the Jurors for the then the Lord Proprietor and the Body  
 of Kent County on their Oath do present that John West  
 late of Upper South Sassafras hundred Esquire on the fourth  
 day of November in the Year of our Lord Christ one Thousand  
 Seven hundred and Nineteen at Shrewsbury parish in the County afo  
 within the Jurisdiction of this Court and within a certain district where  
 William Burros then was for repairing and amending the public  
 maine Roads lawfully appointed overseer then and there being an  
 Inhabitant and Taxable and being by the said overseer seasonably and  
 duly warned to send all his Male Taxables to Labour and work in mending  
 and repairing the afo Roads the said John did then and there obstinately and  
 Contentiously Refuse to send any taxable Man to work and Labour in  
 mending a certain publick maine Road leading from Cyprus Branch to  
 John Ellis within the district of the said Roads then and there being  
 decayed and out of repair against the peace of our said Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> his rule  
 and dignity and against the form of an Act of assembly of this province  
 now in force in this case made & provided D. M. of Dns Prop<sup>r</sup>  
 Lord. William Burros overseer.

On the back of the preceding bill was Indorsed as follows Bill Verax of  
 William Crew Foreman  
 and now at this Court to wit the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno Dom 1719  
 comes the afo Def<sup>t</sup> and defends the force and injury whereof and says  
 that he cannot gainsay the bill of Indutment afo as afo against  
 him Therefore he submits to the Court on the same Therefore it is  
 considered by the Justices here on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Dom  
 1719 afo that the said John West do pay the Sum of one hundred  
 pounds of Tobacco for his omitting to clear the Roads as afo according to  
 Act of assembly in such case made and provided and also pay the Sum  
 of two hundred Sixty five pounds of Tobacco Cost accruing on the promp  
 afo to the officers of this Court

John Smith