

March Court 1719

D. M. His Lordship
at
Will^m Beck

The Jurors for the Right Hon. the Lord
Prop^{ty} and the body of Kent County on their Oath do
present that William Beck late of Weorton hundred
planter the first day of January in the year of our
Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and nineteen at Lower South
Sassapar hundred in Shrewsbury Parish in Kent County within the
Jurisdiction of this Court the Case of a certain Nathaniel Pearce of
South Sassapar hundred in the parish County and within the juris-
diction of then and there with force and arms did break and enter
and one black mare of the price of six pounds Sterd money one bridle
of the value of two Shillings Sterd money and one Saddle of the value
of fifteen Shillings Sterd money of the Goods and Chattells of a certain
Thomas Jones then and there last mentioned being found unjustly
did take and bear away to the great damage of the said Thomas
Jones and against the peace of our said Lord Proprietarie his Rule
and dignity and against the form of an Act of Assembly of this
Province now in force in such Case made and provided

on the back of the preceding Judgment was ^{D. Macbride & D. Prop^{ty}} ~~Edward~~ ^{John} ~~Arthur~~ ^{John} ~~Field~~ ^{John} ~~Brilla~~
Vera Albra Redgrave foreman

Kent County William Beck And the said William Beck comes &

^{ad} The D^o Prop^{ty} Says that he the said Will^m Beck is not
charged in the above Judgment with
any felony but only a tortious taking from a private person ~~and~~
where no Judgment will or can be Therefore the said William Beck
prays that the said Judgment may be quashed & void for naught

Lord Ship And the said Lord Prop^{ty} by his said atty Says that
for any thing by the said D^o in abatement of the
Judgment of by his plea and alledged ought not to
be barred because he Says that the plea and in manner and form
and made and the matter in the same contained are not sufficient
in the Law to the which he the said D^o hath no need neither by
the Law of the Land is he obliged to answer and thus he is ready
to Verify wherefore he prays Judgment that the Judgment of may
be adjudged Good &c.

^{D. Macbride & D. Prop^{ty}}
And the said William Beck joins in the Demurre with the
said Lord Proprietarie

which plea and Demurre of being read and argued and mature
deliberation being by the Court thereon taken Therefore it is said