

June Court 1720.  
An Act of assembly of this province now in force in such case made and provided  
Evid. Fred. Hanson Edward Davis William Roberts

On the Back of the preceding Indictment was endorsed as follows viz.  
Bulla Vera Abra<sup>m</sup> Redgrave foreman. The said Josiah Couch  
pleads not guilty and for tryal puts himself on God and the Country

And he who follows for the Lord pro<sup>p</sup> in like manner says he is guilty

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he  
Immediately Cause to come twelve &c. by whom &c. who neither &c. to be  
recognize &c. because as well &c. of which &c. except the &c. Sheriff now here at  
this day viz. the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Domini 1720 Makes Return that  
he hath here ready twelve &c. as by his precept he was commanded, and  
now here afterwards viz. the day and year last mentioned Comes again as  
well the &c. pro<sup>p</sup> by &c. Clerk of Indictments as also the &c. Josiah Couch  
and stands at the Bar. And the Jurors of that Jury being unpannelled who  
being called like wise came viz. William Graves. Thomas Piner Arthur Fore-  
man Mathew Piner Thomas Jones Thomas Beets James Piner Thomas  
Riker Daniel Coley Rue Jones George Murphett Nathaniel Ricketts  
who being truly & duly tryed and sworn to say the truth in the premises  
upon their oath do say that the &c. Josiah Couch is not guilty as he stands  
indicted, and by William Graves their Foreman all do say. Therefore  
it is Considered by the Court here the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Domini 1720  
viz. that the &c. Josiah Couch as to the a<sup>d</sup> Indictment go there of without  
day and that he be there from acquitted but that the &c. Josiah Couch shall  
pay the Sum of Seven hundred and Ninety Seven  
pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged to him for his Cost and  
Charges accruing on the premises a<sup>d</sup> to the officers of this Court

Ordered by the Court here that the Sheriff of Kent County keep the &c. Josiah  
Couch in safe Custody until the fees a<sup>d</sup> amounting to Seven hundred  
and Ninety Seven pounds of Tobacco a<sup>d</sup> he shall satisfy

Whereupon John Rolph of Kent County Sheriff here in Court pre-  
sent in his proper person says that he will pay the fees a<sup>d</sup> for the &c.  
Josiah Couch amounting to the Sum of Seven hundred and Ninety  
Seven - pounds of Tobacco to whom the same is due.

John Smith