

June Court 1724. of full age as aforesaid and as in duty bound he shall pray. John France

The petition aforesaid being read and heard, and likewise the Court having heard what a certain William Harist of Somerset County delivered upon Oath in Relation to the age of the said John France, and the premises being fully understood and maturely deliberated upon the part of the said Nathaniel Hopkins as on the part of the said petitioner. Wherefore it is considered by the Justices here that the said Petitioner John France from his servitude aforesaid go there aforesaid &c. ~~and by the 4th of 1724~~ is paid

Whereas it was Represented to this Court by John Hardy of Somerset County Gent. that a certain James Hardy of Somerset County had a servant, that by some means became lame or ailing, that he could not labour, and the said James Hardy had discharged the said servant from out of his service and no body to take care of him was likely to become a charge to the County. Thereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Sheriff of Somerset County, summon the said James Hardy so that he be & appear before the Justices of the next Court to be hold at Dividing Creek for the County of the third Tuesday of June to answer. At which said next Court to wit the sixteenth day of June and day One thousand Seven hundred & twenty four comes the said Sheriff and makes Return that he had summoned the said James Hardy according to the order aforesaid. Whereupon the said James Hardy present here in Court demanded by the Court what was the reason that he discharged his servant aforesaid from out of his service aforesaid, he is likely to be a charge to the County. The said James Hardy having nothing to offer that was Material in his own defence. Thereupon the said James Hardy is ordered by the Justices here that he take his said servant called Estruck Shield into his service again unless the Expiration of his servitude and likewise to be bound to the County what should be expended upon the said Estruck Shield.

His Lordship of Somerset. The Jurors for the right honourable the Lord proprietor of this Wm. Langford } Crowned that Now is for the Body of Somerset County upon their Oath do present that William Langford Esq. of the parish of St. Mary in Somerset County Mariner the tenth day of April One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four at the parish aforesaid in the County of Somerset, in and upon a certain Bitch of the grey of ten shilling's worth in the Jurisdiction of the Court many the proper Bitch of a certain John Doudson then and there being, with force and arms violently and wickedly an assault made with Intention, with the said Bitch most wickedly feloniously and against the Order of Nature then and there to have acted a wicked thing the said Bitch carnally to know and so with the said Bitch that horrible and Sodomitical Sin called Buggery then and there feloniously to commit and perpetrate and other heinous to the said Bitch then and there did do against the grace of the said Lord propy. his good love & dignity. One the Bench of the foregoing Bitch of Divinity it was then Endorsed by the Bench. Wm. Turpin forman. Thereupon command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said William Langford if he to answer. and afterward