

March Court - - - - 1734 - - - - A

the fifth day of November Anno: Dom: Seventeen hundred thirty and four at the parish off in
the County off within the Jurisdiction of this Court in and upon Charles Ratcliffe (the same Charles
then and there being a Justice of the peace of the same County) in the peace of God and of the S:
Lord Bp. of then and there being with force and arms an assault did make and the said Charles
Ratcliffe then and there did beat wound and Evilly treat so that of his life it was much
despaired and other harms to him then and there did to the great damage of the said Charles
and against the peace of the said Lord (prop): his good rule and dignity &c.

Test Charles Ratcliff Benjamin ^{Walton} Richard Simpson & Richard Logwood

On the backside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus Endorsed viz Billa Vera

Thomas Humphrys foreman.

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that

he should take the said William Walton if he to answer &c. and afterwards to wit the Eighteenth day
of March and Dom: One thousand Seven hundred and thirty four before the Justices of his Lordships
County Court of Somerset now here hold at Diving Beck in the same County came the said William Walton
in his proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment afo and says that he is not guilty thereof
and of his ~~innocence~~ ^{innocence} ~~of this~~ he puts himself upon the Country and William Gold bo:
rough Gent. attorney of his said Lordship, and who for his said Lordship in that part followeth like
wise. —

Afterwards the said William Walton in his own proper person present here in Court
afo and relinquisheth his verification afo and submits with a protestation of his innocency and putteth
himself upon the favour of the Court &c. Whereupon all and singular the premises by the Court here
seen heard and fully understood It is considered that the afo William Walton find pay into
his Lordship the Lord proprietary for his fine by the Court hereupon him imposed for and
by evasion of the premises afo whereof in form afo is Committed fifty shillings Current money and
that the same William Walton find be taken to satisfy his said Lordships of the fine afo &c.

Whereupon the said William Walton is ordered by the Court here to give recognizance for
his good behaviour and appearance at June Court next to be hold at Diving Beck for the County
afo &c. — Whereupon the said William Walton find with Nathaniel Crapper of Somerset Esq

Plantor his security both present herein Court in his proper persons acknowledged themselves
indebted unto his Lordship the Lord proprietary in ten pounds Sterling each of their goods and
Ratcliffes Lands and Tenements severally to be made and Levied to the use of his said
Lordship his heirs and Successors If it happen that the said William Walton do not make
his personal appearance before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be hold at
Diving Beck the third Tuesday of June ^{next} to answer unto his said Lordships of such matters
and