

which Refusal a Riot ensued, a Door being broke open, and several of the Rights of the House severely beaten by the Constable and his followers, who seized the Child, and carried it to the House of Ralph Nelson - where Capt. Shelby was, who received the Child from the Constable, and delivered the same to Will^m Hynes.

That Joseph Flint, and Thomas Brooks being offered on the young Woman's part as her Sureties for keeping the Child off the Parish, were refused by Capt. Shelby, who also threatened that if ever he caught Conrad Wheate in Maryland he would have him cropped for disobeying his Orders, in giving up the Child, and declared if he had gone there in Person he would have burnt Wheate's House over his Head and at the same time took Bond in His Lordships behalf of William and Thomas Hynes in the Penalty of £100. to keep the Child off the Parish.

That upon Complaint of Conrad Wheate and the others who had been beaten Hynes and the other Rioters were brought before M^r Joseph Warford, where finding the matter more serious than they had imagined, and likely to become a Court Business, Thomas Hynes gets the Girl in his Lap, and, as M^r Warford writes in his Narrative) was very sweet. Whereupon M^r Warford Advised the young Man, to a Marriage; which was at Length agreed upon, the Girls Father promising to give the young couple £30 & a £5 Wedding.

That during these Transactions, Capt. Shelby demanded of Joseph Warford a Warrant for the young Woman's fine; which M^r Warford refused to Grant, he also refused to sign one drawn up by Capt. Shelby, and presented to him for that purpose, whereupon the Capt. Seized it himself, had her immediately taken into Custody, and again discharged her on receiving a Promissory note from Thomas Hynes for the amount of her fine.

That Capt. Shelby at Length proceeded to the Marriage Ceremony, which he performed by asking the young Man whether he would take that Woman to his lawful Wedded Wife, and put the same Question, mutatis, mutandis to the young Woman, after which he pronounced them to be lawful Man & Wife, saying Jump Dog, Leap Bilch, and Ill be damned if all the Men on Earth can unman you.

That the new married Couple were put to bed in M^r Warfords own Bed, with the usual Ceremonies of throwing the Stocking &c. M^r Warford having previously received five Shillings for the use of the said Bed, and the whole Proceedings on the Riot &c. quashed at once.

That some time after the young Couple had been left to themselves, the young Man wanted to leave his Consort, and opening the Door, would have come out, but was prevented by Capt. Shelby, who opposed him with a fork in his hand, which he threatened to jobb into his Guts if he attempted to leave his Wife. Whereupon the young fellow retired peaceably, and was found by the company early in the Morning fast asleep in Bed with his Consort.

That a review of the above recited Transaction may be sufficient to show how incapable either of the above mentioned Persons are to sustain the dignified Character wherewith they are invested, and how unworthy of that high Trust which their ignorance of the Laws, whereby the Community is to be regulated, their assuming to themselves Powers with which they are not invested, and thus turning the Execution of their Office by indirect Means to their own private Emolument and the scandal of Public Justice, have so grossly abused.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the aforesaid Captain Evan Shelby, and M^r Joseph Warford may be left out of the Commission for the Peace in Frederick County, that the whole Body, (otherwise, We hope, respectable) may not be wounded thro' their Sides or laughed at as their Associates.

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