

Att a General Sessions of the Peace holden at  
Newbury Sept. 26. 1699.

Time: The Court Judgment that he pay a fine of 40/8  
costs and stand committed till paid or be whipp'd Ten Stripes on  
the naked back and pay costs and stand committed till performed  
if fine p'd and if poor p'd paid to Deacon Coffin one of the  
Select men of Newbury.

Flower Norton being bound over to this Court by Robt  
Pike Esq. Appears and confesses the fact of committing fornication.  
The Courts Judgment is that he be whipp'd Ten  
Stripes & pay costs or pay a fine of 40/8 costs and stand  
committed till performed.

Benezer Knowlton being presented by the Grand Jury  
for the Crime of fornication appears and pleadses y<sup>t</sup>  
he has a child by his wife lawfully begotten. The  
Courts Judgment is y<sup>t</sup> he give £10. bond with sureties for his  
appearances at y<sup>e</sup> Court at Salem in Dec<sup>r</sup> & stand committed  
till performed: on hearing is discharged.

The Justices attending at said Court

John Hathorne Esq. 5 days	£1.00	Robt Pike Esq. 5 days	£1.00
Wm Browne Esq. 5	1.00	Benj. Browne Esq. 4	1.00
Jon <sup>r</sup> Corvine Esq. 5	1.00	Dudley Bradstreet Esq. 5	1.00
Daniel Peires Esq. 3	1.00	John Higginson Esq. 4	1.00
Nath <sup>l</sup> Eaton Esq. 5	1.00	John Wainwright Esq. 4	1.00
			4.12
			4.12
			£9.00

The Fines of this Court to the King

Elizabeth Dunwell	£2.00
Elizabeth May	2.00
Flower Norton	2.00
	£6.00

The Account of William Godney Sheriffe wherein  
he charges y<sup>e</sup> County for forwarding warrants precept &c  
am<sup>t</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £84.16 is examined and allowed  
and the County Treasurer Ordered to pay the same  
accordingly.

Order given Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1699.

Att a General Sessions of the Peace holden at Salem the  
26<sup>th</sup> Day of December. 1699

Present the Kings Justices, V<sup>ts</sup>  
John Hathorne Esq. William Browne Esq.  
Jonathan Corvine Esq. Daniel Peires Esq.  
Benj<sup>r</sup> Browne Esq. John Higginson Esq.  
John Appleton Esq. John Wainwright Esq.

The Accot of m<sup>r</sup> John Higginson for his amounting to four  
pounds Eight Shillings is perused Examined Considered & allowed by  
the County Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

Whereas John Harris undersheriffe hath preferred his com-  
plaints against Tom Bennet & Hugh Galloway for violently lay-  
ing hands on the Goal keeper of Spwiche & breaking prison  
and against Isaac Kinge Curtable & Kinsman for contem-  
ptuously refusing to help & assist his seizing & stopping said  
prisoners & according to Complaints Ordered that a Capias  
be issued forth for said persons to take them and carry them  
before some One Justice in order to be bound over to the  
next Sessions.

Nathaniel Randall being presented by y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at  
y<sup>e</sup> Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> peace holden at Salem in December last for  
the Crime of fornication & Capias having formerly gone  
forth was returned (non est inventus) whereupon a new  
Capias went forth on which he was taken & carried before  
John Hathorne Esq. who bound him over to this Court.  
The said Nath<sup>l</sup> Randall appeared & confessed the fact  
and Elizabeth his wife with whom y<sup>e</sup> fact was committed  
before Marriage being sick & y<sup>e</sup> said Randall praying  
y<sup>t</sup> he might answer y<sup>e</sup> Law for her. The Courts Judgment  
is that he pay a fine of forty Shillings for himselfe and  
forty Shillings for his wife & costs and stand committed till  
paid.

John Best Sen<sup>r</sup> being bound to his good behaviour  
by Justice Hathorne untill this Court & proclamation  
being three times Made & no person objecting is dismissed.

William Pride of Beverly came into Court and confessed him-  
selfe guilty of y<sup>e</sup> Crime of fornication with Hannah Thordick  
y<sup>t</sup> is now his wife & he alledging y<sup>t</sup> his wife is not well and  
praying to answer y<sup>e</sup> Law for her likewise. The Courts Judgment  
is that he pay a fine of forty Shillings for himselfe and  
forty Shillings for his wife & costs of Court & stand committed  
till performed.

John Kimball being bound over to this Court to answer to what  
should be Objected against him for the crime of fornication.

60 Att a General Sessions of the Peace holden at Newbury Sept ye 26. 1899 time . The Court Judgment that he pay a fine of 40 & cost and stand comitted till paid or be whip 'd Ten stripes on the naked back and pay costs and stand comitted till performed five pd and ye poor pt paid to Deacon Coffin one of the Select men of Newbury . Flower Norton being bound over to this Court by Robt Pike Esqr appear 'd and confessed the fact of comitting form cation . The Court Judgment is that she be which Ten Stripes & pay costs or pay a fine of 40 / & cost and and Committed til perform 'd . Ebenezer Knowlton , being presented by the Grand Jury for the time of fornication appeared and pleaded ye he had a child only by his wife Lawfully begotten , the Court Judgment is the give no bond with Surety for his appearance at ye Court at Salem in Decr & Stand Comittedtill performed ; on hearing is discharged . the Justices attending at said Court John Hathorne Esqr 5 days on Robt Pike Esqs 5 days Wm Browne Esqr . Benjn Rowns 4 . - 16 Jona Corwine Esqr -- Dudly Bradstreet Eq . 5 . Daniel Peirce legs . 3. 2 In Higginson Esqr - 4 - 6 Nath Saltonstall E. Wright Esq . ----- 4 " 12 -- 4 " --- 4. 12 The Fines of this Court to the King Eliza Dunwell . - Eliza Bray .... Flower Norton Jean Ann The accompt of William Gedney Sherriffe wherein he charges ye County for forwarding warrants precept & am ye Sum of \$ 816 ) is Examined and allowed and the County Treasurer ordered to pay the same accordingly . Order given Sept 29th 1699 - Att a General Sessions of the Peace holden at Salem the 26th day of December , 1699 William Browne Esqr Daniel Peirce Esqr John Higginson Esqr John Wainwright Esq Present the Kings Justices , Viz John Hathorne Esqr Jonathan Corwin Esq Benjn Browne Esqr John Appleton Esqr The Acct of Mr John Higginson Tertins amounting to four pounds Eight Shillings is perised Examined Considered & allowed & the County Treasurer to pay the same accordingly Whereas John Harris undersheriffe hath preferred his complaints against Wm Bennet & Hugh Galloway for violently lay ing hands on the Goal keeper of Tywich & so breaking prison and against Isaac Kinge Courtable & Kinsman for Contem tuously refusing to help & assist his seizing & stopping said prisoners & c According to Complaint . Ordered that a capias be Juned forth for said persons to take them and carry them before some one Justice in order to be bound over to the next Sessions . Nathaniel Ramsdell being presented by ye Grand Jany at ye Sessions of peace holden at Salem in December last for the time of fornication & Capias having formerly gone North was returns ( nonest Inventus wherein to a need Capral went forth on 1th he was taken & carried before John Hathorne Esqr who bound him over to this Court the said Nathel Randell appeared & confessed the fact and Elizabeth his wife with whom my facts was comitted before Marriage being sick & ye said Randell maying he might answer ye Law for her . The Court Judge that he pay a fine of forty Shillings for himselfe and forty Shillings for his wife & doth and hand comitted till paid John Best Senr being bound to his good behaviour by Justice Hathorne untill this Court & proclamation being three times made & no person objecting is dismissed . William Pride of Beverly came into Court and confessed him self guilty of ye crime of fornication 6th Hannah Thorndickis now his wife & he alledging ye his wife is not well and praying to answer ye Law for her likewise . The Court Judgeis that he pay a fine of forty Shillings for himself and forty Shillings for his wife & costs of Court & Stand Comitted Hill performed . Kimball being bound over to this Court to answer to what should be objected against him for the crime of fornication I d

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