WARWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

COURT ORDERS, 1647

Warwick County is one of the original shires creatin 1634. Since that time its area has not been alterexcept for a minor border change in the late nineteer century. Warwick is the only one of the eight origin shires from which no other county was created. Almost all of its records prior to 1865 were destroyed during the War.

Some loose papers and pages torn from record books were carried off by Union soldiers before the general destruction of the Warwick records and a few of these have since found their way back to Virginia. One su collection, now at the Library of the College of Wil and Mary, in Williamsburg, contains the ten pages from the Court Order Book of 1647 which are transcribed below. These pages are the earliest extant Warwick records. Dated only forcy years after the founding the colony at Jamestown, they throw a little light of the early period of Virginia history and the men and women who settled there.

The ten pages are numbered in the order of their present arrangement. The first several lines at the head of each page are worn away completely and only portions of the succeeding five or six lines remain. Pages 1-2 apparently relate to a June, 1647, Court, pages 3-4 probably contain the record of the Court h just prior to 10 May 1647.

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[Page 1] [] provided he put [] Court if he be cost in the suite. [] overseers of the estate of Capt. Will [] unto Robert Puryer or his assigns [] good sound Indian corne otherwise execu[tion.]

[Whereas] by Acte of Court bearing date the 23th of October [] was ordered that an atachment should issue forth at the [] Puryer against much of the estate of Phillip Diccs[on? as] should be satisfactorie for 500 lbs. of tobacco together with interre[st] and Court Chardges, And whereas the said Attachment is this Court returned executed and just proofe made of the said debt this Court hath ordered that execution shall issue out against the said estate so attached at the suite of Robt Puryer as aforesaid

Whereas Robt Chapell was employed by the Leifte [Lieutenant] and deputy Leifte of this County in an expedition against the indians for the family of the Lady Harvey, And whereas it apeareth to this Court t

the said Lady Harvey in her life tyme never gave him satisfaction for his tyme so spent, It is therefore ordered that the said Chapell shall receive from the overseers of the said estate 200 lbs. of tobacco at or upon the tenth day of November next ensueinge alias execution.

Upon a judgement confessed by Richard Browne for a debt due from him to Tho. Bushrode of 484 lbs. of tobacco this Court hath ordered that the said Browne shall make payment thereof within ten dayes together

with Court Chardges alias execution.

It is ordered that the inhabitants of of [sic] the parrishes of Denbigh and Nutmeg Quarter shall pay unto Mr. Wm. Whitby as the assigne of Robt. Newman halfe tithes both of tobacco and corne beinge five pounds of tobacco and a bushell of corne per poll it beinge due from them to Mr. James Backler Clerke for his officiatinge in the said parrishes and upon his departure out of this Collony Morgaged and made over to Mr. Robt. Newman whose assigne the said Mr. Wm. Whitby is.

It is ordered that John Philips Clearke of the parrish Church of Denbigh shall summon Mr. John Harlow and Mr. John Pauley to appeare at the house of Capt. Tho. Bernard on the 28th day of this instant month of June then and ther to take their oathes of Church-wardens and in Case of Default of appearance after Lawfull summons then each of them to be mulcted in 500 lbs. of tobacco apeice to be disposed of by the

Comissioners to publique uses.

Whereas in the difference dependings between John Phillips plaintiff and Mr. Tho. Taylor defendant the said Mr. Tho. Taylor hath desired an appeale to the 4th day of the next quarter Court. It is ordered that an appeale be graunted Provided he put in securitye accordings to the Acte to pay double Cost of Court if he be Cost in the suite.

[In margin] Wee Miles Cary Robt. Pyland doe [bin]d our selves our [he]irs or Admrs. for the [ful]l performance [and] acte mentioned [in] this order wittness [our]

hands this 2 day of 1647 [sic]. Robt. Pyland.

It is ordered that Robt. Letson shall within tenn dayes now next ensueinge satisfie unto Xpher. Boice as the assigne of Mountague Rowland Two barrells of sound Indian Corne together with Court Chardges alias Execution.

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[orde]red that unlesse Capt. Richard Barnh[ouse
[] Court either by himselfe or his Attorne [
[] produce so much of his estate as [
[] hee was this court impleaded for by [

[J]udgment to passe against the said Robt. [
[] can justly make appeare to be due unto [
Capt. Barnhouse.

Memorandum that Christopher Boice did this day [in Court that the Land of Capt. Sam Mathews did exte [] to maine Runn at the head of Deepe Creeke.

It is ordered that the difference dependinge betw Mary Bell the wife of Jartois [?] Bell plaintiff and Silvester Colton defendant be referred to the next C held for this County and then judgement to passe age the said Colton (as in Case of a nihil dicit) for whe the said Mary Bell shall make appeare to be due from to her. Provided he the said Colton have a copie of this order Eight dayes before the next Court and doe not then appeare to show cause to the Contrary.

It is ordered that the difference dependings between Mr. Wm. Whitby Attorney of Mr. Jno. Coggin plaintiff Silvester Colton defendant be referred to the next County Court and then Judgement to passe against the said Colton (as in Case of Nihil dicit [)] for what said Mr. Whitby shall make appeare to be due. Provide the said Colton have a Copie of this order Eight dayes before the said Court and doe not then and the come and show Cause to the Contrary.

It is ordered that the difference dependinge beta Robt. Letson plaintiff and Jno. Robinson defendant !

transferred to the next County Court.

A Judgement Confessed by Tho. Evans for a debt o: 400 lbs. of tobacco and Caske due from him to Mr. Wi Whitby to be payd upon the tenth day of November ne:

ensueinge alias execution.

Upon a Judgement Confessed by Geo. Bramston for debt of 500 lbs. of tobacco due from him to Henry B It is ordered that the said Bramston make payment o said debt together with Court Chardges at or upon thenth of November next ensueing alias execution.

It is ordered that the difference dependinge bet Jno. Phillips plaintiff and Francis Reeve [Reeme?] defendant be referred to the next County Court.

It is ordered by this Court that the order graun against Thomas Stephens at the suite of Geo. Kempe the 22th day of August 1646 be reversed and made vo And that the said Kempe do at or upon the tenth day October next ensueinge make payment unto Tho. Steph or his assigns 300 lbs. of tobacco and Caske togeth with Court Chardges and forbearance alias execution Alwaise provided that the said Kempe have the priviledge of the Acte of Assemblie to disacount what he justly make appeare to be due from the said Stephen unto him.

Upon a Judgement Confessed by Mr. Tho. Owen for a debt of seaventeene hundred pounds of tobacco and Caske due from him to Edward Mihill It is ordered that payment thereof be made to the said Mihill together with Court Chardges within tenn dayes otherwise execution.

Whereas Mr. Moore Fantlroy at the last Court held for this County Confessed himselfe to stand indebted unto Mr. Sam Farmer in the full and just summe of two thousand seaven hundred pounds of tobacco and Caske 2432 lbs. thereof beinge then attached at the suite of the Commissioners of this County for the said Farmer his unlicensed Carryinge away of Mr. Nath. Eaton out of this Collony. It is ordered that execution issue out against the said summe of 2432 lbs. of tobacco so by the Sheriff attached in the hands of Mr. Moore Fantlroy as aforesaid.

Whereas there was attached in the hands of Mr. Moore Fantlroy foure hundred Sixty Eight pounds of tobacco (due from him to Mr. Sam Farmer) Att the suite of Mr. Tho, Bushrode by virtue of an order graunted the last Court for the unlicensed carryinge away of Mr. Nath. Eaton out of this Collonie It is ordered that execution issue forth against the said summe of 468 lbs. of tobacco so by the sheriff attached in the hands of Mr. Moore Fantlroy as aforesaid.

It is ordered that the difference dependings betweene Jno. Coggin and Silvester Colton through the absence of the said Colton be referred to the next Court held for this County of Warwicke.

Whereas ther was Attached in the hands of Capt. Jno. Upton Eighteene hundred and thirty pounds of tobacco and Caske due from him to Mr. Sam Farmer at the suite of Mr. Tho. Bushrode by virtue of an order graunted the last Court against the estate of the said Farmer for his unlicensed carryinge away of Mr. Nath. Eaton out of this Collonie It is ordered that execution issue out against the said sume of 1830 lbs. of tobacco and Caske so by the Sheriff attached as aforesaid.

Whereas in the difference dependinge the last Coubetweene Mr. Tho. Davies Attorney of Mr. John Covers And Tho. Beadle and Tho. Harcoute the said Harcout a Beadle made an appeale to the next Quarter Court, Ar now whereas the said Beadle and Harcout hath not according to order put in securitye for his appeale accordinge to Acte of Assemblie, And they appearinge to the Court to stand indebted by specialty unto the said according to the summe of fiveteene hundred fourty the pounds of tobacco and Caske. It is ordered that the said Beadle and Harcoute make payment of the said do unto Mr. Jno. Converse or his assignes together with Court Chardges within tenn dayes otherwise execution

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[]es Merryman and Jno. Wines [?] due [
accordinge to the Acte as aforesaid Wittnes our [
[] Pyland Cl. Cur.

Whereas it appeareth to the Court that Tho. [
unto Robert Pyland in the summe of 250 lbs. of toba
It [] Stephens forthwith make payment of t
said debt together with costs of [] execu
unto the said Robt. Pyland or his assignes.

Whereas Robt. Letson was arrested to this Court answer the suit [of] Xpher Boice and he appearinge nor any bayle taken for his appearance by the Sheri It is ordered that unlesse Capt. Tho. Bernard then Sherive doe bring forth the body of the said Letson answere the aforesaid suite or so much of his estat shall be satisfactory for two barrells of Indian Co beinge the debt he was this Court impleaded for Th Judgement to passe against the said Capt. Tho. Bern for the debt aforesaid with Court Chardges.

This Court hath ordered and Admitted Gilles Sext to disacount one thousand pounds of tobacco out of owne bill due from him to Capt. Wm. Douglas and Com which bill Thomas Platt attorney of the said Capt. William Douglas and Companie now deceased delivered the hands of Christopher Boice to that end As by the oath of the said Boice taken this day in Court appeareth.

Whereas Mr. Tho. Taylor hath preferred his petit to this Court for an Attachment against the estate Richard Witt for eleaven hundred and twelve pounds tobacco It is ordered in regard that no Administrate appeareth whereby Creditors may be satisfied that a Attachment bee grannted against so much of his estates shall be satisfactorie for the said 1112 lbs. Of tobacco with Court Chardges.

It is ordered that the difference dependinge bet

Mr. Randall Crew and Doctor Richard Hall be by both their Consents referred to the next County Court.

It is ordered that Mr. Zach. Cripes as attorney of Mrs. Mary Griffith shall have an Attachment against so much of the estate of Mr. Nath. Eaton as shall be sattisfactorie for two steares and two heifers of three

yeare old apeice.

Whereas by Acte of Court bearinge date the 12th day of November 1646 it was ordered that an Attachment should issue out against so much of the estate of Robt. Castle as should be satisfactorie for three hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco and Caske and three quarters of a barrell of Indian Corne And whereas the said Attachment is returned executed. It is ordered that a Judgement be awarded against the said estate so attached And that the sheriff of this County or his Deputy after apraisment made accordinge to the Acte deliver the same into the hands of Mr. Wm. Rabnet or his assignes to the value of the debt aforesaid.

Whereas it appears that to the Court by the oath of Mr. Tho. Owen that the [re is] due to Mr. Anthonie Tibbo from the estate of Mr. Fisher deceas[ed] thirteene hundred pounds of tobacco and Caske. It is therefore ordered that payment therefore made out of the said estate by the Administrat[or] within tenn dayes together with Court Chardges alias execution.

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[] difference dependinge between R[]
[] defendant be referred unto the next []
[] Warwicke.

[Whereas] ther hath beene severall orders issued from this [Court concerni]nge all persons that are any waie interrested in orp[hans that they] exhibitt their severall Accompts at severall dayes in the [whereby such proceedings might be had and ordered [as the Act of] Assemblie in that case made and provided requireth. And wher [eas there] hath beene many delinquent in the premisses abovesaid This Cour[t hath] now ordered that all such persons inhabitinge in this County that are [any] waie interessed in orphants estates either by the waie of guardianshipp supervisorship administrator or otherwise that have not as yet given in their Accompts this year are to make their personall appearances at the house of Mr. Peter Talbot upon the tenth of May next their to exhibit their severall Accompts touchinge the said orphants and in default thereof to be mulcted and amerced in five hundred pounds of tobacco a man to be disposed of by the Commissioners to publique uses And it is further ordered that a true copie of this order be read and published

in the severall parrish Churches within this County t the end generall notice might be taken of the Content thereof.

At a Court held at the Deepe Creeke on the tenth c of May 1647.

Present Capt. Tho, Harwood Capt. Tho. Bernard Mr. Wm. Whitbie Mr. Zach. Crips Mr. Tho. Davies

Be it remembered that Garret Stephens and Tho. Tingnall was this day sworne Churchwardens for Nutme; Quarter parrish.

Mr. Tho. Taylor

Be it also remembered that Jno. Kinge was also swe

Constable for the parrish of Nutmeg Quarter.

Upon the auditinge and perfectinge of the Accompt exhibited this day in court by Tho. Tingnall (who in married the administratrix of Henry Thurmer deceased the estate of the said Henry Thurmer Ther is found ounto Thomas Thurmer the some and orphant of the said Henry Thurmer five thousand two hundred thirty and or pounds of tobacco which said quantitye of tobacco Mr Tristram Nasworthy and Mr. Jno. Chandler appoynted or seers by the said decedent is desired and requested the Court to Convert into Cattle for the said Child benifit and encrease accordinge to the will of the decedent the said Tho. [sic] Thurmer his father as aforesaid.

Whereas it appeareth to the Court by the oath of Charles Barcroft that Richard Witt lately deceased s indebted unto Stephen Warrenn of Briston marriner se pounds odd Money sterling and now whereas no Adminis trator apears wherby Creditors may be satisfied Upo the petition of Miles Carey Attorney of the aforesai Stephen Warrenn The Court hath ordered That an Attac ment shall issue out against so much of the estate o the said Witt as shall be sattisfactorie for the afo said seaven pounds sterling and what odd money hee t said Miles Carey shall make appeare to be due togeth with Court Chardges. And the said estate so Attache the Sherive of this County to detayne in his custodi untill the next ensueing Court, And then such order be awarded against it as shall be found agreable to Justice.

It is ordered that an Attachment shall issue forth at the suite of Capt. Thomas Harwood against so much of the estate of Capt. Francis Pott remayninge in this County as shall be satisfactorie for four thousand pounds of tobacco and Caske beinge tobacco which he the said Capt. Harwood is engaged for the said Capt.

Francis Pott unto Capt. Joseph Jonson.

Whereas Capt. Tho. Bernard and Mr. Edward Budden hath formerly petitioned to this Court for an extent upon the house and land of Mr. Nathaniell Eaton who lately departed this Collonie engaged to the partyes abovesaid in the summe of two thousand seaven hundred seaventie and nine pounds of tobacco And whereas it was ordered that an extent should be graunted upon the said house and land at this present Court unlesse that Mistris Eaton the wife of the said Nath. Eaton should appeare heere this Court and show Cause to the Contrarie which shee the said Mistris Eaton hath failed for to doe. The Court hath therefore ordered with the Consent and agreement of the said Capt. Bernard and Mr. Budden that the said Budden shall have an extent upon the said house and land graunted him, And that the Sherive of this County doe give him present possession provided hee the said Budden enter into bond with sufficient security for the payment of thirteene hundred and eighty pounds of tobacco with forbearance and Court Chardges unto the said Capt. Tho. Bernard or his assignes. And it is further ordered that the Sherive of this County shall summon foure appraisers who upon their oathes are to value what the said house and land shall bee worth yearly and he the said Mr. Budden after appraisement and possession to hold occupie and enjoy the same untill such tyme as his owne debt of Thirteene hundred nintye and nine pounds of tobacco and Caske with forbearance and the debt due to Capt. Bernard of 1380 lbs. of tobacco with forbearance and Court Chardges be satisfied by the rent of the said land accordinge as it shall be valued by foure men as aforesaid. And John Rabley to be satisfied his debt accordinge to the date of his order after the said Capt. Bernard and the said Budden are first satisfied, And that in the interrim the said Budden shall not make or permitt to be made any wast

upon the said house and land contrary to the true intof this order.

Whereas it appeareth to this Court that Francis R: stands indebted unto the estate of Mr. Fisher decease in a Certayne quantitye of tobacco and that likewise the said estate of Mr. Fisher is indebted unto the sa Rice upon the petition of the said Rice the Court has ordered that he the said Rice have the benefit of the Acte of Assemblie to disacount his said debt.

[Page 7] house which Mr. Peter Talbot now [for this county duringe the Sheriff [high Sheriff of this County and have [] as followeth, from a Greene cake [] of the house, and so alongst the Swamp [] old oaken stumpe marked on the side thereof And from [the end of the orchard and Cow p and from then[ce] of the said house to the Mulberry trees [] and from thence to the sai standinge green oakes as af [oresaid] the She his deputy or deputyes are hereby upon publicatio[n] hereof forthwith to call in all such prisoners as ar now under exec[ution] and to confine them according the said Acte within the said prisson and the rulles thereof. And all such prisoners are Commanded to be obedient to such confinement upon the penalty Contay in the said Acte.

Upon the request of Capt. Thomas Bernard late She of this County aleadginge that he is disabled to per his Accompts in regard Joseph Ordway whom he employe to gather up the Levies and fees due to him, decease before he yeilded up his Accompts: It is ordered the Inhabitants from the Deepe Creeke downward give Hammond a veiu [?] of what receipts the said Ordway And that those that shall refuse either to show their receipts that he may Copie them out or to prove what they have payd before the next Commission, that such persons whether they have payd or not shall for their efusall (if arested) satisfie all Costs of suite the shall be occassioned thereby.

A Judgement Confessed by John Phillips before Mr. Zach. Crips and Mr. Wm. Whitbye on the 16th day of 1 1647 for a debt of 792 lbs. of tobacco due from him Mr. Tho. Taylor by order of this Court. And he the said Thomas Taylor to receive it out of the recomper he the said Phillips is to receive of the parrishior of Denbigh parrish for and in consideration of his officiatinge in the place of Clarke of the said parr Church.

A Judgement Confessed this 16th day of May 1647 t

Mr. Tho. Kinge [?] for 456 lbs. of tobacco and one empty hhd. and one hundred of six penny nayles due from him to Tho. Osgood to be payd within tenn dayes alias execution.

Teste Robt. Pyland Cl. Cur. Com. War.

At a Court held at the Deepe Creeke in Warwick County on the xxith day of June Anno Domini 1647.

Present Capt. Tho, Harwood

Capt. Tho, Bernard Mr. Hen. Filmer Mr. Zach Crips Mr. Tho. Davies Mr. Wm. Whitbye Mr. Tho. Taylor

Be it remembered that Robt. Reeves was this day sworne Churchwarden for the parrish of Denbigh in War-

wicke County.

It is ordered that all differences dependinge betweene Arthur Purnell and Tho, Stephens be referred to the determination of Mr. Wm. Whitby and Mr. Tho. Davies who are requested by this Court to examine their Accompts and whatsoever they the said Mr. William Whitby shall find due from either of them, satisfaction to be made to the Creditor, otherwise the execution to issue out for the said Debt with Court Chardges.

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[] Capt. Brent his hand that he had the said [
[] This Court hath ordered that unlesse [
[] of the next Court put in Sir E[
[secu]ritye for the payment of 1200 lbs. of [
November next ensueinge then Execu[
Capt. Gilles Brent for the said summe of 1200 lbs. of
[] Chardges for and in Consideration of the
Dammages that he the said [] Sustayned for
want of the said Servants.

Memorandum that Mr. Tho. Owen hath promised to th[e Court] to answer the petition of Mr. Turner Clarke exhibited this Court against him. At the next Court held for this County of Warwicke.

It is ordered that Tho. Osgood shall within tenn dayes now next ensueinge sattisfie unto Richard Duninge the full and just summe of 300 lbs. of tobacco together with forbearance and Court Chardges alias execution.

Whereas it apeareth to this Court that Capt. Tho, Harwood (standeth indebted unto Capt. Joseph Jonson) as the security of Capt. Francis Pott in the summe of foure Thousand pounds of tobacco and Caske. It is ordered that the said Capt. Harwood shall within ten dayes next ensueinge put Mr. Zach. Crips and Mr. Wm. Whitby for his securitye for the payment of the said debt with forbearance and Court Chardges at or upon the tenth of November next ensueinge alias execution.

Whereas by Acte of Court bearinge date the 22th d of Aprill last past It was ordered that an Attachmen should issue out at the suite of Mr. Thomas Taylor against so much of the estate of Richd. Witt decease as should be satisfactorie for 1112 lbs. of tobacco with Court Chardges And now whereas the said Attachm is this Court returned executed and the said Mr. Tay hath made oath to the said debt It is ordered that execution issue out against the said estate so attac at the suite of the said Mr. Taylor as aforesaid.

Whereas by Acte of Court bearinge date the tenth May last past It was ordered that Miles Carey Attorn of Stephen Warren should have an Attachment granted against the estate of Richd. Witt for seaven pounds sterling And now whereas the said Attachment is this Court returned executed and he makinge proofe of the said debt It is ordered that execution issue out against the said estate so Attached as aforesaid.

It is ordered that Daniell Laine shall at or upon the tenth day of January next ensueinge sattisfie w Robt. Letson or his assigne[s] two barrells of good sound Indian Corne alias Execution.

It is ordered that the Difference dependinge beth Mr. William Whitby and George Sanders be referred to the next Court held for this County of Warwicke.

22th day of June 1647
Pr[esent] Capt. Tho. Bernard Mr. Wm. Whitbye
Mr. Zach Crips Mr. Hen. Filmer

It is ordered that the difference dependinge bet Christopher Boice p[laintiff] and Tho. Cason defend be referred to the next County Court and then judge to be awarded against the said Cason for so much to as accordinge to his bond he entred into with Jno. Sidney for his appearance to answere the said Boice suite. Provided he the said Cason have a Copie of order eight dayes before the said Court and due not and ther Come and shew Cause to the Contrary.

It is ordered that the suite dependinge betweene James Merryman and John Lewis concerninge the rent the Land and the Spoyle of the orchard belonginge u John Redish whose attorney the said Merryman is, be dismist he the said Lewis to pay all the Court Char expended in the suite.

It is ordered that Tho. Mallard shall be sattisf by the overseers of of [sic] Capt. Wm. Peirce out o

the estate of the said Capt. Wm. Peirce deceased 2000 lbs. of tobacco together with Court Chardges and on yeares interrest at or upon the tenth day of November next ensueinge alias Execution.

Upon the Cancellinge of a bill of Mr. Randall Crew of 2000 lbs. of tobacco by Doctor Richard Hall It is ordered by this Court that the said Mr. Randall Crew shall at or upon the tenth of 9ber next ensueinge sattisfie unto the said Richard Hall or his assigns 500 lbs. of tobacco together with Court Chardges allias execution.

Whereas by Acte of Court bearinge date the [blank] It was ordered that so much of the estate of Edward Gunnill should be attached at the suite of Mr. Tho. Owen as should be satisfactory for 616 lbs. of tobacco and Caske and Court Chardges and whereas the said Mr. Owen hath made proofe of his said debt this Court It is ordered that execution shall issue out against the said estate so attached at the suite of the said Mr. Owen as aforesaid.

It is ordered that James Merryman shall forthwith put in security to Robert Griffith for the payment of 300 lbs. of tobacco together with forbearance and Court Chardges at or upon the tenth of 9ber next ensueinge alias Execution.

It is ordered that the difference dependinge betweene James Merryman plaintiff and Robt. Griffith defendant be referred to the next County Court.

It is ordered that the difference dependinge between Tho. Stephens and Tho. Tingnall be by both their consents referred to the next County Court.

Whereas formerly ther was Certayne Catle attached belonginge unto John Redish upon the petition of some of the Creditors of the said Redish the Court hath ordered that the Sheriff of this County or his deputy doe forthwith summon foure apraissors accordinge to the Acte to appraise what Cattle remaines of the said Redishes and after appraisment to deliver the said C tle unto the Custodie of Capt. Samuel Mathews or his assigns who at the next Court is to allow chardge of the Creditors proportionably accordinge to their debout of the said appraisment.

It is ordered that the Comissioners of this Count in their severall Lymitts shall take [?] and exalists of all taxable goods Lands and all tithable pe sons and present their said Lists so taken to the neensueing Court.

Whereas John Rogers hath exhibited his account to this Court touchinge the estate of Wm. Keate [?] deceased wherein hee hath fully administred and desire his quiatus est in that behalfe. It is ordered that said Rogers be Clearly dischardged from all manner opersons whatsoever that may or Cann Clayme any satisfaction from him out of the said decedents estate or which he hath fully administered and a true Copie of this order under Teste shall serve for a sufficient Certificate for his Quietus est from James Citty.

At a Court held at the house of Capt. Sam. Mathev esq. 23th of June 1647. It is ordered by this Court that there be a meetinge held at the house of Capt. Thomas Harwood upon the 5th day of July next at which tyme all the Debtors to the estate of Capt. Tho. Harwood deceased are required to appeare ther personally to even the severall accompts and to give their bills for what shall rest due from th[em] to the said decedents estate And it is further ordered that all such person[s] after lawfully summoned by the Sheriff and du not then make their appearances that every person of persons that shall be found delinqu[ent] shall pay 1 the administrators of the said decedents estate 20 o[f] tobacco in every hundred as shall be then found due to the said decedents estate from every such del quent.