

At the Court held
at St. James
the 6th of November
1647
Governor
Charles Brent

Com: Dns: Colleton & required the whereas of the Court on 16th
of Octob^r. made stoppage of a Bull with the Baker was then actually
going to Appomattock, one of this province, with the Baker should
make his right appearance thereunto, at this Court. And the Court, showing
the Court, of the Baker, had not according to order from the Court, made
his appearance, but voluntarily appeared himselfe within this day, being
the 1st of the day presented in of went. & of the day of the Court. Where
fore he requested of the Court that he may be taken from out of the Sheriff's
& delivered into his, this Court's possession, he having already made his
right appearance thereunto by the oath of Walter Botwell, & George Manners,
& appears upon Record.

The Baker desired not appearing according to the Tenure of the Court, the
Court adjudged the Bull in question unto Dns: Colleton & Colleton
And likewise of the Court taking away of a writ taken viz. Blank Oycers
& Charles (Hawthorn), appointed of writs should be issued to the Sheriff, to
bring of force 2 parties to answer, at near Court, touching of the writs, with
as yett appears to have been really taken by them, unto of the Court.

M^{rs} Margaret Brent complayneth agt Thomas Bradnor, for that he of the Court
Bradnor, sometime during of late Rebellion in Kent, carried himselfe as
Capt of a certaine party of Rebels in of the Court, & made her house, his
dwelling for some time. During which time, he or his Company burned down
a house apperteyning to her, killed some cattell, & spent & wasted some
& other provisions of hers. Likewise of his house, during the burning of the house
intelligible with the Rebels, after they were dispersed of the Court, whereby she probably
believech of Kent will come to be fined & certaine cattell killed at of some time, by
of the Rebels. And likewise of the Court, Bradnor at his house hath killed
one or more Beasts apperteyning to her.
Warrant to the Sheriff ret. Decemb^r Court.

This day being the 1st of the Court, Edward Commins came before of the Court
depresseth & petitioneth that whereas he had bene committed in a writt layd agt
him in of behalf of of the Court, & he was to answer in Decemb^r. Court was
that he might answer to of the Court, this Court. And his Left Attorney, being
called, who being willing to have of the Court heard & determined in this Court. The
Court appointed of the Court Attorney to prosecute of the Court on this day.

Therefore upon of the Court of M^{rs} Margaret Brent his Left Attorney agt the
Commins on of behalf of of the Court, for writt carrying certain persons away out
of of the Court's hands, under writt. The Court made answer, that the Sheriff
forewarned him, to carry away the persons, & if they were under writt. But
conceiveth them not under writt, because they had their liberties, in going
& againe up & downe of the Court. And for having uttered any contempts, or
words either agt of the Court of of the Court, or of the Court, he utterly denyeth.
George Manners deposed in deca^u in, that he forewarned of the Court, (Commins
(being sent therfore unto him by of the Court) to carry away the persons
the of the Court, Commins made answer saying. How durst the Govern^r send