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George Byrch, a Stafford mason, reports to the J.P.s on remarks in a public house, 1656

To the Right Hon.ble the Justices of the peace
att the Generall Sessions houlden at Stafford
this 15th day of July 1656.

the petition of George Byrch of the Borrough of
Stafford in the County aforesaid, Mason
Humbley Sheweth that yo[ur] Peticion[er] in July was twelve moneth
being amongs others Imployed for the Repaireing of
Sandon Curch and Coming to the place where hee lodged
where was amongst other Company one William
Aston of Milwich: Gent: drinking of a health vnto the
Kinge treading vpon his hatt and yo[ur] petition[er] * Expressing
some dislike of * his accion the said Aston swore
hee would make yo[ur] petition[er] drink the said health which
hee refuseing to doe the said Aston threw a Cupp of
Beere in his face and fetched another Intending to
have done the like, wch yo[ur] petitioner strucke out of his
hands where vpon the said Aston in a vyolent maner
fell upon yo[ur] said petition[er]; now may it please yo[ur] worsh[ips]
for it is yo[ur] petition[er] being a souldier at that Instant
vnder Captain Leay: acquainted his Capt[ain] there of got

* Word deleted

a warrant from the Justices for to fetch in the
said Aston whoe fled and would not be found
and yo[ur] petitioner in standing in his owne defense
when the said Aston Assaulted him as aforesaid
is p[re]sented in Sandon Court for makeing afreay
and there hath a man beene severall tymes at yo[ur]
petitioner's house to haue destreined his goods. now the
p[re]mises being Considered it is the Humble request
of yo[ur] petitioner that yo[ur] worships would aford him
such releife as you in yo[ur] wisdoms shall think
fitt and hee as there vnto obleiged shall ever pray

George Byrch