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they appear before this bestry the first Tuesday in June next in Order to Clear themselves of the suspicion of Incontinency they lay under.
Order'd that Mr. George Chocke inform John Gott and Sarah Brown to appear before this bestry the first Tuesday in June next in order to Clear themselves of the Suspicion of incontinency they lay under.
Order'd that Mr. George Chocke inform Anthony Gott to attend the bestry on the first Tuesday in June next in Order to be Qualified as Church Warden according to his Election on Easter monday. This bestry adjourn'd.

At a bestry Held at the Parish Church of St. James on Tuesday the 3rd Day of June 1746.
Prest.
Mr. Thom.s Medcalf
Mr. William Mathews
Mr. George Chocke
Mr. Lam.s Tongue
Mr. Leonard Thomas
} bestrymen.

This Day did Mr. Fran.s Crandell lay before this bestry a Bill of Sale for the Pew No. 1 formerly belonging to Wm. Vernon and by him sold to Thomas Vernon and by him since sold to the said Crandell it is agreed by this bestry that the s.d Crandall Possess the s.d Pew No. 1 according to his Deed.
Then did this bestry make Choice of Mr. William Wells as Church Warden of this Parish in the Room of Mr. Joseph Chew who could not serve by Reason of his not being capable to attend, his Business not admitting of it.
Then did Anth.y Guichard appear before this bestry according to the information made that he unlawfully Cohabited with a Certain Woman, whom he Kept as a Housekeeper and upon Examination this bestry has Reason to believe

that he is guilty. Whereupon this bestry as the Law directs has admonished the said Anthony Guichard not to keep her company after this Day in any unlawfull manner.
Then did Mr. George Chocke inform this bestry that he had according to Orders last bestry Day summon'd Roger Peele John Gott and Sarah Brown and the said Anthony's House-Keeper and neither of them appear'd.
Then did the Reg.r inform this bestry that he had waited upon Mr. Samuel Smith Late Sheriff with the Acco.t of this bestry and desired him to give him an Order on Mr. Thornton for the Ball due to this bestry, he made answer he would give no Order till he had been with the bestry which he promis'd to be as this Day.
This bestry adjourn'd.

At a bestry begun and held at the Parish Church of St. James's on Tuesday the 5th Day of Aug.t 1746
Prest.
The Rev.d Mr. John Lang
Mr. James Tongue
Mr. John Miles
} bestrymen
Anthony Gott Church Warden.

This day was Anthony Gott Qualified as Church warden of this Parish by taking the several Oaths prescribed.
This day appeared Mr. John Gott before this bestry according to his summons on the first Tuesday in May and declares that he is innocent in respect to the said Sarah Brown says she's his hired Serv.t for a year and cannot part with her.
Order'd that Mr. Anthony Gott Summons Anthony Guichard and Frances Jones to appear before this bestry on the first tuesday in September next in Order to clear themselves of the Suspition they lay under of Cohabiting in an unlawfull manner.
This bestry adjourn'd.