

~~Christopher 1688 on the Court~~

Samuel Andrewes, Goodwife Spinage, & James Eaton, being all warned to the Court appeared, who were charged that they had received young persons to their houses, & some of them at vnseasonable times, who there mispent their time by card-playing, w<sup>ch</sup> tends to the corrupting of youth, w<sup>ch</sup> practise of theirs was to the great offence of many, concerning w<sup>ch</sup> they were now

called to give their answeare, wherevpon [348] Samuell Andrewes confessed it to be so & professed his hearty sorrow for the same, who also said that he had left it off, longe before it was publickly knowne. He was told, that it was matter of mourning, & the more frequent & vnseasonable the greater was the sinne, & y<sup>t</sup> if there were not such houses to receive such persons such disorders might be p<sup>r</sup>vented, w<sup>ch</sup> was a sin against God as it was a mispence of precious time, a meanes tending to the corrupting of youth, & the divells meanes to turne off their hearts from the Trueths delivered, & a transgression of the Lawes of this Colony.