

At a Court held for Kent County in the Province of Maryland at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the seventeenth day of March in the Sixteenth Year of the Dominion of Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province aforesaid and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. The same Court continued the eighteenth nineteenth twentieth the twentieth first and twenty third days of the Month Anno Domini 1729

Before

Mr. William Fryer -
Mr. Fred. Hanson -
Mr. John Evans -
Mr. George Sherwin -
Mr. Philip Howard -
Mr. George Wilson -
Mr. John Graham -
Mr. Charles Hyson -
Mr. Henry Evans -

Sheweth

Commiss. Gent.

Mr. Joseph Spring Sheriff of Kent County &c.

Off. Lordship

Kent County for the Jurors for the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor that now is for Kent County aforesaid upon their Oath do present that Catharine Banks late of Shrovetbury Parish in the County aforesaid Spinster the Servant of Mr. George Wilson the tenth day of June Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred twenty and Nine at the Parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit Fornication with a certain person to the Jurors aforesaid unknown and did permit the same unknown person thence to have carnal knowledge of her body and to beget there and there a bastard Child on the body of her the same Catharine to the high Displeasure of Almighty God to the soil & example of all others in such Case offending Contrary to the Peace of the said Lord Proprietor that now is his good Rule and Government and against the Form of the Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided

Francis Goddard
Jest Benjamin Palmer
On the back of the same bill was Indorsed as follows viz.
Bella Vera & me Tho. Hyson foreman
in her proper person comes and saith that she cannot gaming the Indictment aforesaid as against her brought nor but that she is guilty of the premises above upon her imposed as by the aforesaid Indictment is alleged and thereupon submits to the Court. Therefore it is considered by the Justices here at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the third Wednesday in March being the seventeenth day of said Month Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and thirty that the said Catharine pay the Sum of thirty Shillings Current money for her offence of committing Fornication as aforesaid and also pay the Sum of two hundred and twenty one pounds of Tobacco Cost accruing on the same aforesaid and to the officers of this Court ordered by the Court here that the said Catharine prove the begetter and thereupon she being sworn saith that a certain John Haley was the person that begett her with Child of the bastard aforesaid ordered by the Court that the aforesaid fine be paid thereupon Mr. Geo Wilson of said County promises that he will pay & safe find to the Court