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she is convicted thirty shillings Curr money of Maryland and that the said Sarah Summers be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid — Whereupon the said Sarah Summers is ordered to give good security for the payment of all fees or fees due on the Information aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever — Thereupon a certain John Williams & Joshua Merrill of Somerset County Gent. both present here in Court in their proper persons undertook and Each of them undertook for the said Sarah Summers and Each of them for the payment of all fees or fees on the Information aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever in case the said Sarah Summers doth not pay the same &c.

Thereupon the said Sarah Summers is ordered to give security for her appearance at the next Court to be held at dividing Creek in and for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday of November then next following to give Evidence on behalf of his said Lordship against the aforesaid John Parkes to the grand Jury &c.

Whereupon came here into Court the aforesaid John Williams & Joshua Merrill in their proper persons and undertook & Each of them undertook for the said Sarah Summers and acknowledged themselves indebted unto his said Lordship the Lord property of Maryland in twenty pounds Curr money of said province of their body goods or Chattles Lands or tenements to the use of his said Lordship his heirs and Successors to be made and levied. If it happen that the said Sarah Summers doe not make her personall appearance before his said Lordships Justices at the next Court to be held at dividing Creek the third Tuesday of November then next following and doe not then and there give such Evidence as she shall know on behalfe of his said Lordship against the aforesaid John Parkes and that she do depart the same Court without leave &c.

The same . . . Somerset s/ Be it remembered that Robert Ingham Henry Gent. Attorney of the Right Honorable the Lord Abolun Hobbs property that now is who for the same Lord property in this part prosecuteth doth come here into the County Court of the same Lord property held for Somerset County aforesaid to witt at dividing Creek in the same County the Nineteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fortyone before Robert King Esq. and his Associates the said Lord proprietary his Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord proprietary doth give the Court here to understand and be Informed that Abolun Hobbs late of Stepney parish in the said County of Somerset planter the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit Fornication with a certain Sarah Mears and of her body then and there had carnal knowledge and a bastard Child on the body of her the same Sarah Mears then and there did beget to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the Evil Example of all others in such case offending contrary to the peace of the Right Honorable the Lord property that now is his good rule and Government and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided. Whereupon the same Attorney of the same Lord proprietary for the same Lord property prays the advice of the Court here in the premises and that due process of Law in this part against the same Abolun Hobbs may be made to Answer unto the same Lord property of and upon the premises &c.

Thereupon Command was given to the sheriffe of Somerset County that he should take ^{the said} Abolun Hobbs if he should be found in his bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body here Immediately before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset now sitting at dividing Creek to Answer unto his said Lordship of the Information aforesaid &c.

And afterwards to witt the same day and year above mentioned came here before his Lordships Justices the said Abolun Hobbs in his proper person and had a hearing of the Information aforesaid and saith that he cannot deny but that he is Guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Information aforesaid Specified above upon him Imposed in manner & form as by the Information aforesaid above upon against him