

At a Court held for Kent County at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the Eighteenth day of March & continued the Nineteenth Twentieth Twenty First & Twenty Second Twentieth Fourth and Twentieth Fifth days of the same Month in the Fifth year of the Dominion of Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Anno Dom 1729

Before

The Worship. ^{Mr. William Trissey} ^{Mr. Fred. Hanson} ^{Mr. John Evans} ^{Mr. Geo. Shroon} ^{Mr. John Gresham} ^{Thos. Gresham} ^{John Smith}

His Lordship & the Jurors for the right Honorable the Lord Proprietor that now is for the Body of Kent County and upon their oaths do present that Priddox Blackston late of S. Pauls Parish in the County and Parishes the tenth day of July Anno Dom 1708 or there abouts did commit fornication with a certain Mary Slayfoot and then and there did beget a bastard Child on the body of her the same Mary to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil 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 such Case lately made and provided Francis God par to J. Mary Slayfoot

All the back of the same bill was Endorsed as follows. A true Bill S. Sam. Wickes Foreman

And the said Priddox Blackston now here at this Court on the Eighteenth day of March Anno Dom 1728 In his proper person comes and saith that he cannot gain say the Indulment and so as against him bro. nor that he is guilty of the promise above upon him imposed as by the said Indulm. it is alleged and thereupon submits to the Court Therefore it is considered by the Court here by at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the third Tuesday in March being the Eighteenth day of said Month Anno Dom 1728 or there abouts hundred and twenty eight That the said Priddox Blackston pay the Sum of thirty Shillings current money it being for his fine for committing of the said offence of fornication against an Act of Assembly in such Case lately made & provided and also pay the Sum of two hundred and Ninety pounds of Tobacco Cash accruing on the promise and so.

Ordered that Surty for fees be given on which John Gresham of said County came into Court and saith that he will pay all the fees arising out of Indulm.

Ordered that Surty be given to Fear of County from the Serge ab. the Child on which Christ. Bateman jun. and Nub Davis both of said County Planters came into Court and acknowledged themselves Indebted to the right Honorable the Lord Proprietor his heirs and Successors in the Sum of Five Thousand