

At a Provincially Court held at Putuxent the  
14<sup>th</sup> of may 57.

Liber B.  
No. 3.

Present	{	M <sup>r</sup> Richard Preston :	m <sup>r</sup> Phillip Morgan
		M <sup>r</sup> Mich: Brookes	m <sup>r</sup> William Parratt
		m <sup>r</sup> Iohn Hatch	

m<sup>r</sup> Peter Sharpe plft }  
 Robt Harwood deft } Whereas m<sup>r</sup> Peter Sharpe hath Com-  
 menced a Suite against Robert Hurwood in  
 the behalf of his the Said plft Daughter in Law Elizabeth  
 Gary, And the Defendant Craving a Reference, The Court  
 hath Ordered that the hearing and Determining of the Cause  
 be referred to the Next Generall Court, and that the Defend-  
 ant Stand Committed untill he give Good Securitie then and  
 there to answer to the plft Charge, And that the Said Elizabeth  
 Gary be farther Examined before m<sup>r</sup> Michael Brookes and m<sup>r</sup>  
 Rich: Preston Concerning the busieness within Specified.

Elizabeth Gary aged 24 yeares or thereabouts Sworne and  
 Examined Saith, that about three yeares Since, That Robert  
 Harwood began his first pretend love towards me, and Ever  
 Since through his Suggestions and Delusions, hath he followed  
 me withall, Still, till at a Certaine time about a year Since fol-  
 lowed me to the Garden, where my mother Sent me to gather  
 a Sallett never left his attempt till he forced me to yeild to lye  
 with him, and farther your Deponent Sayth, that after he had  
 obtained his filthie desire and lust upon me Said that now I  
 Should nor Could not have any other Man but him, And  
 farther your Deponent Saith That at Severall times I told him, p. 270  
 that I would not have him, were it not for discovering that  
 filthie Act he Committed with me, And the Said Harwood  
 made me Answer againe, that he did know what he did, for  
 he had no other way, to keep me but by that in lying with me  
 And not only do declare that whilst I Live, I vow never to  
 have him as a husband, I'l rather die first and farther your  
 Deponent Saith not

Iurat Coram me Decimo tertio  
 maj 57      Phill Morgan

Elizabeth Gary

The Deposition of Sarah Benson aged 26 years or there-  
 abouts Sworne Saith, That in August Last Sitting at m<sup>r</sup> Sharps  
 Landing with Elizabeth Gray talking of Robert Harwood, I  
 asked her when She was to be Married, She replied never, if  
 her mother Could help it (to him) your Deponent told her that  
 the Said Harwood was a going away from their house, She  
 replied it would be better for them, but your Deponent told  
 her, that She would forgett him but the Said Gary replied,