

Whereupon In pursuance of the said Act this Court orders that the said Francis Jennings gent^e & present high sherrife of this County doe send forthwith for the said weights scales and other materialls in the said Act mentioned to the vallue of eight hundred pound weight in this County for every respective Towne which is for seven Townes (with lesser weights proportionably with the fifty shipes Included in the said eight hundred pound). And the said m^r. Francis Jennings shall be paid as is mentioned by Act of Assembly for doe doing so

The same day Commission Present vizt Coll^o Wm Colborne Capt^o James Browne m^r. William Brewster m^r. Robert m^r. Thomas Newbold m^r. Edm^r. Innes m^r. Sam^l Hopkins m^r. the sherrif

Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r ag^t in Emulatione Draper

and there upon

And where upon the Lord Prop^r attorney Generall & faithfully Katherine Emulatione now by the name of Katherine Draper was summoned to answer unto the R^h hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r in that the said Katherine not contented to have committed the horrible & shameful sin of fornication but (concealing & wickedly intending to conceal the birth of a bastard Child) did the same deny and to perpetrate & wickedness did away her selfe from the conversation of all such women whereby the s^d Child is now borne & dead the Lord Prop^r attorney Generall judgement ag^t the said Katherine Emulatione Draper as in Law is in that case provided for

The said Katherine owned her fact as being delivered of a bastard Child full borne in the said was begott on her body by ^{Wm} John Waterb some m^r. vizt but denies the guilt part of the Judgement whereupon Thomas Poulter & Wm^r the Kingdome were sworn & ex^o upon their oaths saith to the effect of Francis y wife of Thomas Poulter who declared upon oath as followeth before Capt^o David Browne & m^r. James Round two of his Lordships Justices vizt The Dep^t of Francis Poulter aged forty three or thereabouts saith That the woman by name as for her surname I know it not was at the house of yo^r Deponent on a Sunday at night yo^r Deponent being sick with a fever & ague and the said woman was without the doore of yo^r Deponents dwelling house did cry out for helpe to overcome by name Geleb. Musketaine & desired for her to come & helpe her but my husband awaking called out to Geleb doe you not hear the woman my husband calling so did awaken me the deponent then getting out of my bed went to the woman brought her into my Chamber dwelling house of yo^r Deponent and with my own hands did deliver her of a man Child full borne or dead born And further yo^r Deponent saith not / Francis P. Poulter made Memorandum that this day (vizt) the twentieth of January A^o 1607 came the above mentioned Francis and made oath upon the holy Evangelists that the above said was the true & the whole truth of what she knoweth of Katherine Emulatione being delivered of a dead Child

Sworne before us } David Browne }
James Round

Geleb Musketaine appeared being summoned who was ex^o but not upon oath This Court ord^r That Katherine Emulatione shall have fifteen lashes or stripes well laid on the bare back and after wards ordered upon her petition being with Child to be remitted for present & ord^r that the sherrif take her into custody untill she give security for her behaviour during pleasure of the Court