

March Court 1725

Court here on the third Tuesday of March being the fifteenth Day of  
 2<sup>d</sup> Month Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and twenty five the Day  
 of Return of s<sup>d</sup>. writt Endorsed as folo<sup>s</sup>. viz<sup>t</sup>. *Con. Corp<sup>o</sup> of Fred<sup>o</sup>. Hanson sh<sup>r</sup>.  
 Kent County s<sup>r</sup>.* The Jurors for the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup>. of that wor<sup>sh</sup>.  
 is for the body of Kent County a<sup>d</sup> upon their oath do prove that *Thath<sup>r</sup>.  
 Shaw* of *Shrewsbury* parish in the County a<sup>d</sup> Similer the twenty Day  
 of April Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and twenty five at the  
 parish a<sup>d</sup> in the County a<sup>d</sup> within the Jurisdiction of this Court  
 Did Commit Fornication with a certain person to y<sup>t</sup>. Jurors a<sup>d</sup> unknown  
 and Did permit the same unknown person then and there to have  
 carnal knowledge of her body and to begett then and there a certain  
 Child on the body of her the same *Thath<sup>r</sup>. Shaw* to y<sup>t</sup>. Right D<sup>is</sup>plea<sup>s</sup>  
 sure of Almighty God to the Evill Example of all others in such  
 Case offending Contrary to the Peace of the s<sup>d</sup>. Lord Prop<sup>r</sup>. of that wor<sup>sh</sup>.  
 is his Good Rule and Government and against the Form of the  
 Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided or —

Francis Corfield

On the Back of y<sup>t</sup>. a<sup>d</sup> Judgment was as folo<sup>s</sup>. viz<sup>t</sup>. —  
 Anno Bill by W<sup>m</sup>. Corfield Foreman —

And the a<sup>d</sup> *Thath<sup>r</sup>. Shaw* in her proper person Comes and Sent to  
 that she cannot gainsay the Judgment a<sup>d</sup> so was a<sup>d</sup> against her.  
 Brought nor but that she is guilty of the premises above upon her  
 Imposed as by the a<sup>d</sup> Judgment it is alledged and there upon  
 Submits to the Court — Therefore it is Considered by the Justices  
 a<sup>d</sup> here to wit at the Court house in the Town of *Hester* in s<sup>d</sup>. County  
 this fifteenth Day of March Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred  
 twenty five that the a<sup>d</sup> *Thath<sup>r</sup>. Shaw* pay the Sum of Six  
 hundred pounds of Tobacco a fine for her a<sup>d</sup> offence of Committing  
 Fornication in form a<sup>d</sup> Confess to the use of the County of *Kent*  
 according to Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided as at  
 the Sum of three hundred and thirty three pounds of Tobacco Cost  
 remaining on the premises a<sup>d</sup> to the officers of this Court —

James Smith