

to wit at Front County and the first Day of October Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and twenty at the Parish and in Front County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court Did Commit adultery with a certain Elizabeth Pashell and then and there did begetta Bastard Child on the Body of her the same Elizabeth to the high Displeasure of Almighty God to the vile Example of all others in such Case offending Contrary to the Pleas of the said Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> of that wisd his Good Rule and Government and against the Form of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided ~

Test Eliz<sup>th</sup> Pashell  
Francis Per Saed ~

On the Back of the preceding Judgment was as follows viz ~  
A true bill of the same Wishes foreman ~

The s<sup>r</sup> John Evans Produced to the Court the following Petition and Volls prosequi which the Court allow off and orders to be entered viz ~

Maryland s<sup>t</sup>. To Cha. Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Province of Maryland  
The Pet<sup>r</sup> of John Evans of Front County Humbly sheweth that  
Last March Court held for Front County of your Petitioner upon the base & single testimony of a certain Eliz<sup>th</sup> Pashell a woman of very ill fame and of an unchristian Diabolical Disposition was Judged by the Names of John Evans Cole of St. Pauls Parish in the County of Gentlemen for that he the same John there and yet having a Lawfull wife at the County of the first Day of October Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and twenty at the Parish and in the County and within the Jurisdiction of that Court Did Commit adultery with the same Eliz<sup>th</sup> and Did Beget on the body of her the same Eliz<sup>th</sup> a bastard Child Now so it is may it please your Hon<sup>ty</sup> the same Eliz<sup>th</sup> some time in the Month of October last then being serv<sup>t</sup> to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> was Delivered of a Base born Child at the House of yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> and in the time of her throes of travell when it is Reasonable to believe of most wicked would if ever Declare nothing but the truth it being then required and Demanded of her by the woman that was then assembl<sup>d</sup> to her and assistance Did Declare more and Acknowledge that a certain Edm<sup>und</sup> Humphrey was the Father and the begetter of the Child she then was in pain travell with and further the same Eliz<sup>th</sup> being afterward Examined sworn before Mr Simon Wilmer one of the Justices of the Peace for yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> at the Court of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> next ensuing y<sup>e</sup> Month of Dec<sup>r</sup> and at the time of her Delivery and when the same Justice of the Peace