

August Court 1726

gave the same Eliz. all the admonition and necessary Cautions requisite in  
 such Cases not to endanger her Soul, by taking a false oath nor wrongfully  
 accusing any person by a false Charge, after all which the same Eliz. on the  
 Eleventh Day of Nov. 2<sup>d</sup> in the a<sup>d</sup> took her Corporal oath upon the  
 Holy Evangelist of Almighty God before the same Justice of Peace that  
 the a<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Humphrey was the true Father and Begotten of the a<sup>d</sup>  
 Child notwithstanding w<sup>ch</sup> oath and the several Declarations  
 Confessions and Acknowledg<sup>mt</sup>s of her s<sup>r</sup> Eliz. She the same Eliz.  
 without any just Cause or Reason but purely <sup>thru</sup> Seducom<sup>t</sup> of the Devil the  
 Father of vice & Evil as forward at the March Court for the a<sup>d</sup> family appeared  
 before the same Court and there and there being admitted to Declare who was  
 the Begotten of the a<sup>d</sup> Child Did there and there last said upon  
 her Corporal oath administered in open Court Declare and Swear that  
 the a<sup>d</sup> John Evans yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> was the Father thereof whereupon the  
 Grand Jury for the body of the same County to y<sup>r</sup> great Surprise of y<sup>r</sup> more  
 thinking Sort of men found upon such her oath in Court as w<sup>th</sup> without  
 any other Evidence y<sup>t</sup> but of Judgment a<sup>d</sup> against yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> as being  
 the Father & Begotten of the a<sup>d</sup> Bastard Child w<sup>ch</sup> the same Eliz. often  
 before had not only owned but swore to be y<sup>r</sup> Child of the a<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Humphrey  
 w<sup>ch</sup> same W<sup>m</sup> its very notorious frequently and the Company of her the  
 same Eliz. at unreasonable hours and as it is supposed being conscious  
 of his Guilt and Dreading the Damages that might arise from the  
 Consequence of his Intimacy with her, run away & was since heard of  
 by y<sup>r</sup> knowledge of yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> which lying is as yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> is advised a most  
 strong and violent Circumstance of Guilt Further your s<sup>r</sup> Shows  
 your Hon<sup>r</sup> that the same Eliz. is a Servant for some time to a person in y<sup>r</sup>  
 County a<sup>d</sup> near Neighbour of yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> who purchased her of yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> and  
 that if yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> should take a legal issue his plea of Non Cul<sup>pa</sup> be acquitted  
 by his Country as there is not any Doubt but he would yet the same Elizabeths  
 Circumstances such and some are that yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> stands no chance for his  
 Charges and Costs in about the Suit laid out and expended tho as he is  
 advised no better Action can be then he might have against her for such  
 Malicious wicked & wrongful Prosecution were he able or in a Condition  
 to repay his Damages but as the Case is such a Prosecution against her  
 would be only still Burthening your s<sup>r</sup> with a further load of Charges  
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