

March Court 1726

Shert County. The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor that now is for Shert County and upon their Oath do present that Alice Brown late of Sherwoodbury Parish in the County of Spinkster the tenth Day of March Anno Dom <sup>one thousand</sup> seven hundred twenty and five at the parish and in the County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain person to the Jurors and unknown and did permit the same unknown person then and there to have carnal knowledge of her body and to begett thereon and there a bastard Child on the body of her the same Alice to the high Displeasure of Almighty God to the evil Example of all others in such Case offending Contrary to the peace of the said Lord Proprietor that now is his good rule and Government against the form of the Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided

Francis Clerk sworn

On the back of the preceding bill was Endorsed as follows

True bill Samuel Grooms Foreman

At the said Alice in her proper person comes and saith that she cannot gain say the Indictment and so as against her brought nor but that she is guilty of the premises above upon her Imposed as by the Indictment it is alleged and thereupon Submits to the Court

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here this twenty first day of March Anno Dom seven hundred twenty six that the said Alice Brown pay the sum of six hundred pounds of Tobacco as a fine for her and Offence in committing fornication in form and Confess to be applied for the use of this County according to Act of Assembly ex. as also a sum of two hundred and forty three pounds of Tobacco to be awarded on the premises and to the Officers of this Court

Sam Smith Clerk

The said Alice <sup>Brown</sup> being ordered to prove the begetter of her Child declares on her Oath Administered to her on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that William Coursoy of Shert County Planter is the Father of her last born Child which she was delivered of

Robert Brown of Shert County Planter and present here in Court in his proper person Assumes to pay the fine and Officers fees in the Judgment and specified amounting to eight hundred forty three pounds of Tobacco and thereupon the said Alice Brown is therefrom acquitted