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In the Back of y<sup>e</sup> preceding Judgment was as fol<sup>o</sup>. viz<sup>t</sup> True Bill  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Groome fornic<sup>r</sup>.

And the said Hannah Ward for her proper person comes ~~and~~  
saith that she cannot gainsay the Judgment afo<sup>r</sup> as afo<sup>r</sup> against her h<sup>o</sup>.  
nor but that she is guilty of the promises above upon her imposed as by the  
afo<sup>r</sup> Judgment is alleged and therefore submits to the Court. —  
Therefore it is considered by the Justices here last at the Court house in  
the Town of Boston in the County of Middlesex this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June Anno Dom<sup>o</sup>  
seventeen hundred and twenty seven that the s<sup>d</sup> Hannah Ward  
Receive at the publick Whipping post eleven lashes well laid on her bare  
Back till the Blood appears as a punishment for her afo<sup>r</sup> Crime of committing  
fornication in Fornage Court also it is considered that she pay the sum  
of three hundred and fifty eight pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup>. Costs Accounting on y<sup>e</sup>  
promises afo<sup>r</sup> by officers of this Court —

Jam<sup>s</sup> Smith

Ordered by the Court here at this Day to wit the Day and year last menti-  
oned that the Sher<sup>o</sup> of the County of Middlesex take the said Hannah Ward into  
his Custody and Execute the punishment in the Judgment afo<sup>r</sup> specified  
and afterwards to bring her into Court againe of which precept the s<sup>d</sup>  
Sher<sup>o</sup> to wit John Gresham Gent. High Sher<sup>o</sup> of the County of Middlesex makes return  
on the Day and year last said that he hath Executed the s<sup>d</sup> Judgment and  
also hath here y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Hannah Ward before y<sup>e</sup> Court —

Ordered by the Court here that the said Hannah Ward prove y<sup>e</sup> Father  
of the Child in the Judgment afo<sup>r</sup> specified who Declares on y<sup>e</sup> holy  
Evangelists of Almighty God that a certain Samuel Hudson is y<sup>e</sup>  
Father of y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>r</sup> Child —

Ordered by the Court here that the Sher<sup>o</sup> of the County of Middlesex  
take the said Hannah Ward in safe Custody until she shall satisfy y<sup>e</sup> Costs in  
y<sup>e</sup> Judgment afo<sup>r</sup> specified —

His Lordship's Writt bearing date at his Lordship's Suit against  
the s<sup>d</sup> Sarah to answer unto an Judgment for fornication  
Sarah Durity — The Sher<sup>o</sup> of the County of Middlesex to wit  
was directed makes return thereto to this Court here  
on the third Tuesday of June being the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of s<sup>d</sup> Month Anno  
Dom<sup>o</sup> 1727. the Day of Return of s<sup>d</sup> writt endorsed as fol<sup>o</sup>. viz<sup>t</sup> —

Copi<sup>o</sup> Cap<sup>o</sup> J<sup>o</sup> Gresham Sher<sup>o</sup>  
The Justices for the Right Hon<sup>o</sup>. the Lord Prop<sup>o</sup> that now is  
for the County of Middlesex their oaths do present that Sarah Durity late of  
St. Pauls parish in y<sup>e</sup> County of Middlesex the tenth Day of August Anno  
Dom<sup>o</sup>