

March Court 1724

And the said Ann Spray in her proper power Comes and Defends the force and Injury when she and saith that she cannot gain say but that she is guilty of Committing fornication as by the s<sup>d</sup>. Judgment it is alledged & thereupon Submits to the Court And the s<sup>d</sup>. Ann being ordered to prove the Father of her Child It is made appear that she is a fornicat And that her Ime is not Comptented w<sup>th</sup> she Confesses thereupon it is adjudged that her Oath be not Good in Law Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here this twentieth Day of March Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and twenty four that the said Ann Spray be rowed at the publick whipping post twenty one Lashes well laid on her bare back till the blood appear as a punishment for her said Crime of Committing fornication in Form aforesaid for so much as that she pay the sume of two hundred & Sixty Seven pounds of Tobacco Cests accruing on the promises aforesaid to the officers of this Court.

Jam<sup>s</sup> Smith

Ordered that the Sher of Trout County take of said Ann Spray into his Custody and Execute the Lashes in the Judgment aforesaid Specified, of which precept the s<sup>d</sup>. Sher to wit Fred<sup>r</sup>. Hanson Gent High Sher of Trout County now here at this Day to wit the Day and year aforesaid makes Return thereof in these words to wit Endorsed viz

Executed for me Fred<sup>r</sup>. Hanson Sher

Ordered that the said Ann Spray after the Expiration of her present Service serve her Master Nathaniel Ricketts four Months for his Charges and trouble in bringing her to Bed & Disgrace of his family &c.

Ordered by Nathaniel Ricketts <sup>to allow in the Court</sup> ten shill. Curr. money of Month from the twelfth Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> last to Novemb<sup>r</sup>. Court next ensuing for keeping and Maintaining of said Ann Sprays Child

Ordered that if said Ann Spray be sent to her Masters service and that she be Delivered up to the Court at y<sup>e</sup> Expiration of her time to satisfy the Charges the County hath Expended on her Account