

W. John Gresham acknowledges that he hath received the fine and
 ordered by the Court here that security be given to the County undisputed
 from any charge that hath or shall arise by means of the said bastard Child
 Merrett comes into Court Thomas Stather of Kent County Planter and
 acknowledges himself indebted to the Right Honourable the Lord Propy in the sum
 of five thousand pounds of tobacco to be paid to his said Lord Ship his heirs
 and Assigns and to be made and Levoyd on his body goods and Chattells
 Lands and Tenements Conditionally That if the said bastard Child be got on the
 body of the said Sarah shall not be of any charge to this County otherwise
 he the same Thomas Stather acknowledges himself contented
 Sam Smith

W. His Ship. Kent County s/ Memorandum that James Francis Gant
 Attorney of the right Honourable the Lord Propy that now is
 Richard Houghton for the County who for the same Lord Propy in this part
 prosecuteth doth come here into Kent County Court before William Frisby Esq^r and his
 associates his Lordships Justices of the same County to wit at Cheller Town in the said
 County the twenty first day of June Anno Domini Seventeen hundred thirty and two
 and for the same Lord Propy doth give the Court here to understand and be informed
 that Richard Houghton late of St. Pauls Parish in the County of Labourer the
 tenth day of June Anno Domini Seventeen hundred thirty and one at the Parish
 and in the County and within the Jurisdiction of this did Commit fornication with
 Sarah Beyer and then & there did beget a bastard child on the body of the same
 Sarah contrary to the peace of the said Lord Propy his good rule and Government
 and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made & provided to
 wherefore the said Attorney prayeth the advice of the Court here in the premises
 for the said Lord Propy and due process of Law against the said Richard in this part
 to issue to answer to the said Lord Propy of and upon the premises &c.

And the said Richard Houghton here into Court in his proper person cometh
 and saith that he cannot gainsay the Information and Suit against him brought
 nor can he say but that he is guilty of the premises above of Committing the
 fornication with the said Sarah Beyer as aforesaid mentioned and thereupon Submits
 to the Court. Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here to wit at a Court
 held for Kent County at the Court House in the Town of Cheller in said County on the third
 Tuesday in June being the twentieth day of said Month Anno Domini Seventeen hundred &
 thirty two That the said Richard Houghton pay the Sum of thirty Shillings Current
 money as a fine for Committing the fornication and in form of Costs also it
 is Considered that the same Richard pay the Sum of two hundred and
 fivescore pounds of tobacco costs and Charges incurred on the premises and be
 ordered by this Court that the same Richard Houghton do give Security
 give Security for the fees and Mercesson John Hankin & James Stout both of
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