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is who for the same Lord Proprietary in this part prosecuteth doth come  
there into the County Court of the same Lord Proprietary held for the County  
and to wit at New Town in the same County the twentieth day of Aug.  
anno Domini Seventeen hundred thirty and four before James Harris  
Esq. and his associates the said Lord Proprietary his Justice of the  
same County Court and for the same Lord Proprietary doth give the same  
Justice here to understand and be informed that Benjamin Cleaver late  
of St. Pauls parish in the County of Lancaster the first day of July anno  
Domini Seventeen hundred thirty three at the parish of in the County  
and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with  
Elizabeth Evans of the same County Spinster and of her body  
then and there had carnal knowledge and a bastard child on the  
body of her the same Elizabeth then and there did beget to the high  
displeasure of almighty God to the evil example of all others in such  
care offending contrary to the peace of the said Lord Proprietary his  
good rule and Government and against the form of the Act of  
Assembly in such made and provided. Wherefore the same Attorney  
of the said Lord Proprietary for the same Lord Proprietary prayeth the  
advice of the Court here in the premises and that due process of Law in  
this part against the said Benjamin may be made to answer unto  
the same Lord Proprietary and upon the premises &c. Francis

And now here at New County at the Court house in the Town of New  
in said County on the third Monday in August being the twentieth day of  
said month anno Domini Seventeen hundred and thirty and  
four came his said Lordship by his attorney and the same Benjamin  
in his proper person comes and defends the force and injury when he said  
saith that he cannot gain say the Information of so as against him  
brought nor can he say out that he is guilty of the premises above  
upon him imposed as by the said Information it is alleged and  
whereupon submits to the Court. Therefore it is considered  
by the Justice here to wit the same day and year last mentioned that the  
said Benjamin Cleaver do find the sum of thirty Shillings Current money  
as a fine for committing the fornication of in form of Court of and  
also pay the sum of four hundred Ninety Six pence of Tobacco  
cost accruing on the premises and to the officers of the Court.  
Ordered by this Court that the fine and be delivered this here of