

and now here at the third tuesday in August the same court last mentioned came the  
 aforesaid Edwards and appeared and prayed her surely recognizance for her appear-  
 ance might be discharged ordered by the court here that the same recognizance  
 be discharged as prayed Charles Smith and his recognizance taken as aforesaid  
 recognizance taken for the appearance of the aforesaid Edwards is by this court  
 here discharged there being no cause shown to the contrary

The Examination upon oath of Joan Edwards saith that she is with child by  
 Thomas Martin and the deponent saith that he is the begitter and no other taken  
 before me this first day of July 1734. *Benj Blackiston*

Whereupon this court orders that *Jeremie Francis* Clerk of the Indictment  
 of this court exhibits an Information against the aforesaid Thomas Martin on  
 the aforesaid complaint after which came the aforesaid attorney for his Lordship  
 and exhibits the Information on the same which is as follows the words of  
 the County &c. Be it remembered that *Jeremie Francis* Gent. attorney of the right  
 honorable the Lord proprietary that now is who for the same Lord proprietary in this  
 part presents doth come here into the County Court of the same Lord proprietary  
 held for that County at the Court Town in the County of the twentieth day  
 of August anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty four before *Jeremie Harris*  
 Esq. and his associates the said Lord proprietary his Justices of the same County Court  
 and for the same Lord proprietary doth give the same Justices here to understand and be  
 informed that *Thomas Martin* late of *St. Pauls* parish in the County of *Planters* the tenth  
 day of June anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty three at the parish aforesaid in the County  
 aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this court did commit fornication with a certain Joan Edwards and  
 of her body then and there had carnal knowledge and a bastard child on the body of her the same Joan  
 Whom and there did beget 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 proprietary his good rule and Government and  
 against the form of the act of assembly in such case 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 aforesaid Thomas may be made  
 to answer unto the said Lord proprietary of and upon the premises. *Jeremie*  
 and the same Thomas in his proper person comes and denies the force and injury whereof  
 and saith he is in no sort guilty of the premises above upon him imposed and thereupon  
 puts himself on the Country. *Thomas in propria persona*

After which came into court the aforesaid Thomas Martin and saith that notwithstanding the  
 averment aforesaid he comes and withdraws his plea aforesaid and now saith that he cannot  
 gainsay the Information as above suggested but that he is guilty of the fornication  
 as by the aforesaid Information it is alleged and thereupon submits to the Court *Thomas*  
 which is considered by the Justices here to wit at their County of the Court house in the town of *Charleston*  
 in said County on the third tuesday in August being the twentieth day of said Month anno  
 Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty four that the same Thomas Martin to have  
~~upon his bare back~~ *to* daily and last his well laid on his bare back till the blood appears  
 as a punishment for committing the fornication aforesaid in form aforesaid and also pay  
 the sum of five hundred and eight pounds of Tobacco lost accruing on the premises  
 aforesaid to the officers of this Court. It is also considered by the Court here the day  
 and year last mentioned that the sheriff of the County take the aforesaid Thomas Martin into his  
 custody and execute the punishment in the Judgment aforesaid specified and then to bring  
 him into court againe of what precept *John Graham* Gent. Sheriff of the County made  
 return that he had executed the punishment in the Judgment aforesaid specified in *Graham*