

Ordered by this Court here that the sd Sarah provide the boy of the said Child sd, and upon her Oath declare that John Merry is the begger of the Child sd mentioned

This Lordship's Command was given to the Sheriff of the County on the 22. day of March in the 24th year of his Majesty King George's Dominion

the year of Our Lord God One thousand seven hundred thirty and eight that he should take John Merry late of Kent County, Labourer if he should be found in his Parish & then safe keep & that he have his body before the Justices of our County Court immediately now held at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County to answer unto the right honourable the Lord Prop^r of

Concerning an Indictment of fornication against him found And that the said Sheriff have at the time & place of the said Writ to And now here to wit at Kent County Court at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the Day and year of last mentioned Com^o Simon Wilmer Justice of

of Kent County made return thereof to the Court here then on Indorved as follows Viz^t Legi Legum J^r Wilmer Sheriff of Kent County J^r The Jurors for the right honourable the Lord Prop^r that now is for the body of Kent County ad upon their

Oath do present John Merry late of Kent County, Labourer on the first Day of December Ann^o Dom^o One thousand seven hundred and thirty Eight at Kent County ad did Commit fornication with a certain Sarah Turner and then and there had carnal

knowledge of her body and then and there did beget on the body of her the said Sarah Turner a Bastard Child against the Peace of the said County and against the form of the Act of Parliament in that behalf made and provided

On the Bench of the sd Indictment was Indorved as follows Viz^t A True Bill Chiv^t Hall

And now here to wit at Kent County Court at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the third Tuesday of March being the twentyeth day of said month in the year of Our Lord God One thousand seven hundred thirty Eight Com^o the sd Lord Prop^r by Joshua George his Attorney & Prayeth that the sd John Merry be to the Indictment ad may answer

And the sd John Merry in his proper person comes and defends the force & injury whereof he is accused and he cannot gainway the Indictment ad as an