

By the Ex^{ra} the Govern^r & Council the 29th 1698

Upon Representation Ordered that the several Officers within the Province Officializing in any publick employ within the County and to whom fees for doing business are properly belonging doe not exact or take any other fees than what by Law are set and allowed to be taken and that for the future no publick papers be Carried out of the Port of Annapolis, but that all business there done be made up and finished in that place and the papers thereof lodged in their proper Offices there. hereby commanding the Sheriffs of the Province to publish this Order in all publick places, within their respective Counties.

Signed by Order. Hen: Deulen. Secy

Esau Bostons Petition read & Continued till June Court that the Will of Ambrose Dixon appear. &c.

His Matie Contra

Somerset County

Elizabeth Osbourne at a Court held at Dorchester Week 1st 2nd Tuesday in November last past on their Oath do present Elizabeth Osbourne for that the said Elizabeth not having the fear of God before her eyes, but moved by & instigation of the Devil Kate Compton fornication & born a Bastard Child contrary to the Statute & act the form of the act of this matter in that Case provided. Sent. Per presentm.

The Indictment being read to which the said Elizabeth Confessed & declared that Charles Hamfitt was the father of her late Bastard Child. Whereupon the Wth Court Ordered that I do give bond for the said Charles, and that the said Eliz. give good security for her fine & fees to appear the next Court in June to present the said Charles &c. Whereupon came the said Eliz Osbourne with her security Thomas Bromley and the said Eliz & Thomas did acknowledge themselves jointly & severally in the sum of five thousand pounds of lawful money to be paid unto our Sovereign Lord the King, due to be levied on their goods & Chattels lands & Tenements for the said matter.

The Condition of which Recognizance is such that if the above said Eliz Osbourne do well & truly unto our Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs or Successors the sum of four hundred pounds of lawful money all Offences fees, and also make her personal appearance at our next County Court to be held the 2nd Tuesday in June next to present the above said Charles Hamfitt. that then the Recognizance to be void & of none effect otherwise to be & remaine in full force & Virtue.

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