August Court 1708

A gaine meets —

August 25 The Worsh.ll Co — { Col. Edward Blay, Col. William Pearce, Mr. Phillip Hopkins } Commission.rs Present

Yesterday minutes read & approved off

Benj.a Blackleach Jun.r appl.d to his Recognizance taken by Mr. John Carvile one of her Majesties Justices of the Peace for Said County for that he of Sd Benj.a was bound to y.e peace and to be of good behav.r to all her Magesties Liege people & Especially to James Galloway & his wife and to appeare heer at this Court this day —

The Said Benjamin prays that he may be Discharged from his Recognizance as also the appr.s w.ch was Accordingly done there noe person appearing to shew any Reason Cause to the Contrary

As also his Securitys were Discharged from there Recognizance w.ch was bound for the Said Benjamins appearance

Jam.s Smithwick —

Mr. John Carvill and Mr. William Potts Sitts now —

Mr. Joseph Hopkins takes all the Oath appointed in due form as also the Oath of Justice to the private Commission of the Peace —

Eliz.a Mellor being Presented by the Grand Jury last June Court for Committing fornication w.th a Certaine Peter Defonee of this County and being by Michael Earles Clark of the Indictments formed into bill w.ch follows in these words Viz.t

Kent County in Maryland ss/ The Jurors for our Soveraigne Lady y.e Queene that is for the body of Said County upon there Oath doe present Elizabeth Mellor of Kent County Spinster Otherwise called Elizabeth Mellor of the Same County Spinster for that the the Said Elizabeth at hundred within y.e Jurisdiction the Feare of God before her eyes not having but being lead by the Instigation of the Devill & the Carnall desires of the flesh on the 31 day of August Anno Dom.i 1707 And Severall times as well before As Since being a Single woman did Committ fornication with & had Carnall knowledge of the body of a certaine Peter Defonee of the aforesaid County Planter to the great Scandall of Christian Religion against her Magesties peace & Contrary to a Certaine Act of Assembly in Such Cases made & provided

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