

March Court 1714/15

Body of Kent County upon their Oath do affirm that Mary Jones late of Worton Hundred in the County of Kent on the first day of March in the first year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King George of Great Brittain &c. at Worton Hundred in the County of Kent within the Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before her eyes not having did comitt fornication with a certain Negro man to the Jurors unknown and did thereby suffer herself to begett with Child to the High Displeasure of Almighty God against the peace of our Sovereigne Lord the King that now is his Crown & Dignity & against the Forme of an Act of assembly of this Province now in force in such Case made & provided. Johnson & Dowd Page

Evidance Henry Blackiston
Billa Vera & Dowd Plesse for man

and the said Mary in her proper person appeared to the said Judit. and prayd that she may have an atty. to plead for her Thom Bowne is ordered to be her atty. and now comes the said Mary by Thomas Bowne her atty. and defends the force and injury wherof. And for plea saith that she is not guilty of the premises and for tryal puts herself on the County of Kent and he who prosecutes for our Sovereigne Lord the King says she is guilty. Johnson & Dowd Page

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he cause to come here Twolin &c. Bywhome &c. Who neither &c. To Acquie &c. Because as well &c. and the Sheriff came and made return of his said procept that he had ready Twolin &c. as by his procept it was Commanded who being called Likewise &c. viz. John Moll Arthur Miller Samuel Thomas Thomas Jones Rents West George Read Daniel Cooley Sutton Burgran John Taylor John Underhill