

June Court 1716

Lord Ship — } Maryland Kent County } The Jurors for our Lord
 at } } Proprietor of this Province upon their Oath
 Eliz. Boulson } do present that Eliz. Boulson late of the County aforesaid
 the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred and fifteen at the Parish of St. Pauls in the County aforesaid
 the Jurisdiction of this Court, did severally days & times as well before as
 after did committ fornication with a certain person to the Jurors unknown
 to the high displeasure of Almighty God & to y^e evil example of others ag^t
 the peace &c. & ag^t the forme of an Act of Assembly of this Province in that
 case made & provided Johnson & Duc precept on the back of the preceding
 bill of Indulm^t was indorsed as follows — *Bulla Vera* Simon Wilmer for man
 Thereupon Command was given to the Constable of Worton hundred
 in the County aforesaid the twentieth day of March in the first year of the
 Dominion of Charles aforesaid Lord & Proprietor of the Province of Maryland
 that he take Eliz. Boulson late of the County aforesaid & should be
 found in the hundred aforesaid and her safe keep so that he carry her before the
 next Justice of his said County for said County and before the same Justice to
 enter into recognizance wth such Sures as the same Justice should think
 f^t for her personal appearance before the Justices of our next Court to be
 held at our Court house in the Town of Chestertown in said County to answer unto
 to answer unto a certain bill of Indulment found against her for committing
 fornication with a certain man unknown &c. and that he have then &
 there the said precept &c. All w^{ch} said next Court viz the nineteenth day
 of June Anno Dom 1716 the day of return of said precept came William
 Blackiston Constable of the aforesaid hundred and made return of the said precept in
 all things served & executed of W^m Blackiston Constable
 And now at this Court the same day last mentioned came John Johnson
 Clarke of y^e Indulments and the said Eliz. being called came and in her
 proper person appeared at the Barr and y^e Court orders that she prove the
 person that begot the Child w^{ch} on which she her corporal oath on the holy
 Evangelists of Almighty God and faith that John Underhill jun^r of this County
 begant wth her at Mr Thomas Bowens is the person that did committ fornication
 wth her and thereby begot her with Child as being charged as aforesaid and
 submits her selfe to the Court on the same. . . Therefore it is considered
 by the Court viz this nineteenth day of June Anno Dom 1716 That the
 said Eliz. Boulson be taken to y^e whipping Post and receive on her bare back
 eleven lashes w^{ch} the blood appear for committing the offense of
 fornication as aforesaid and pay the sume of three hundred thirty one pounds of
 Tobacco w^{ch} arising on the premises aforesaid
 It is considered by the Court also y^e same day last mentioned that
 William