

June Court 1716

at the parish of St. Pauls in the County aforesaid & within the Jurisdiction of this Court & at divers other days & times as well before as after the fear of God before her eyes not having did commit fornication with a certain person to the Jurors unknown to the high displeasure of Almighty God against the peace of the said County and against the forme of an Act of Assembly of this Province in that case made & provided &c. Johnson of Due Proport. Upon the back of the preceding Bill of Indictments was endorsed as folo viz. Nulla Verba per Simon Wilmer foreman

Thereupon Command was given to the Constable of Langfords bay Lower hundred in Kent County the twenty fourth day of March in the first year of his Lordships Dominion &c. That he take Tabitha Janner late of said County aforesaid Spinster &c. to w<sup>m</sup> Deane of said County Planter of the Shoule be found in his hundred and her safe keep so that he carry her before the next Justice of the peace of his said Lord Shipp for the County aforesaid before the same Justice to enter into Recognizance with such Sureties as the same Justice should think fitt for her personal appearance before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at our Court house in the Town of Chester in said County to Answer unto a certain Bill of Indictment found by the grand Jury for Committing fornication with a certain man unknown &c. And that he have them & there the said precept &c.

All which said next Court viz the nineteenth day of June Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred & sixteen the day of return of the aforesaid precept came Edward Beck Junor Constable of Langfords bay Lower hundred aforesaid and made return thereof as folo viz. In all things Perced & Recited

and now at this Court came the aforesaid Tabitha and in her proper person appeared to the aforesaid Indictment Ordered by the Court here that the aforesaid Tabitha prove who begott her with Child but she denyes to do the same but saith she cannot deny but that she did commit fornication and thereby was begott with Child and Submits to the Court on the premises aforesaid. Therefore it is Considered by the Court here viz. This twentieth day of June Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred & sixteen that the aforesaid Tabitha Janner receive on her bare back thirty one lashes w<sup>t</sup> the blood appear for Committing fornication as aforesaid according to an Act of Assembly in such cases made &c. and also pay the sume of Three hundred and sixtie pounds of Tobacco Cost arising on the premises It is Considered also by the Court here viz the same day last mentioned that William Brisby Gent high Sheriff of said County take the aforesaid Tabitha Janner to the publick whipping post and to receive as in the Judgment aforesaid and then to bring her into Court againe

After which the same day last mentioned came the aforesaid Sheriff