

Novemb<sup>r</sup> Court 1716

Thursday this Court appoints today of Lovey  
James Smith Clarke of this Court takes the Oath of Abjuration  
and Subscribes the Same and Test —

Mr. John Sloan one of the attys of this Court takes the Oath of  
abjuration and Subscribes the Same and Test —

George Worsley Esqr of this Court takes the Oath of abjuration  
and Subscribes the Same and Test —

Mr. Thomas Bowne one of the attys of this Court takes the Oath  
of abjuration and Subscribes the Same and Test —

Mr. John Johnson one of the attys of this Court takes the Oath  
of abjuration and Subscribes the Same and Test —

The Grand Jury returns the bill of indictment which  
His Majesty's High Court of the Admiralty for the Lord pro-  
prietor & the Body of Kent County upon their Oath do  
present that Sarah Straighton Spinster late of the  
County Serv<sup>t</sup> to Edward Holman of Said County planted  
the first day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred  
& fifteen at South Sassafras Hundred in the County afo<sup>r</sup> & 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 but by a justifica-  
tion of her doct<sup>r</sup> did commit fornication with a certain John Murphy  
and thereby did suffer her self to be gott with Child to the great  
displeasure of Almighty God the evil example of others and against  
the peace of the sd proprietor his rule and dignity and against  
the form of an act of assembly of this Province in that Case made  
and provided

on the back of the preceding indictment was endorsed as folo<sup>w</sup> by Bella  
Vera of me Simon Wilmer foreman

and the said Sarah being called came and in her proper person  
appeared to the Same. Ordered by the Court here that she prove  
the person that did commit fornication with her on which she takes  
her oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that a certain John  
Murphy was the person that did commit fornication with her and  
that was the father of her Child and on which she Submits to  
the Court on the premises afo<sup>r</sup> and saith that she is guilty of the  
premises afo<sup>r</sup> as afo<sup>r</sup> mentioned Therefore it is considered by  
the Court here by this Twentieth day of Novemb<sup>r</sup>. Anno Dom<sup>o</sup> —