

March Court 1719  
against the ass John Porter to enforce unto the ass offence  
Roger He comes into Court and offers to pay for the ass Mary  
Jackson the fees due from her to the officers of this Court

His D<sup>y</sup> Sh<sup>ps</sup> The Grand Jury having returned the ass Margaret  
at November Court last and the same judgment  
was by John Johnson Clarke of the said County  
Margret Murrrough framed into a bill as follows  
The Lord proprietor and the body of Kent County upon  
their oath do present that Margret Murrrough late of Eastern Neck Hundred in  
the County of the first day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred & eighteen of Eastern Neck Hundred in the County afo<sup>r</sup>  
within the Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before her eyes not having  
but by the suggestion of the devil did commit fornication with a certain  
Negro man to the jurors unknown and thereby did suffer herself to be  
begott with a molattoe Child to the high displeasure of Almighty God the  
evil Example of others & against the peace of our said Lord proprietor  
his rule and dignity & against the form of an act of assembly of this  
province now in force in such Cases made & provided Johnsen & his prop.  
under the preceding bill was as follows  
Sulla vera Charles Gungold  
foreman

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County the  
twenty second day of November in the fourth Year of his Lordship's  
Dominion that he cause to come Margret Murrrough late of Eastern  
Neck Hundred in the County afo<sup>r</sup> she should be found in his County with  
that all excuses and delays be left apart she be and appear before  
the Justice 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 Judgment  
found against her for committing with a certain man to the jurors unknown  
and thereby did suffer her self to be begott with Child &c. And that she  
have there and there the said precept &c.

At which said next Court viz. the seventeenth day of March the same  
year last mentioned the day of return of said precept came Simon  
Wilmer Gent. High Sheriff of said County and made return thereof in  
these words to wit Indorsed as follows  
Simon Wilmer Sheriff  
and the ass Margret in her proper person appears to the same And  
the same being read to her ass she pleads not guilty and for  
tryall puts her selfe on the Country M<sup>r</sup> John Johnson Clarke of  
the said County informs the Court that he hath no Evidence  
to prove the fact ass on which he prays leave of the Court to enter  
a nolle prosequi which is granted and that the same Judgment be  
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