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of Langford Bay Upper hundred Yeoman the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Seventeen at the parish of St Pauls in the County aforesaid within the jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before his eyes not having but by the suggestion of the Devil did commit fornication with a certain Elizabeth Lock to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil & pernicious example of others & against the peace of our said Lord proprietaries his Rule & Dignity & against the form of an act of assembly of this province now in force in such Cases made & provided

And the said James at this Court on the Seventeenth day of March Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighteen in his proper person appeared to the said Judgment and the same being read to him as aforesaid pleads not guilty & for trial puts himself on God & the Country James Dill in proper person and he who prosecutes for the Lord prop. in the manner Johnson

The return Commissions was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he cause to come here twelve &c. because as well &c. to Recognize &c. who neither &c. And the Sheriff of said County comes and makes return that he hath here ready to do as by his precept it is Comanded who being called came by Abraham Redgrave Thomas Medford Thomas Gideon Thomas Edward John Underhill William Debruler William Crow Thomas Wilm William Dias John Huff James Machdaniel Thomas Jones who being duly cited tryed & sworn and having heard the pleadings Evidences and allegations on both sides Thomas Boone one of the attys of this Court ordered as Council for the said James Dill and desired that Elizabeth Lock may not be admitted as an Evid. She being the person that Comitted the fornication with the said James This Court adjudges her to be examined and is sworn accordingly to the Jury and the Jury aforesaid do withdraw and after some time do againe Return to the barr and being called over & also the said James Dill and being asked if they are agreed on a Verdict do say they are agreed and being asked whether they find the said James Dill is guilty or not guilty as he stands Indicted do say they find the said James Dill not guilty as he stands Indicted and by Abraham Redgrave there foreman all so say: Therefore it is Considered by the Court here by this twentieth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighteen that the said James Dill as to the said Judgment go thereof without day and that he be there from acquitted he paying the Sum of Eight hundred and nineteene pounds of Tobacco &c. accruing on the premises aforesaid to the officers of this Court

Ordered by the Court that the said James Dill give Surety for the fees on the premises aforesaid on which Mr Gilbert Falconer of this County comes into Court and saith that he will pay the fees due on the premises aforesaid ordered by the Court here that the said James Dill Enter into Recognizance for his appearance to next Court to answer unto what shall be objected against him

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