

March Court 1717

Peter Harwood & Norton
Kitchbull adm. The Partridgebury

Thomas Hatterpenny

His Lordship

Mary Sapington

His Lordship

George Mutton

His Lordship

Mary King

His Lordship

Joseph Millby

Prisoner body had returned some made answer to the order appearing ord. to be renewed as usual Court

Judgment being made known to the person not appearing ord. to be renewed as usual Court

and being returned Mon. 11th Instant

Maryland County The Jurors for the Honble the Lord proprietors of the County of Kent upon their Oath do present that Mary King late of Swan Creek Hundred in the County of the first day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventeen at Swan Creek

Hundred in the County of Kent within the jurisdiction of this Court & on divers other days & times as well before as after the year of our Lord before her eyes not having but by the instigation of the devil did commit fornication with a certain person to the Jurors unknown to the High & pleasure of Almighty God the will & pernicious example of others & against the form of an Act of Assembly of this Province now in force in such Cases made & provided Johnson & Drayton

All the bills of the preceding Judgment was endorsed as follows by the Bill of John Evans foreman and at twenty shillings to cause the said Mary to ap. to enforce the Judgment aforesaid. And the said Mary in her proper person apd to the said Judgment and this Court orders that she prove who was the person that committed fornication with her but she deny and the said Mary saith that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of what is laid in the said Judgment and submits to the Court on this. Therefore it is considered by the Court here by this County day of March Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and seventeen that the said Mary King have entered bare back twenty one lashes on her bare back and pay the fees accruing on the premises to the officers of this Court

It is likewise considered by the Court here by the same day last mentioned that the Sheriff of said County execute the Judgment and then return the said precept with the body of the said Mary

and the Sheriff of said County came the same day last mentioned with the body of the said Mary and returned as follows by executed William Wilson ordered by the Court here that the said Mary be kept in custody by the Sheriff of said County until she shall pay the fees on the premises aforesaid