

March Court 1719

Hundred assizes in Kent County assizes and within the Jurisdiction the Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before her eyes not having but by the instigation of the devil being led did Commit fornication with a certain Patrick McNeale, Servant of a certain Thomas Spurnett and thereby did suffer herself to be begot with Child to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the will and pernicious example of others against the peace of our said Lord prop. of his Rule and dignity and against the form of an Act of Assembly of this Province now in force in such Case made and provided I therefore by Dno prop. on the back of the preceding Judgment was endorsed as follows

Null Verba Cora Regrae Foreman

and now here at the Court on the 19th day of March Anno Domini 1719 comes the said Katharine Poor and says that she cannot gainsay the Judgment assizes nor but that she is guilty of fornication as assizes thereby was begot with Child. and thereupon she submits to the Court.

ordered by the Court here that the said Katharine Poor prove the begotter on which she proves that Patrick McNeale was the begotter of her said Child: Wherefore it is Considered by the Justices here to wit the 19th day of March Anno Domini 1719 assizes that the said Katharine Poor have on her bare back three lashes untill the blood appears for her offence assizes of committing fornication in fornication assizes confessed. as also pay the sum of two hundred Fifty & six pounds of Tobacco answering on the promises assizes to the officers of this Court

It is Considered by the Justices here to wit the said day and year last mentioned that Simon Wilmer Esq. High Sheriff of said County take the said Katharine Poor into his Custody and give her on her back as in the Judgment assizes and when executed to bring her into Court againe. and afterwards the same day and year last mentioned came the said Sheriff with the said Katharine and made return of his precept against the said Katharine thereon Endorsed as follows to wit Small things served and executed by Simon Wilmer Sheriff. ordered by the Court here that the said Katharine Poor serve at the expiration of her time of service two months for her part of the trouble of the house the loss of time in lying in Charge in bringing her to lead and disgrace of the house

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