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and Queen of the Realm of Great Britain was held called known and leguled; and without any
 blot of fornication or incontinency or any the like fault or hurt full crime or any Suspicion there
 of unspotted and unattainted by the whole time she hath behaved and governed herself by
 best whereof the said Sarah not only the Love and favour of all her Neighbours and other
 faithfull Subjects of Our Lord the King deservedly had and obtained but also her person from
 punishment and all and singular her goods and Chattels free and clear from all Penalties and Forfeis-
 tures as the Law in such Cases directs. hath kept and preserved Nevertheless that said Tobias being
 not ignorant of the premises of his own mere and wicked Malice for thought plotting and Maliciously
 intending the said Sarah not only in her good name fame Credit and Reputation to hurt
 Defect Scandalize make worse and altogether to blacken and her the said Sarah into the Evil
 Opinion and Esteem as well of all her Neighbours as other faithfull Subjects of Our Lord the King
 to Induce and to create and cause perpetual discord and difference between the said Sarah and
 Thomas Holbrook her husband but also to cause her Innocently to be brought into danger of suffer-
 ing for grave punishment or forfeiting Six hundred pounds of tobacco or thirty Shillings as
 the Law in such Cases directs at the Court of the Right Honorable Charles absolute and Proprietary
 of the province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c held at Dividing Creek in Stafford
 County by his Lordships Commissioners and Justices of the Peace the third Tuesday of June being the
 sixteenth day of the same month in the ninth Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c and
 Done One thousand Seven hundred & twenty four Present the worshipful M^r Joseph Gray -
 M^r Samuel Hopkins, M^r William Whittington Capt William Blaunder, M^r John Curdick, Capt.
 John Jones, Capt William Haritt, Capt John Smith, W^m Stoughton Esq. Capt John McEster -
 M^r John Handy and M^r James Dashiell Justices of the said Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary
 the peace in the County as to Keep or else divers felonies, trespasses, and other Offences in the said
 County perpetrated to hear and determine a signed a certain bill of Indictment felony and Maliciously
 did cause to be Indigned for that the said Sarah Holbrook lately called Sarah Shiley wife of
 a certain Thomas Holbrook late of Maryland parish in the County as aforesaid the birth
 of July One thousand Seven hundred & thirteen at the parish as in the County as within the Juris-
 diction of this Court committed fornication with a certain Person to the Jurors ^{altogether} known by means
 whereof the said Sarah afterwards to wit the tenth day of August One thousand Seven hundred &
 fourteen at the Parish as in the County as aforesaid was delivered of a bastard Child against the grace of the
 said Lord Proprietary his good like and dignity and also against the form of the act of
 assembly in such Cases made & provided for which said bill of Indictment so Indigned the
 said Tobias at the Court as at Dividing Creek as in the County as to the Grand Jurors of the
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