

Justice Court --- 1725 --- 34

purpose directed by William Stoughton Esq: then One of the Justices of the peace for this County
 the said Noble being charged for having begot an bastard Child by the body of Honour Margate
 woman then lately delivered of a bastard Child in the presence of Divers Subjects of Our said the
 King's Openly with a loud voice did publicly say afein and declare afein viz. You (the said
 Thomas ~~any~~ meaning) need not goe after Noble Hobbs (the said Noble Meaning) for the father of that
 Child (the bastard Child of the said Honour meaning) for I (the said Elizabeth herself Meaning) is
 that Child's Mother (the said Elizabeth Meaning) got that Child (the bastard Child Meaning) by the body
 of Honour Margate (the said Honour Margate meaning) whereas in truth the said Elizabeth never
 committed or perpetrated any fornication Adultery or any such like wicked and base Crimes by
 Reason of the speaking and publishing of which said scandalous and approbrious words
 and Lyes the said Child is not only extremely Hurt and Damified in his good Name fame Credit
 and Estimation afein amongst his Neigh Bours afein and other worthy Persons to whom he was
 known But also is Brought in Danger Innocently of paying Twelve hundred pounds of
 of Tobacco Three pounds Current Money & being obliged and also Divers Sums of Money
 and Tobacco to be paid for the clearing his Innocence in that part whereby he says he is worse and hath done away
 to the Value of fifty pounds Current Money and therefore brings this State or --- with this that the said
 Child's Mother ~~is~~ will vouch for that the words (viz) I say that Elizabeth got
 that Child by the body of Honour Margate according to the vulgar Intelligence and Common Usual
 Acceptation of the People dwelling and residing in Somerset County afein do signify as much and
 are Equivocal to these words (viz) I say that Elizabeth begot that Child by the body of
 Honour Margate ---
 I hale for and bleed for John Doe and John Roe ---

And the said Noble Hobbs and Elizabeth his wife by George Deane their Attorney Comd and Deft
 the force and Injury when and to the said Gray Leases to Ingarla Hereunto in the said Court
 and they stand it and the same day is given to the said Elizabeth's Attorney also --- At which said High
 Court to wit the fifteenth day of June And Dued One thousand seven hundred and Twenty five Comd
 against the said Elizabeth's Attorney as the Noble Hobbs and Elizabeth his wife by their Attorney's afein
 and the said Noble Hobbs and Elizabeth by their said Attorney as before defend the force and Injury when
 to --- And bleed not guilty and for Forgake unto their Selves upon the Country of Ashburton
 and the self in like manner Hale ---

Thereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that Immediately he cause to
 come here twelve by whom & who neither to be inquisit & sworn as well of which said precept
 the said Sheriff to wit Joseph M^r Weston Gent^l Nowheret this day to wit the same day and Year last
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