

to with the fifteenth day of March and did One thousand Seven hundred and twenty five came againe as
 well the said Levi Gale his Lordships attorney who for his said Lordship in this Behalfe prosecutes as the said
 Andrew Thompson, and thereupon the said Andrew Thompson, Relinquisheth here in Court his Veri-
 fication and says that he cannot gainsay but that he is guilty of the premises and puts
 himselfe in mercy of the Lord proprietary, and is willing to pay three pound for his fine for the fact
 and Wherefore it is Considered by the Court here that the said Andrew Thompson be fined to his
 Lordship his heirs and Successors three pound for money for the fact and, to be appropriated towards
 the defraying of the County Charge - Hereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said Child and
 begott of the said Elizabeth Joyce and be carried to the said Andrew Thompson, and that the said
 Andrew Thompson find and provide for the said Child all such Needfulls as may be sufficient to
 support the said Child, and to keep it from being abused, or in any way misused, whatsoever
 and further It is ordered by the Court that the said Andrew Thompson give Cognizance in ten
 ty pound Sterling, to ^{the Inhabitants of} Somerset County from all Burthens that might arise by means
 of the said Child &c. Thereupon the said Andrew Thompson acknowledged himself to owe
 and stand Justly Indebted unto his Lordship the Right honorable the Lord proprietary of the province
 of Maryland his heirs and Successors for the Use of Somerset, to be Levied upon his body goods or shall
 have Land or tenements. In Case the said Andrew Thompson his heirs Executors or administrators or
 any of them do ^{not} and shall ^{not} from time to time and at all times hereafter, acquit discharge and save
 Harmlesse ^{the Inhabitants of} Somerset County for the time being of and from all Costs Charges and troubles whatsoever
 for or by reason of the Birth, Maintenance, Nourishment and bringing up of the said Child, and of &
 from all Sutes troubles Charges or Demands whatsoever touching or concerning the same &c.

The Same } Somerset Co. Be it Remembered that this day to with the twentieth day of August
 Alex^d Maddox } Seven teen hundred and twenty six came into Somerset County Court Levi Gale Esq
 of the Inditments for the said County and for the Lord proprietary of this pro-
 vince gives the Court here to understand and be Informed that Alexander Maddox Esq of Som-
 erset County Enter the tenth day of ~~March~~ December Ann^d 1725 One thousand Seven hundred and
 twenty four with force and Armes &c. at the County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court Committed for
 violation with a certain Rachel Porter against the Peace of the Right honorable the Lord proprietary of
 this his good late and government and also against the form of the act of assembly in such Case made &c
 whereof the said Levi Gale for the said Lord Proprietary prays advisem^t of the Court &c
 Levi Gale Esq

Thereupon Command is given to the Sherd. of Somerset County that he should take the
 said Alexander Maddox if he to answer &c. and afterward in the same Court came the said Alex^d
 Maddox and being set to the Bar is thereupon Instantly demanded how he would acquit him-
 selfe of the premises and; who thereupon says that of the premises and he is noways guilty
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