

Judas and Clerk of Indutments in the same Court and gave the same Court to understand and be informed that Johnson Hill Sale of all hallowes parish in Somerset County planter the first day of Aprill in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and thirty one aforesaid he the said Johnson then and there being a married man at the Place and County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit Adultery with a certain Sarah Matherell of the County aforesaid Spinster and on the Body of the said Sarah then and there did beget a bastard Child to the high Displeasure of Almighty God and the evil Example of all others in such Cases offending and against the former of the act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided whereof the same Seven Gale pray the Advice of the Court in the premises and due process of Law thereon against the said Johnson Hill to Issue -

Now heard to with this Sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred and thirty one being the same term before his Lordships Justices at dividing Seat for Somerset County Cometh the aforesaid Johnson Hill in his proper person, and had a hearing of the Information aforesaid and says that he is not guilty thereof, and of this he puts himselfe upon the Country and Levi Gale who for his said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes Likewise ~~do~~ who upon the said Johnson Hill pray Leave thereof to Imparle here untill the next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the aforesaid Levi Gale who ~~do~~ -

All which said next Court to with the Twentieth day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty one came againe as well the aforesaid Levi Gale who ~~do~~ as the aforesaid Johnson Hill in his proper person, and whereupon the same Johnson Hill prayed further Leave thereof to Imparle had untill the next Court and he had it and the same day is given to the aforesaid Levi Gale who for his said Lordship in that part follows here also ~~do~~ -

All which said next Court to with the twenty first day of march one thousand seven hundred and thirty one came againe ~~do~~ ~~do~~ the said Levi Gale who ~~do~~ as the aforesaid Johnson Hill in proper person, and whereupon the said Johnson Hill Relinquisheth his very piation aforesaid by him above pretended and Submitteth with a protestation of his Innocency and puts himselfe upon the favour of the Court ~~do~~ who upon all & Inquire the premises, by the Court here being seen heard and fully understood It is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Johnson Hill pay to his said Lordship for his fine by the Court here upon him imposed for and by reason of the premises whereof in form aforesaid he is Convinced three pounds Court money (to the use of the County aforesaid) and that the said Johnson Hill be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid, ^{whereupon it} ordered by the Court that the said Johnson Hill give Security to pay the fine aforesaid and the severall Officers their fees due by reason of the premises aforesaid, whereupon a certain John Burnell Just. of Somerset County hath present hereon Court undertakes for the said Johnson Hill to pay the aforesaid fine and all the Officers their fees due by reason of the premises aforesaid - Likewise the said Johnson Hill is desired to give Security for to save harmless the Justices of Somerset County from all trouble, Costs Charges & Inconveniences that might happen for or by reason of the birth maintenance nourishment and bringing of a bastard Child Lately begot of