

March Court 1730

with a certain person unknown against the peace of the right honorable the Lord proprietor his good rule and Government and also against the form of the act of assembly in such case made and provided &c.

Thereupon Command was given to the Sher. of Somerset County that he should take the said Esther Whitty if he to answer &c. and afterwards in the same Court gave the said Esther Whitty in her proper person, and hath a hearing of the Information afo. thereupon the said Esther Whitty say: that of the premises aforesaid upon her Jurors she is guilty thereof, and makes oath that a certain John Newton is the begetter of the Child she stands prosecuted for and is willing to pay her fine for the fact aforesaid &c.

It is therefore considered by the Court here that the said Esther Whitty pay unto his said Lordship thirty Shillings for her fine for and by occasion of the premises afo above upon her Jurors, and that the aforesaid Esther Whitty be taken to satisfy unto his said Lordship of his fine aforesaid &c. whereupon the said Esther Whitty is ordered to give Security for the payment of the severall Officers their fees due by occasion of the premises aforesaid thereupon a certain Edward Roberts of Somerset County planter present here in Court undertakes for the said Esther Whitty to pay the severall Officers their fees due by occasion of the premises in case the said Esther Whitty doth not pay the same &c.

James Townsend & John Sheldon -
Commissioners & Affidavit

Somerset, Charles absolute Lord and proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To Wm Lane Esq Handy John Stewart and Robert Mitchel all of Somerset County Gent^m greeting - know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine Evidences on behalfe of a certain James Townsend & John Sheldon of the County afo in relation to the Bound of tract of Land lying in the County afo called Greens Chance we therefore require you or any three or two of you at some time and place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you meet on the afo Land called Greens Chance you first having taken your oaths on the Holy Evangelist of almighty god according to act of assembly in such case made and provided, and there cause to come before you or any three or two of you all such Evidences as shall be to you or any three or two of you nominated by the said Complainant or deft if any and that you or any three or two of you examine them upon their Corporall oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the holy Evangelist of almighty god in the presents of the Complainant (or deft if any) touching the truth or Rectitude of their knowledge or any thing that may relate to the cause afo and that Reducing severall depositions into Writing you send the same together with this our Commission under your or any three or two of your hands to us to our County Ct of Somerset with all convenient speed Witness William Rande Gent^m one of our Justices of our said Court the twen^{ty} fourth day of November In the Sixteenth year of our Dominion &c. Ann^d Dom^d one thousand Seven hundred and thirty On the backside of the foregoing Commission it was Endorsed and Likewise to the same Commission it was annexed as followeth Viz^d - feby 4th 20th - 1730

Then Wm Lane and Wm Handy was sworn in Common forme to execute & within Commission - Sworn before me -
Depositions of witnesses taken upon the Land called Greens Chance in Somerset County 4th 20th day of february Ann^d 1730 before us W. Subscribers Com^d appointed by the worshipfull the Justices of Somerset County afo to examine Evidences concerning