

Eleanor Bryan } To the Worshippfull Justices of Somerset County now sitting the petition of Eleanor
 Bell } Bryan Showeth, that your petitioner is unjustly detained as a servant by Emanuel
 Mainlyffe and Magdalene his wife administratrix of Samuel Owen decd. Your petitioner therefore
 prays your worships will be pleased to order that said Mainlyffe Show cause why he holds me as such
 or else I humbly pray your worships will set me at Liberty and your petitioner as in duty bound
 shall pray - Eleanor Bryan

The petition aforesaid being read and heard and fully understood and mature delibe-
 ration thereupon had as well on the part of the petitioner as on the part of the said Emanuel
 Mainlyffe (both parties present before the court) as also their severall allegations -

Wherefore it is considered by the court that the aforesaid Eleanor Bryan ^{being of the} from the aforesaid Emanuel
 Mainlyffe and Magdalene administratrix of Samuel Owen decd be acquit and goe thereof without day &c.

The Lordship } Somerset County } Be it Remembered that Lewis Gale Esq. prosecutor of his Lordship's
 Eleanor Bryan } pleas and Court of Judgments within the County aforesaid this the fifth day of
 June in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One came into his Lord-
 ship's County Court in the same County before the worshippfull Samuel Hopkins Esq. and his associates his
 Lordship's Justices of the same Court and gives the same Court to understand and be informed that -
 Eleanor Bryan late of Somerset County Esquire the thirteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord
 One thousand Seven hundred and twenty nine at Somerset County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court
 did commit Fornication with a certain person unknown against the peace of the said Lord proprietary
 and also against the form of the act of Parliament in such case made and provided whereas the said
 Lewis prays advisement of the Court in the premises and that due process of Law may issue -

Whereupon command is given to the Sher. of Somerset County that he should take the said Eleanor
 Bryan if he to answer &c and afterwards in the same Court came the said Eleanor Bryan and being by the
 Sher. set to the Bar is thereupon instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises
 above upon her imposed, says that of the premises aforesaid as aforesaid above imposed says that
 she is not guilty thereof and thereof for herself puts herself upon the Country and Lewis Gale who
 for his said Lordship in this behalf presents in Libamur &c

afterwards in the same Court came the said Eleanor Bryan in her own proper person and relinquishes
 her justification aforesaid by her above pretended, and says that she cannot answer but that she is guilty of the
 above upon her imposed but hath not wherewithal to pay her fine for the fact aforesaid
 wherefore it is considered by the Court that the said Eleanor Bryan be whipt with twenty five Lashes on
 the bare back well laid on & that she be taken of the County as to the corporal punishment aforesaid command is
 given to the Sher. of Somerset County that he do through immediate Execution by whiping the said Eleanor Bryan
 at the publick whiping post with twenty five Lashes well laid on until the blood appear, and afterwards
 in the same Court came the said Sher. and makes Return that he hath done the Execution of the Judgment aforesaid.
 as to the corporal punishment aforesaid he was commanded whereas it is ordered by the Court that the
 said Eleanor Bryan give Security for the payment of several Officers fees due by reason of the premises
 the County George Dashiell of Somerset Esq. for the present has in good name bound to pay a fee due &c