

his said Lordship the peace in the County aforesaid to confer and also divers felonies he passes and other Male-
feasances in the same County committed to hear and determine assigned by the oath of Alex^r Lacey
and twelve other being presented that Eliz^a Ellingsworth late of Stepney parish in the County
aforesaid the second day of March Anno Domini seven hundred thirty and six at the parish
aforesaid in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain
person to the Jurors aforesaid unknown and did permit the same unknown person then and there
to have carnal knowledge of her body and to beget then and there a bastard child on the body of
her the same Eliz^a to the high displeasure of almighty God to the evil example of all others
in such case offending contrary to the peace of the said Lord proprietary that now is his good Rule and
Government and against the form of the Act of assembly in such case lately made and provided &c

By which it was Comanded the Sheriff of Somerset ^{County} that he should take the said Eliz^a Ellingsworth
late of Stepney parish in Somerset County aforesaid if she should be found in
his Calywick and her should safe keep so that he might have her body before the Justice
of his Lordship County Court of Somerset to be held in the Court house at Dividing Creek the
third Tuesday of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven to answer
unto his said Lordship &c And afterwards to witt the said third Tuesday of June Anno
Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven that same term before his Lordships

Justice at Dividing Creek aforesaid came the said Eliz^a Ellingsworth in her proper person
and had a hearing of the indictment aforesaid specified in manner and form as by the indictment aforesaid
above against her supposed, and the premises aforesaid expressly acknowledgeth and makes oath
that a certain Richard Nichols is the begetter of the Child she stands indicted for and puts
herself in mercy of his Lordship &c Whereupon all and singular the premises
being seen and by the Court fully understood It is considered that the aforesaid Eliz^a Ellingsworth
pay unto his Lordship the Right honorable the Lord proprietary for her fine
by the Court hereupon her imposed for and by Occasion of the premises aforesaid whereof
in form aforesaid she is convicted thirty shillings Court money of Maryland to the use of the
County aforesaid and that the said Eliz^a Ellingsworth be taken to satisfy his said Lordship
of the fine aforesaid &c

Whereupon the said Elizabeth Ellingsworth is ordered to give security to save
and keep Endemgified the Justice of Somerset and their Successors from all Costs Charges and Damages that
might accrue by means of the birth of the Child aforesaid &c Whereupon the said Eliz^a Ellingsworth with Walter
Darby of Somerset County planter her security both present herein Court in their proper person Ack-
nowledged themselves Indebled unto his Lordship the Lord proprietary in thirty pounds.

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