

June Court 1737

56

His Lordship ... Somerset &c Memorandum That at assizes of the peace of
Eleanor Mahony his Lordship the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary of the province
of Maryland held at Dividing Creek in Somerset County on the third Tuesday of
of June to wit the twenty first day of the same month and anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and
and thirty seven before Robert Knights and others his associate Justices of the said Lord —
Proprietors peace in the same County to conserve and also discover trespas and other
malfeasances in the same County committed to hear and determine as is by the Act of William
Holland and twelve others presented that Eleanor Mahony late of Steyney Parish in Somerset County
on or before the tenth day of November anno Domini seventeen hundred thirty and six at the parish
church 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 there
and thereto have carnal knowledge of her body and to beget them and there a bastard child on
the body of her the same Eleanor 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 offending lately made and provided — Thereupon command was given to
the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Eleanor Mahony if she to answer it and
afterwards to wit the same third Tues day of June being the twenty first day of the same Month and anno Domini
One thousand seven hundred and thirty seven that same term before his Lordships the highmable
the Lord Proprietary his Justices at Dividing Creek in the County aforesaid cause the said Eleanor Mahony
in her proper person off and had alsoing of the Judgement aforesaid and said that she cannot go away
but that she is guilty of the offence for aforesaid in the Judgement Specified in manner of form as by the Judgement
aforesaid abovesaid against her supposed and he remits with the Judgement of his people —
and notwithstanding makes and makes known that a certain Timothy Meddin is the begetter of the child she stands
Indicted for but hath not wherewith to pay her fine for the fact aforesaid but puts herself on the favour
of the Court — Who upon clear and Sincere his premises by the Court were seen and fully under-
stood It is considered that the aforesaid Eleanor Mahony be whipt at the publick whipping post
at Dividing Creek in the County aforesaid with fifteen stripes on the bare back well laid on until
the blood appear and that the said Eleanor Mahony be taken &c And thereupon as to the
corporall punishment aforesaid Commanded is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he do
thereof immediate Execution by whiping of the said Eleanor Mahony at the publick
whipping post with fifteen stripes on the bare back well laid on until the blood ap-
pear it being adjudged satisfaction for the offence aforesaid and afterwards in the same Court