

Sia before Robert Knight gentleman and others his associates Justices of his the said Lord Proprietary
the peace in the County of Somerset and also divers felony's trespasses and other Malesomes in
said County Committed to hear and determine assigned by the Oath of Alexander Larkie and
twelve others being presented that Mary Crowley late of Somerset parish in the County of Spuister
the first day of March ann. Dom. Seventeen hundred and thirty Six at the parish aforesaid in the
County of 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 Mary 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 &
Government and against the form of the act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take
the said Mary Crowley if she should be found in his Bailiwick and hee should safe keep so
that he might have her body before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset to
be hold at Dividing Creek in the same County the third Tuesday of June ann. Dom. One thousand
Seven hundred and thirty Seven to answer unto his said Lordship of the fornication of whose
of she was indicted &c.

All which day here before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset
at Dividing Creek aforesaid came the Sheriff of the County aforesaid and returned that the said Mary Crowley
was not found in his bailiwick. Therefore Command was againe given to the Sheriff of the
County aforesaid that he should take the aforesaid Mary Crowley if she should be found in his bailiwick
and hee should safe keep so that he might have her body before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset to be hold at Dividing Creek the
third Tuesday of August ann. Dom. One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Seven to answer his said
Lordship of the fornication of whereof she was indicted &c.

All which day here came the said Mary Crowley in her proper person and had a hearing of the
Indictment aforesaid and saith that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Indict-
ment aforesaid specified in manner aforesaid as by the Indictment aforesaid above Com against her supposed
and the premises aforesaid expressly acknowledgeth - but refuseth to declare the father of her bastard
Child she stands indicted for whereupon all & singular the premises by the Court here being seen and
fully understood It is considered that the said Mary Crowley be whipt with five Striges on the bare back
well laid on untill the blood appear, at the public whipping post at Dividing Creek, and that the said
Mary Crowley be taken &c. and thereupon as to the corporal punishment aforesaid Command is given
to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid that he do hereof Immediate Execution by whipping of the said Mary Crowley
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