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in the same County to Conserve and also Divers felony, trespass and other Maliforances in the same County committed to hear and determine assigned by the oath of William Holland and twelve others being present: That Margaret Deal late of Twenty parish in the County of Wiltshire the last day of May Anno Domini Seventeen hundred thirty and seven at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain person to the Divers 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 Margaret 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

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Margaret Deal if she should be found in his Bailiwick and her should safe keep so that he might have her body before the Justices of His Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek in the same County the third Tuesday of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven to answer unto his said Lordship of the fornication aforesaid whereof she was indicted &c

And afterwards to wit the said Third Tuesday of August one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven that same term before his Lordships Justices at dividing Creek aforesaid the said Margaret Deal in her proper person and had an hearing of the Indictment aforesaid and saith that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Indictment specified in manner and form as by the Indictment aforesaid above against her supposed and the premises aforesaid in the Indictment aforesaid expressly acknowledged and makes oath that a certain John Woodford is the begetter of the Child she stands Indicted for - and is willing to pay her fine for the said aforesaid

Whereupon all and singular the premises by the Court here being seen and fully understood It is considered that the said Margaret Deal pay unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary for her fine by the Court hereupon her imposed for and by reason of the premises aforesaid whereof in firm she is convicted thirty Shillings current Money of Maryland (to the use of the County aforesaid) and that the said Margaret Deal be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid Whereupon the said Margaret Deal is ordered to give good security to save and keep Evidence for the Justices of Somerset County and their Successors from all Costs Charges and Burthens that might arowe by means of the birth of the Child aforesaid

Thereupon the said Margaret Deal with John Webb & John Melton her Security of the County aforesaid

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