

Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided and that she have an Order on Capt. John Hancy high Sher of Somerset County for the same &c

His Lordship } Somerset s. Memorandum that at a Session of the peace of his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord  
Sarah Mears } Proprietary of the province of Maryland held at dividing Creek in Somerset County the third Tuesday of June -  
to wit the sixteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one before his said

Lordships Justices the peace in the County aforesaid by the oath of twelve Jurors being presented that Sarah Mears late of Stepney parish in the said County of Somerset spinster the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain person unknown and did permit the said unknown person of her body then and there carnall knowledge to have and a bastard Child on the body of her the same Sarah Mears then and there to beget to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the Evil Example of all others in such Case offending Contrary to the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is in his good rule and Government and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided &c

Thereupon it was Commanded the Sheriff of the County aforesaid that he should take the said Sarah Mears 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 the third Tuesday of August one thousand seven hundred and forty one to answer unto his said Lordship of the Indictment aforesaid

And now to wit at about held for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday of August being the eighteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices at dividing Creek came the aforesaid Sarah Mears 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 Indictment aforesaid specified in manner and form as by the Indictment aforesaid above against her supposed and the premises aforesaid in the Indictment aforesaid expressly acknowledgeth and maketh Oath that a certain Abolom Hobbs is the father of the Child she stands Indicted for and is willing to pay her fine for the said aforesaid

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court hereof fully understood It is Considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Sarah Mears pay unto his said Lordship the Right Honourable Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the province of Maryland for her fine by the Court hereupon her imposed for and by Occasion of the premises aforesaid whereof in sum aforesaid she is bound thirty shillings Court money of Maryland and that the said Sarah Mears be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid

Whereupon the said Sarah Mears is Ordered to give good security for the payment of all fees or fees due on the Indictment aforesaid to any person or persons what soever — Thereupon a certain Joseph Standford of Somerset County planter present here in Court undertook for the said Sarah Mears to pay all fees or fees due to any person or persons what soever on the Indictment aforesaid in case the said Sarah Mears doth not pay the same &c

Thereupon the said Sarah Mears is Ordered to give security for her appearance at the next Court to be held at dividing Creek in and for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday of November then next following to give evidence on behalfe of his said Lordship against the aforesaid Abolom Hobbs to the grand Jury &c

Whereupon came here in Court the aforesaid Joseph Standford in his proper person and undertook for the said Sarah Mears