

seven hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices the peace in the County of ^W to keep assigned by the
oath of twelve Jurors being presented that David Smith late of Stepney parish in the said County of Somerset planter
the first day of September in the year of our Lord of our ^{So} one thousand seven hundred and forty at the parish
of ^W in the County of ^W within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain Eliz^a Ketter, and of
her body then and there had carnal Knowledge and abastard Child on the body of her the name Elizabeth then and
there did beget to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evill example of all others in such case offending contrary
to the peace of the right Honourable the Lord propley that now is his good rule and Government and against the form
of the Act of Assembly in such case provided

Thereupon Command was given to the Sherife of the County of Somerset that he should Take the said David
Smith. if he should be found in his bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the
Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek the third Tuesday of March Anno Dom
one thousand seven hundred and forty one to answer unto his said Lordship of the Indictment aforesaid

And now to wit at a Court held for the County of ^W the third Tuesday of March being the sixteenth
day of the same month and Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices
at Dividing Creek came the aforesaid David Smith in his proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment aforesaid and saith
that he cannot deny but that he is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Indictment aforesaid specified in manner and form as by
the Indictment aforesaid above against him supposed and the premises in the Indictment aforesaid Expressly Acknowledged

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood It is Considered by
the Court here that the aforesaid David Smith pay unto his Lordship the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord propley of Maryland
for his fine by the Court hereupon him Imposed for and by Occasion of the premises aforesaid whereof in form aforesaid he is
Convict thirty shillings Curr^t money of Maryland and that the said David Smith be taken to satisfy his said Lordship
of the fine aforesaid

Whereupon the said David Smith is ordered to give Security to save and keep Indemnified the
Justices of the County of Somerset and their Successors from all troubles burthens and Charges that might accrue by
means of the birth and maintainance and bring^{ing} up of the Child aforesaid

Thereupon the said David Smith with John Tatman of Somerset County planter present here in
Court in his proper person Acknowledged themselves Indebted unto his Lordship the right Hon^{ble} the Lord propley
of the province of Maryland in thirty pounds Curr^t money of their body's goods or Chattles lands or tenements
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