

fornication with a certain person to the Jurors *et* unknown and did permit the same unknown person then and there to have carnal knowledge of her body and then and there to beget a bastard Child on the body of her the same Rachel Freeman 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 made and provided *&c.*

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Rachel Freeman if she should be found in his bailiwicks 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 March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one to answer unto his said Lordship of the Indictment *et*.

And Now to with ~~at~~ a Court held for the County *et* the third Tuesday of March being the sixteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices at dividing Creek came the *et* Rachel Freeman in her proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment *et* and saith that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises *et* in the Indictment *et* specified in manner and form as by the Indictment *et* above against her supposed and the premises in the Indictment *et* expressly acknowledgeth and maketh oath that a certain Benjamin Dickinson is the begetter of the bastard Child she stands Indicted for. but hath not wherewithall to pay her fine for the fact *et*

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Justice here fully understood It is Considered by the Court here that the *et* Rachel Freeman be whipt with ten Strips at the public whipping post at dividing in the County *et* well said on until the blood appear. and that she be Taken *&c.* Thereupon as to the Corporall punishment aforesaid Comanded is to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid that he do thereof immediately Execution according to the Judgment *et* Rendered by whipping of the *et* Rachel Freeman at the public whipping post ^{at the place *et*} with ten Strips on the Bare back well said on until the blood appear and afterwards in the same Court came the *et* Sheriff and returned that he had done the Execution of the Judgment *et* as to the Corporall punishment *et* he was Comanded.

Whereupon the said Rachel Freeman is Ordered to give Security for the payment of all fees or fees due on the Indictment *et* to any person or persons whatsover Thereupon William Friggs of Somerset County planter present hereat Court in his proper person understood for the said Rachel Freeman to pay all fees or fees due to any person or persons whatsover on the Indictment aforesaid In case the the said Rachel Freeman doth not pay the same *&c.*