

fornication with a certain Absolom Hobbs and did permit the same Absolom then and there to have carnal knowledge of her body and abasaid Child on the body of her the same Mary then and there to begett to the high displeasure of Almighty God & the evil Example of all others in such like 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 like made and provided & whereupon the same attorney of the said Lord proprietary for the same Lord proprietary pray advise herem of the Court here in the premises and that due process of Law in this part against the said Mary Bailey may be made to answer unto the said Lord proprietary of and upon the premises aforesaid

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Mary Bailey if he to answer &c. And now to witt at that same Court held for dividing Creek for the County of the thirid Tuesday of March to witt the sixteenth day of the same month and Dow. One thousand seven hundred and forty one before the aforesaid Justice came the said Mary Bailey in her proper person answering to a certain Recognizance in this part first acknowledged and had an hearing of the Information aforesaid and saith that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Information aforesaid specified above upon her Imposed in manner and form as by the Information aforesaid above upon her supposed and made oath that a certain Absolom Hobbs is the begetter of the Child she stands Informed against and is willing to pay herefor for the fact aforesaid

Wherefore all and singular the premises being seen and fully understood It is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Mary Bailey pay unto his Lordship the Lord proprietary for her fine by the Court here upon her Imposed for and by reason of the premises aforesaid whereof in form aforesaid she is found thirty Shillings Court money of Maryland and that the said Mary be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid.

Whereupon the said Mary Bailey is Ordered to give Security for the payment of all fee or fees due on the Information aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever. Thereupon a certain Thomas Hobbs of Somerset County planter present here in Court in his proper person undertook for the said Mary Bailey to pay all fee or fees due to any person or persons whatsoever. It is here the said Mary Bailey doth not pay the same &c.

The same } Somerset sh.  
Absolom Hobbs }  
De it Remembred that Robert Jenckins Henry Gent. Attorney of the right Honourable the Lord proprietary that now is who for the same Lord proprietary in this part prosecuteth doth come hereinto the County Court of the same Lord proprietary held for Somerset County aforesaid to witt at dividing Creek in the same County the sixteenth day of march in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty one before John Cott Esq. and his Associates Justices the said Lord proprietary Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord proprietary doth give the Court here to understand and be Informed that Absolom Hobbs late of Steppney parish in the said County of Somerset planter the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty one at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain Mary Bailey