

and of her body then and there had carnal knowledge and abastard Child on the body of her the same Mary then and there did beget to the high displeasure of Allmighty God to the evill Example of all others in such case offending contrary to the peace of the right honourable the Lord proprietary that now is his good rule and Government and against the form of the Act of Law Assembly in such case lately made and provided &c Whereupon the same Attorney of the same ^{for the same Lord proprietary} Lord proprietary pray the advice of the Court herein the premises and that due process of Law in this part may be made to answer unto the same Lord proprietary of and upon the premises &c

Thereupon Command is to the sheriffe of the County aforesaid that he should take the said Absolom Hobbs if he to answer &c And now to witt at that same Court held for the County aforesaid at dividing Creek this sixteenth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one before the aforesaid Justices came the aforesaid Absolom Hobbs in his proper person according to a certain recognizance by him and his security in this part first acknowledged and had a hearing of the Information aforesaid and saith that he cannot deny but that he is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Information aforesaid specified in manner and form as by the Information aforesaid above upon him supposed and is willing to pay his fine for the fact aforesaid &c

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 Absolom Hobbs pay unto his Lordship the Lord proprietary for his fine by the Court hereupon him imposed for and by occasion of the premises aforesaid whereof in form aforesaid he is convicted thirty shillings Curr^t money of Maryland and that the said Absolom be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid &c

Whereupon the said Absolom Hobbs is ordered to give security to save and keep indemnified the Justices of Somerset County and their Successors from all troubles and Charges that might accrew by means of the birth maintainance and bringing up of the Child aforesaid &c

Thereupon the said Absolom Hobbs with George Dashiell of Somerset County Gent^l his security both present herein Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves indebted unto his said Lordship the Lord proprietary in thirty pounds Curr^t money of Maryland of their body goods or Chattles Lands or tenements to the use of his said Lordship his heirs and Successors severally to be made and Levied If it happen that the said Absolom Hobbs and George Dashiell their heirs Ex^{ors} Adm^{ors} or any or either of them doe not from time to time and at all times forever hereafter acquit discharge and save harmless aswell the Justices of the County Court of Somerset for the time being as also the Inhabitants of said County of and from all Costs Charges and burthens whatsoever for or by reason of the birth maintainance nourishing and bringing up of the Child aforesaid and of and from all other suits Charges troubles and demands whatsoever touching or concerning of the same &c Thereupon the said Absolom Hobbs is discharged of and from the premises aforesaid he paying the severall fees due by means of the premises aforesaid &c