

hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices the peace in the County of ^{the} keep a signed
by the Oath of twelve Jurors presented that Elizabeth Spear late of Stepney parish in the said County of
Somerset spinster the twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty
one at the parish of ⁱⁿ the County of ^{and} within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with
a certain person to the Jurors of ^{unknown} and did permit the same unknown person then and there to have
carnal knowledge of her body and then and there a bastard Child on the body of her the same Elizabeth to
beget to the high Displeasure of Almighty God to the will 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 agt. the form of
the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided.

Thereupon Command was given to the sheriff of the County of Somerset that he should take the said
Eliz: Spear 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
June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty two to answer unto his said Lordship of the Indictment.

And now to wit at a Court held for the County of ^{the} the third Tuesday of June being the fifteenth
day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty two before his said Lordships Justices
at Dividing Creek came the said Eliz: Spear in her proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment of ^{and}
saith she cannot Deny but that she is guilty of the premises of ⁱⁿ the Indictment of ^{specified} in manner and
form as by the Indictment of ^{above} against her supposed and the premises in the Indictment of ^{expressly}
acknowledgeth and maketh Oath that a certain Christopher Dominick Jackson is the begetter of the bastard Child
she stands Indicted for and is willing to pay her fine for the fact of ^{of}

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood It is Considered by
the Court here that the said Eliz: Spear pay unto his said Lordship the right Honble the Lord proprietary of
Maryland for her fine by the Court hereupon her Impaired for and by occasion of the premises of ^{whereof} in some
of ^{she is} Convict thirty shillings Curr: money of Maryland and that the said Elizabeth Spear be taken to satisfy his
said Lordship of the fine of ^{of}

Whereupon the said Elizabeth Spear is ordered to give security to save and keep Indemnified the Justices
of the County of Somerset and their Successors from all troubles but then and Charges that might Accrue by means of
the birth maintenance and bringing up of the Child of ^{of}

Thereupon the said Elizabeth Spear with Samuel Carter of Somerset County planter present herein Court
in their proper persons acknowledged themselves Indebted unto his said Lordship the right Honble the Lord propety of
of the province of Maryland in thirty pounds Curr: money of their bodies goods or Chattles Lands or tenements severally
to be made and Levied to the use of the Inhabitants of the County of Somerset for the time being If it happen that the said
Elizabeths.