

June Court . . . . . 1742 . . . . . 277

the fornication in the Inditment aforesaid, said to be committed. therefore it is considered that the Inditment aforesaid be quashed and that the said Benjamin Derison goe thereof without day & and it is said by the Court here unto Robert Jencks his Henry Gentleman his Lordships attorney who for his said Lordship in this part prosecuteth that he exhibit to this Court an Information against the said Benjamin Derison for adultery &c.

The Same . . . . . Somerset p. Be it Remembered that Robert Jencks his Henry Gentleman attorney of Shelah Doughen the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is who for the same Lord Proprietary in this part prosecuteth doth come herinto the County Court of the same Lord Proprietary

held for Somerset County aforesaid to witt at dividing Creek in the same County the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two before Robert Kingport Esq: and his Associates the said Lord Proprietary his Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord Proprietary doth give the Court here to understand and be informed that Shelah Doughen late of the parish of in the said County of Somerset spinster the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty one at the parish of in the County of within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain person unknown and did permit the same unknown person to have carnal knowledge of her body and of her body then and there to have carnal knowledge of her body and to beget there and there a bastard child on the body of her the same Shelah to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the Evil Example of all others in such case offending contrary to the peace of the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary that now is his good rule and Government and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided. Whereupon the same Attorney of the same Lord Proprietary for the same Lord Proprietary prays advice of the Court herein the premises and that due process of law in this part against the same Shelah Doughen may be made to answer unto the same Lord Proprietary of and upon the premises &c.

Thereupon Command is to the Sheriff of the County of that he should Take the said Shelah Doughen in to answer &c. And now to witt at that same Court held for the County of at dividing Creek this fifteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty two before the Justices came the said Shelah Doughen in her proper person according to a certain recognizance by her and her Security in this part first acknowledged and had a hearing of the Information of and saith that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises in the Information of specified above upon her Imposed in manner and form as by the Information of above upon her supposed. Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court