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Proprietary doth give the Court here to understand and be Informed that Wheately Dennis late of Allhallow Parish in the said County of Somerset being the twenty eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty at the Parish of . . . in the County of . . . within the Jurisdiction of this said Court committed Fornication with a certain Sarah Challis and of her body then and there had carnal knowledge and a Bastard Child on the body of her the same Sarah then and there did beget to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the Evil Example of all others in such Cases 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 assembly in such Cases lately made and Provided & Whereupon the same Attorney of the said Lord Proprietary for the same Lord Proprietary pray the Advice of the Court here in the Premises and that due process of Law against the said Wheately Dennis in this part may be made to Answer the same Lord Proprietary upon the premises &c . . . . .

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of the County of . . . that he should take the said Wheately Dennis if he should come to Answer &c and now to wait at that same Court held for the County of . . . at . . . on the . . . day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty before the . . . Justice of the Peace the said Wheately Dennis 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 &c and saith that he cannot deny but that he is guilty of the Premises &c in the Information &c specified above upon him Imposed in manner and form as by the Information &c above upon him supposed &c . . . . .

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court hereof fully understood It is Considered by the Court here that the said Wheately Dennis pay unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary for his fine by the Court here upon him Imposed for and by Occasion of the Premises &c whereof in form &c he is convicted thirty Shillings Court money of Maryland and that the said Wheately Dennis be taken to Satisfy this said Lordship of the fine &c . . . . .

Whereupon the said Wheately Dennis is Ordered to give Security to save and keep Indemnified The Justice of the County of Somerset and their Successors from all troubles burthens and Charges that might Accrew by means of the birth and maintainance and bringing up of the said &c . . . . .

Thereupon the said Wheately Dennis with a certain John Dennis Jr of Somerset County Glanor his Security both present herein Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves Indebted unto his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland in thirty Pounds Court 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 Wheately Dennis and John Dennis Jr their heirs Executors or any or either of them doe not from time to time or at all times hereafter acquit discharge and save &c  
harmless.