

Examples as well the Justices of Somerset County Court 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 and nourishing and bringing up of the said Child, and of and from all other suits Charges troubles and Demands whatsoever touching or Concerning of the same &c.

The Same . . . Somerset County Court

Be it Remembered that Robert Jenkins Henry Gents. Attorney of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the same Lord Proprietary in this part provent the doct. Cone here into the County Court to witt at dividing Creek in the same County the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty before John Scott Esq. and his Associates the said Lord Proprietary his Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord Proprietary doth give the Justices here to understand and be Informed that Tabitha Lamberson late of Coventry parish in the County of - the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain Wallis Valentine and did permit the same Wallis Valentine then and there to have carnal knowledge of her body and then and there to beget a bastard Child on the body her the same Tabitha to the high displeasure of almighty God to the evill 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 against the form of the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided. Whereupon the same Attorney of the said Lord Proprietary pray Advice of the Court here in the premises and that due process of Law in this part against the aforesaid Tabitha Lamberson may be made to answer the said Lord Proprietary of and upon the premises &c.

Thereupon Command was given to the sheriffe of Somerset County that he should take the said Tabitha Lamberson if she should be found in his bailiwick and her should safe keep so that he might have her body here Immediately before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset now sitting at dividing Creek to answer unto his said Lordship of the Information aforesaid.

And afterwards to witt the same day and year above mentioned came here before his Lordships Justices the said Tabitha Lamberson in her proper person and had a 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 aforesaid as by the Information aforesaid above upon her supposed and maketh oath that a certain Wallis Valentine is the begetter of the Child she stands Informed against.

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 Tabitha Lamberson pay unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary for her fine by the Court here upon her Imposed for and by occasion of the premises aforesaid whereas in form aforesaid she is convicted thirty shillings Current money of Maryland and that the said Tabitha Lamberson be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid.

Whereupon the said Tabitha Lamberson is ordered to give Security for the payment of all fees or fees due by means of the Information aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever. Thereupon a certain Robert Lamberson of Somerset County planter present her in Court in his proper person understood for the said Tabitha Lamberson and assumed upon himself to pay all fees or fees due by means of the Information aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever &c.