

That County of Maryland Memorandum that Joseph Francis Gent. Attorney of the Right Honorable the Lord Prop. of the said County who for the same Lord Prop. in this part present to the Dole Court here into the said County Court before Samuel Wilmer Esq. and his Associates his Lordships Justice of the said County Court to wit at Chester Town in the County of the said County Day of June Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred twenty and seven and for the same Lord Prop. doth give the Court here bound and do give and that William Blackston of St. Pauls Parish in the said County of the said County the tenth Day of November Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred twenty and six at the Parish of the said County within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain Martha Jarvis and there did beget a Bastard Child on the Body of the said Martha to the high Displeasure of Almighty God by evil Example of others in such Cases offending contrary to the Peace of the said Lord Prop. of his good the said Government and against the Form of the Act of Assembly in such Cases made and provided wherefore the said Attorney prayeth the Advice of the Court here in the premises for the said Lord Prop. and due process of Law against the said Wm. in this part to give answer the said Lord Prop. of and upon the premises &c.

Josh. Martha Jarvis  
Joseph Francis Esq. Attorney

And the said William Blackston in his proper person Comes & Saith that he cannot gainsay the Information as was used against ~~him~~ him brought nor that he is guilty of the premises as was upon him imposed as by the said Information it is alleged and thereupon Submits to the Court - Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here to wit at the Court house in the Town of Chester in the said County this 5th Day of August Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and twenty seven that the said William Blackston pay the sum of thirty Shillings Current Money of Maryland as a fine for his offence of committing fornication in form aforesaid and it is Considered that the said Wm. Blackston pay the sum of three hundred and six pounds of Tobacco to be accounted on the premises to the officers of this Court

Jam. Smith Esq.

Ordered by the Court here that the Sheriff of the said County keep the said William Blackston in Safe Custody until he shall satisfy the sum in the Judgment aforesaid