

March Court 1729

Being thirty Shillings Current money - And by the Court here that the  
Oath of the Indictments Exhibitt an Information against the said John Haley  
on the said Account

Lordship

Rebecca Davis

That now is for Kent County and upon their Oath doe present that  
Rebecca Davis late of St Pauls parish in the County and Shire  
the tenth day of June Anno Domini Sevenleen hundred twenty  
and Nine at the Parish and in the County and within the  
Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain person to the  
Jurors and unknown and did permit the same unknown person then and there to have  
Carnal knowledge of her body and to beget then & there a bastard Child on y<sup>e</sup> body of her  
the same Rebecca to the high displeasure of Almighty God to y<sup>e</sup> bad example of all  
others in such case offending contrary to the peace of y<sup>e</sup> said Lord properly it now is  
his good Rule and Government and against the form of y<sup>e</sup> act of Assembly in y<sup>e</sup>  
Case made and provided

J. D. Ferrells

on the back of the preceding Indictment was Endorsed as follows *Bella Vera* *The Attorney for the*

And the said Rebecca Davis in her proper person Comer and Defends Saith that  
she gainsay the Indictment and so as it against her brought in but that she is  
guilty of the premises above upon her imposed as by the said Indictment it is alledged  
and thereupon Submits to the Court Therefore it is Considered by the  
Justice here to wit at the Court house in the Town of Chesser in said County on  
the thirteenth day in March being the sevenenth day of March Anno Domini Seven  
teen hundred and Twenty Nine that the said Rebecca Davis pay the Sum of thirty  
Shillings Current money Debt according to Act of Assembly in such case lately made  
and provided for her offence of Committing fornication as aforesaid and also pay the Sum  
of two hundred fifty Eight pounds of Tobacco Cost according on the premises and to  
the officers of this Court

ordered by the Court here that the same Rebecca prove upon her oath  
the person that was the begitt & the father of the said Child being sworn declares that a  
certain George Copper Smith was the begitt of her said Child as she is above  
charged with ordered by the Court here that Joseph Jeremy Sheriff of  
said County keep the said Rebecca in Custody until the fine and fees and shall  
be satisfied

Lordship

Martha Byrne

That now is for Kent County and upon their Oath  
do present that Martha Byrne late of St Pauls parish in the  
County and Shire the tenth day of June Anno Domini Sevenleen  
hundred and Twenty Nine at the Parish and in the County and within  
the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain  
person to the Jurors and unknown and did permit the same unknown person then and there  
to have carnal knowledge of her body and to beget then and there a bastard Child  
on the body of her the same Martha to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the  
bad example of all others in such offending contrary to the peace of the said Lord  
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