

August 16
His Lordship — The same being inspected & commanding for in-
Joan Edwards late of St. Pauls parish in the County of Spinkes
to Charles Smith — orders that the Clerk of the Indulments of
this Court exhibit and information against
the said Joan after which came Touch Francis Clerk of the Indul-
ments of this Court and exhibits the Information which followeth
that he is remembered that Touch Francis Gent attor-
ney of the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is who
for the same Lord Proprietary in this part prosecuteth doth come
before into the County Court of the same Lord Proprietary held for
the County of Chester Town in the County of the Town:
twelfth day of August Anno Domini seventeen hundred thirty and four
before James Harris Esq. and his associates the said Lord Proprie-
tary his Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord Proprie-
tary doth give the same Justices here to understand and be informed
that Joan Edwards late of St. Pauls parish in the County of Spinkes
the tenth day of June Anno Domini seventeen hundred thirty and three
at the parish of in the County of within the Jurisdiction of this Court did
commit fornication with a certain person to the said attorney un-
known and did permit the same unknown person then and
there to have carnal knowledge of her body and to begett there-
of there a bastard child on the body of her the same Joan to
the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil example of all
others in such case offending contrary to the peace of the same Lord
Proprietary his good rules and Government and against the form of
the Act of assembly in such case made and provided whereupon
the said attorney of the said Lord Proprietary for the same Lord
Proprietary prayeth the advice of the Court here in the premises
and that due process of Law in this part against the said Joan may
be made to answer unto the same Lord Proprietary of and upon
the premises —

And the same Lord Proprietary by his attorney doth prayeth
that the said Joan Edwards may answer unto the said informa-
tion and the said Joan Edwards comes and in her proper person
appears and the said Joan Edwards doth answer and confess the force
and importance whereof and saith that she cannot deny the
Information as so as against her brought nor can she say
but that she is guilty of the fornication in the Information
as aforesaid and thereupon submits to the Court: —