

August Court 1726

On the tenth Day of March Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred twenty
 & Six at the parish of in the County of within the Jurisdiction of this
 Court Did Commit Fornication with a certain Mary Hyle and then and there
 did beget a Bastard Child on the Body of her the same Mary to the Right
 Displeasure of Almighty God to y^e. Evil Example of all others in such
 Case Offending Contrary to the Peace of y^e. s^d. Lord prop^y. that now is his
 good Rule and Government and against the Form of the Act of Assembly
 in such Case made and provided. Therefore the same Attorney of the
 said Lord prop^y. for y^e. s^d. Lord prop^y. prayeth the advice of the Court
 here in the premises and Due Process of Law in this part to be made
 against the afd. Ephraim to Answer unto the s^d. Lord prop^y. of and
 upon the premises: ——— Francis Per Jura

To y^e. Mary Hyle —

And though Ephraim Gilbert in his proper person comes and saith that he
 cannot give any of the Information afd. so as afd. against him. brought
 nor that he is guilty of the premises above upon him imposed as by
 the afd. Information it is alledged 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 s^d. County this sixteenth Day of August Anno Domini
 Seventeen Hundred and twenty six that the s^d. Ephraim Gilbert pay the
 Sum of six hundred pounds of Tobacco as a fine for his afd. offence of
 Committing Fornication in form afd. aforesaid According to Act of Assembly
 in such Case made and provided &c. Also it is considered that the said
 Ephraim pay the Sum of two hundred and Sixty Seven pounds of Tobacco
 Cost Accruing on the premises afd. to the officers of this Court —

James Smith Clerk

Ordered by the Court here that the Sheriff of West County keep the afd. Ephraim
 Gilbert in safe Custody until he shall satisfy the fine and fees in the
 Judgment afd. shouglid in the whole amounting by Sum of Eight
 Hundred and Sixty Seven pounds of Tobacco —

To His Lordship } A will bearing Issue against the said Charles
 Charles Neal - } at His Lordships Suit to answer unto an Information
 for Fornication The Sheriff of West County to wit some
 the said will was Directed makes Return thereof to this Court here on
 the 11th