

June Court 1727

His Lordship  
Margaret English

Front County ss. Memorandum that French Francis  
Gent Attorney of the Right Hon. the Lordprop of  
that now is for the County of Dorset for the same  
Lordprop of in this part present to the Dole Comers here

into the said County Court before Saml<sup>l</sup> Edilmer Esq and his associates  
his Lordships Justices of the same County Court hold at Chester Town in  
the said County the twentyeth Day of June Anno Dom<sup>o</sup> Seventeen  
hundred twenty and seven and for the same Lordprop of Dole give the  
Court here to understand and be informed that Margaret English of Saint  
pauls parish in the said County of the servant woman of Edward Worrell  
the tenth Day of November Anno Dom<sup>o</sup> Seventeen hundred twenty  
seven at the parish aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of  
this Court did commit fornication with a certain Negro ~~Man~~ and did  
permit the same Negro Man and there to have carnal knowledge of her  
Body and to beget thereon a Mollatto Bastard Child on the  
Body of her the said Margaret to the high Displeasure of Almighty  
God King of Kings and Emperor of Emperors in such Case offending Contrary  
to the peace of the said Lordprop of his good Rule and Government and against  
the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided  
wherefore though the said French Francis the advice of the Court here in  
for the said Lordprop of and Dole prop of Law against the said Marg<sup>t</sup>  
in this part to give to answer to the said Lordprop of and upon the  
promises &c.

Francis Hoel Place

And the said Margaret English in her proper person comes and saith the said  
cannot gainsay the information aforesaid against her brought nor but  
that she is guilty of the promise above upon her imposed as by the said  
information it is alleged and thereupon submits to the Court  
Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here this twenty third Day of June  
Anno Dom<sup>o</sup> Seventeen hundred and twenty seven that y<sup>e</sup> said Margaret  
English serve the full space of seven years as a punishment for her aforesaid  
Crime of committing fornication with a Negro in form aforesaid  
according to Act of Assembly in that Case also it is considered that she  
pay the sum of one hundred and Seventy Nine Pounds of Tobacco  
Costs accruing on the promise aforesaid to the officers of this Court

Jam<sup>s</sup> Smith

Ordered by the Court here that y<sup>e</sup> said Margaret English serve her Master Edward  
Worrell four Months for trouble and Disgrace of his house in bring her  
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