

His Lordship - }
 Mary Spearman }
 Sheriff of Kent County }
 doth certify that the Jurors for the Right
 Honorable the Lord Proprietor that now is for the
 body of Kent County and upon their oath
 doth certify that Mary Spearman late of Saint Pauls Parish in the
 County and Shire of Kent the tenth day of June Anno Domini seven hundred
 twenty and seven 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 there and there a bastard Child on the body
 of her the same Mary to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the
 evil example of all others in such case offending Contrary to the
 peace of the said Lord Proprietor that now is his good rule and Governmt.
 and against the form of the Act of Assembly in that case made &
 provided

Test George Austins

Francis Goddard

On the back of the preceding Indictment was as follows
 A true bill by Thomas Hynson Foreman

And the said Mary Spearman in her proper person comes and
 saith that she cannot deny the Indictment and so is against
 her brought in but that she is guilty of the premises above upon her
 Imposed as by the said Indictment is alleged and thereupon submits
 to the Court

Therefore it is Considered by the Court here to wit at the Court
 house in the Town of Charles in Kent County this twenty fourth day
 of November Anno Domini 1727 That the said Mary Spearman receive
 at the public whipping post eleven Lashes well laid on her bare back
 till the blood appear as a punishment for her said Crime of committing
 fornication in form and Content also it is Considered that she pay
 the sum of two hundred twenty three pounds of Tobacco Costs
 owing on the premises and to the Officers of this Court

Ordered by the Court here at this day to wit the day & year aforesaid
 that the Sheriff of Kent County take the said Mary into his
 Custody & execute the punishment in the Judgment aforesaid & provide
 and afterward to bring her into Court again of which said Sheriff
 the said Sheriff to wit John Gresham Gent High Sheriff of Kent
 County makes Return thereof on the day and year last said

Jam Smith Clk