

No 24. ----- Maintenance of a Bastard Child or Bastard Children.]

The----- *Reeve, Esq. and the Rev'd John Swann, Clerk*, two of his Majesty's Ju----- and for the said *party* one whereof is of the Quorum -----
----- *unto* the limits of the parish church within the parish of *Swinderby* the said *party* made the *twenty eighth* day of *January* in the *fifty first* Year of the Reign of Sovereign Lord King *George the third* and in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and *eleven* concerning a male bastard child lately born in the parish of *Swinderby* aforesaid, of the body of *Elizabeth Hague* single Woman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Swinderby* as upon the Oath of the said *Elizabeth Hague* that she the said *Elizabeth Hague* on the *thirteenth* Day of *December* now last past, was delivered of a male Bastard Child at *the house of Samuel Hague* in the Parish of *Swinderby* aforesaid in the said *party and County* and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to the said Parish of *Swinderby* and likely so to continue: AND further that *Joseph Caunt* of *Swinderby* aforesaid, Farmer did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said *Elizabeth Hague*.

And whereas *the said Joseph Caunt is now present before us, in pursuance of our Warrant issued for that purpose, but hath not shown any sufficient cause why he the said Joseph Caunt should not be deemed the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.* WE THEREFORE, upon examination of the cause and circumstances of the Pre-ises, as well upon the oath of the said *Elizabeth Hague* do hereby adjudge him the said *Joseph Caunt* to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. **And thereupon we do order**, as well the better Relief of the said Parish of *Swinderby* as for the Support and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child that the said *Joseph Caunt* shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Swinderby* or to some or one of them, the Sum of *Four Pounds and one Shilling* for and towards the lying in of the said *Elizabeth Hague* and for the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child and other incident Expences to the Time of making this our Order. **And we do also hereby further order**, that the said *Joseph Caunt* shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Swinderby* for the time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of *three shillings* Weekly and every Week from this present Time, for and towards the Cloathing, Maintain---, and Keeping of the said Bastard Child for and during so long Time as the same shall be chargeable to the said Parish of *Swinderby*.

And we do further order that the said *Elizabeth Hague* shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Swinderby* the time being, or to some of them, the sum of *sixpe---* Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of *Swinderby* in Case she shall not Nurse and take Care of the said Child herself.

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