

At a County Co<sup>rt</sup> held the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1774  
year of y<sup>e</sup> Dominion of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>o</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup> Cecilus & Annoq<sup>ue</sup> Domini 1774  
before His Hon<sup>ble</sup> Justice hereunto Assigned and Authorized

m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stevens

Present { m<sup>r</sup> James Jones : m<sup>r</sup> David Brown  
          { m<sup>r</sup> George Johnson : m<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Rice  
          { m<sup>r</sup> Charles Ballard : m<sup>r</sup> James Daffin } Comm<sup>rs</sup>

Edward Dinkson p<sup>et</sup> }  
                                  ag<sup>t</sup> }  
John Brinden def<sup>t</sup> } Henry Smith p<sup>ro</sup> def<sup>t</sup>

To the w<sup>or</sup>th<sup>ts</sup> Bench of Somerset County  
Sheweth  
That whereas m<sup>r</sup> John Brinden late of this County  
was attached to answer unto Edward Dinkson in Answer  
of a Writ upon the Case for the Maintenance of his Child  
thru years and odd months Craves therefore order of Court  
for the said Charge with Cost of Suit And that he may  
take some Course for the future Maintenance of the said  
Child the said Dinkson being already much diminished  
with Charge expense and great loss of time So leaving it  
to yo<sup>r</sup> serious Consideration for Cause as before an order for  
the same And he in Duty bound shall Pray  
Edward Dinkson

The Deposition of Sarah Williard aged twenty seven  
or thereabouts sworn in Co<sup>rt</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 1774  
saith that m<sup>r</sup> Brinden was a<sup>ss</sup>ing of this woman whether it was his Child  
or not, And she answered y<sup>e</sup>t: And he answered if it be mine she  
maintains it So far & say and farther saith not  
Sarah Williard