

The Jurors for his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Bishop that now is for the County of Somerset upon their Oath present that Molito de Late of Sturton Parish in the County of Spinston on the first Day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty Six at the Parish of in the County of Somerset with a Certain Negro Slave to the Jurors unknown did Commit the same unknown Negro Slave to have carnal knowledge of her body and to beget a Child on the body of her the said she then and there to beget to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil example of all others in such Cases offending contrary to the peace of the said Lord Bishop that now is his good Rule and Government and Against the force of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided and so forth

Whereupon it is Commanded the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Take the said Molito de Late of St. to answer &c. And notwithstanding at a Court of his Lordship held at Bishops Cleeve the third Tuesday of August being the eighteenth Day of the same Month Anno Domini thousand Seven hundred and fifty Six before the Justice thereof came the said Molito de Late in her proper Person and had Abearing of the said Court & said that she cannot deny but that she is Guilty of the Premises in the said Court of St. above upon her Impression in Manner and form as by the said Court of St. above Against her supposed

Whereupon all and singular the Premises being seen and by the Court fully understood it is Considered by the Court here that for as much as there is due to the County of Somerset Seven years Service from such persons as are Guilty of Indentured Copulation of & so forth and that such Persons beget by such Copulation become servants until it arrives at the age of thirty One years According to Act of Assembly in such Case provided that the said Molito de Late become a servant for Seven years for such Copulation of and that Next the Year of the said Court beget by the Copulation of & so forth become a servant until he arrives at the age of thirty One years

Whereupon it is Ordered by the Court here that the said Court should Return to her Master Thomas Collins de Late in Order to be sold for the Indentured Copulation of & so forth and that John Dennis high Sheriff of Somerset County immediately sell Next the Year of the said Court beget by the Copulation of & so forth to the highest Bidder for the term of thirty One years to Commence from the time of his Birth he being now four years of age & so forth And of the same in the same Court came the said Sheriff and returned that he by virtue of the order of the said Court had sold the said Court beget by the Copulation of & so forth for the term of thirty One years to Commence from the time of his Birth (being now four years of age) to Thomas Collins for the Quantity of Two thousand Eight hundred and fifty Shillings of Silver he being the highest Bidder &c.

The Jurors We the Grand Jury for the County of Somerset do present a Certain Elizabeth Tull of County Parish of St. in the County of for being a Bastard Child on or about the first of May in the Year 1761

Whereupon it is Commanded the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Take the said Elizabeth Tull of St. to answer &c. And notwithstanding at a Court of his Lordship held at Bishops Cleeve the third Tuesday of August being the eighteenth Day of the same Month Anno Domini thousand Seven hundred and fifty Six before the Justice thereof came the said Elizabeth Tull in her proper Person and had Abearing of the said Court & said that she is Guilty of the Premises in the said Court of St. above upon her Impression in Manner and form as by the said Court of St. above Against her supposed and that the said Certain Nicholas Tull is the father of the said Elizabeth Tull and is willing to pay her fine of 10 shillings

Whereupon all and singular the Premises being seen and by the Court fully understood it is Considered by the Court here that the said Elizabeth Tull for the Premises and Offense of in the said Court of St. above specified be taken which said Elizabeth Tull present herein Court as a fine of the sum of thirty Shillings of Money of England which she paid to the Sheriff for the use of the County &c.

The Jurors We the Jurors for his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Bishop that now is for the County of Somerset upon their Oath present that Abigail Tomlinson Late of County parish in the County of Spinston on the thirtieth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty Six

at the Parish the same unknown than and there contrary to the Act of Assembly The being the high Sheriff of the County cannot deny but as by the said Court for the same considered by which said Abigail of the County and King the birth of the said Court that Abigail beget that The same Court of St. above Parish of the said Court Case of the sum of if St. to answer the high Sheriff came the said Court but that he the said Court here the taken which Shillings of County from with the fine of the said Court that the Court Charges