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Somerset County. At a Court of the Right Honourable Charles absolute Lord and proprietary
of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c) held by his said Lordships
Commissioners and Justices of the peace for Somerset County at Dividing Creek the third Tuesday
of March being the seventeenth day of the same month in the Ninth Year of his said Lordships
Dominion &c. and Dated: 1724

Present

The Worshipful {
 M^r. Samuel Hopkins -
 M^r. William Whitton -
 Maj^r. William Elmer -
 M^r. John Curnale -
 M^r. John Jones -
 Joseph M^r. Foster Secd.

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 M^r. William Haselt -
 M^r. John Smith -
 William Stoughton Esq^r -
 M^r. John Handy -
 Thomas Hayward Secd.

His Lordship's Just.

Proclamation being made in Usual form and the Shew of Somerset County to wit: Jos:
M^r. Foster Gentleman being called to make return of the pannell of the grand Jurors, Returns the Same;
which Jurors are as followeth viz.

- William Lane	John Howton	Jos: Howton	John Broughton
- James Lindow	Lazarus Maddux Esq ^r	John Murrow	Wm: Richardson
- Michael Holland Esq ^r	John Bewins	Cornelius Emis	William Vaughan
- Thomas Wright	William Adams	John Hudson	John Huntington
- Nathaniel Horsey	Thomas Baker	William Simpson	Richard Foster
	Thomas Layfield	John Norton	John Hopkins

Who being severally called appeared & were sworn and charged & sent out to consider &c. who
soon after returned and present to the Court here the following presentments being content that the
Court should amend form altering the Manner of Substance in them, viz: Mary Cook, Mary Horne,
Honner, Norgate, Samuel Taylor, Francis Coniter, Ester Jenkins, Wm Hudson & Ann Bullingale there-
upon the Grand Jurors are discharged, and ordered that they be allowed the Sum of
pounds of ~~two~~ for their publick Service to be paid next Levy Court, and against the Several persons
as presented (that both not already answered) Its ordered that Legias Issue returnable to Next Court &c

Whereas a certain William Stoughton Esq^r became security, to save and discharge Somers-
set County from all burthens troubles Charges, and Innuibrances whatsoever that might arise by Means
of bastard Child, begott by one William Thompson, of a certain Mary Cook, the said Thompson being since
Runaway, and none to take care of the said Child, so as afo begott, by the said Mary Cook Except her self
and in all possibility the said Child in a short time must be ~~supported~~ would be ^{com} burthen to the
said County of Somerset - Thereupon the said William Stoughton prays the Court that
the Child of the said Mary Cook might be committed to his care, for his own Endemprity he being
Security &c - Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said William Stoughton take of
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