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Days, which said Service by the said Mary Book to be completed, to commence at the Expiration of
her before servitude, and when free her Master to return her to Court &

The Same } Somerset p. Be it Remembered that this day to wit the Seventeenth day of March -
John Howard } Seventeen hundred and twenty four came into Court Lewis Gale Esq. of Indictm^t. for the
County of Somerset gives the Court to understand and be informed that John
Howard Late of Somerset County Labourer the tenth day of June Seventeen hundred and twenty four
at the County of Somerset within the Jurisdiction of this Court committed fornication with a certain Mary Cerdue
against the peace &c. and also against the form of the act of assembly in such case made & provided &c.
Lewis Gale Esq. pro d.

Whereupon the said John Howard in his own proper person appears and being Sett to a
Barr is thereupon demanded how he would acquit himself of the premises Impored upon him say
that he is guilty thereof. and prays that he may be admitted to make fine to the Lord proprietary for the
fact aforesaid - Wherefore it is Considered by the Court that the said John Howard be fined to the
Lord proprietary of this province the Sum of thirty Shillings for the fact aforesaid to be applied toward the defraying
Charge (paid by M^r George Dashiell) - to Capt John Jones for the use of the County to be returned when
Required - It is thereupon Ordered by the Court that the said John Howard give Security for paying
of all fees that are due to the Several Officers on the premises aforesaid. Whereupon a certain George
Dashiell present in Court undertakes for the said John Howard to pay the Several Officers their
fees due as aforesaid &c.

The Same } We of the grand Jury do present William Hutton of all hollows parish Stander
William Hutton } for begetting a bastard Child on the Body of Francis Counter - W^m Lane foreman

Thereupon Command was given to the Sher^{iff} of Somerset County that he should
take the said William Hutton if he so answer &c. and afterwards in the same Court comes the said
William Hutton in Custody of the Sher^{iff} who before that time was committed for the same aforesaid - and
the said William Hutton being Sett to the Barr is thereupon demanded how he would acquit himself
of the premises aforesaid, says that of the premises aforesaid he is guilty thereof and prays that he may be
admitted to make fine to the Lord proprietary for the fact aforesaid and he is admitted -

Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said W^m Hutton be fined to his Lordship
the Sum of thirty Shillings for the fact aforesaid to be applied toward the defraying the County Charge
while fine is paid in Court by M^r Francis Allen unto Capt John Jones for the use of the County aforesaid
Likewise the said Allen undertakes to pay all fees for the said William Hutton by Creation
of the premises on & Present aforesaid &c.