

June Court ... 1723

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Child of Stogney Parish if He Should be found in his Bedchamber and hee Should safe keep so that he might have her Body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Dividing Creek in Somerset County afft, the third Tuesday of June then next to answer unto his Lordships Concerning a certaine Complaint against her found &c and that thereof he Should not fail &c —

At which Said third Tuesday of June to witt the Eighteenth day of the same Month and Year
One thousand Seven hundred and twenty three Being the day of the returne of the said Writ Compt the Sherif of Somerset County to whom the foregoing writ was directed and makes returne therof to the Court had and held in these words following viz — *Esq: James McCarter Sheriff* —

Whereupon the said ~~John Shelders~~ appears in her own proper person and being set to the Barre whereupon demanded howshe would acquit herselfe of the Compt for above Impos-
ed upon her, says that of the Compt aforesaid imposed upon her, she is guilty thereof and submits to the Mory of the Court and is willing to pay her fine for the fact aforesaid — *And makes oath that*
Emmally Bloodworth is the begetter of the Child she stands presented for *and wherefore it is considered by the Justices that the said John Shelders*
be fined to his Lordship the Lord Proprietor of this Province the sum of thirty Shillings curr: money
for the fact aforesaid whereupon the said Ann Shelders is discharged the giving security for the paymt of this
fine aforesaid and all the Officers fees that accrued by action of the Compt aforesaid — Whereupon a certaine —
Morrice Ellis of Somerset County Gent Esq: Court Leuit and or later for the said Ann Shelders
to pay the fine aforesaid and the several Officers fees that accrued by action of the Compt aforesaid —

To his Lordship

Wee of the grand Jury for the Body of Somerset County do present Bridget
Bridget Lowder — Lowder Squinter for bearing a bastard child the thirteenth of December last Stogney
Parish John Ricketts Constable — James Rownd foreman —

Whereupon Compt was brought to the Sherif of Somerset County that he Should take the said —
Bridget Lowder of Stogney Parish Squinter if he Should be found in his Bedchamber and hee
Should safe keep so that he might have her Body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court
of Somerset the third Tuesday of June then next to be held at Dividing Creek to answer unto a certaine
Complaint her found by the grand Jury &c and that thereof he Should not fail &c —

At which Said third Tuesday of June to witt the Eighteenth day of the same month and year
One thousand Seven hundred and twenty three Being the day of the returne of the said Writ Compt the Sherif
of Somerset County and makes returne therof to the Court had and held in these words following viz — *Esq: James McCarter Sheriff* —
Whereupon the said Bridget Lowder in her own proper person appears and being set
to the Barre whereupon instantly demanded how she would acquit herselfe of the Compt aforesaid
above Imposed upon her, says that of the premises aforesaid above Imposed upon her *she is guilty thereof*
and submits to the Mory of the Court and makes oath that a certaine Emmally Bloodworth is the
Begetter of the Child she stands Presented for — for as much as the said Bridget Lowder
will not swear with all to pay her fine for the fact aforesaid, nor no person would do the same for her —
(Wherefore)