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Bind her daughter Mary Beire to him and engaged to learn her to weave <sup>and</sup> with her needle as well as his wife  
and to keep her with good clothes Now your Petitioner complains that the said Carlyle when he writt the Indenture  
promised he forgot ~~to~~ for the conditions aft but said he would comply with the same but your petitioner finding  
the promise of the said Carlyle not to be complied with but contrarywise sayes her in the kitchen or some oþ  
house and doth much abuse her which doth give me much cause to suspect his other fair promises the premises  
considered your petitioner prayeth that her daughter may by the Court be removed or that she may comply with  
their actual agreement and as my duty bound shall ever pray --- Anne Beire ---

Thereupon command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should summon the said Alexander  
Carlyle of Somerset County Gent<sup>m</sup> if he should be found in your Bailiwick that all Expenses & charges he might  
be and appear before the Justice of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Bridgwater <sup>to be held</sup> at Bridgwater <sup>to be held</sup> at Bridgwater  
at the third Tuesday of June then next to answer the Petition aft and that he should bring with him the said Mary  
Beire and her Indenture &c and that thereof he should not fail &c ---

At which said third Tuesday of June to wit the eighteenth day of the same month and year One thousand seven  
hundred and twenty three Being the day of the return of the said Writ comes the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the fore-  
going writ was directed and makes return thereof to the Court in these words sign'd Summoned of Dr. M<sup>r</sup> Lester Sher<sup>m</sup> ---  
Where upon came here unto Court in their proper persons as well the said Alexander Carlyle as the ~~et~~ Petitioner  
aft but the said Alexander Carlyle brings not the afo<sup>d</sup> Mary Beire according to Summons but pray'd day unless May  
Court to answer the petition afo<sup>d</sup> & he hath it and the same day gave the said Anne Beire the Petitioner also ---

At which said next Court to wit the twentieth day of August and year One thousand seven hundred and twenty three came  
again as well the afo<sup>d</sup> Anne Beire the Petitioner as the said Alexander Carlyle and Mary Beire and the petition afo<sup>d</sup> being  
read and heard and fully understood and mature deliberation therupon had, and also the Court having heard their  
several allegations as well on the part of the Petitioner afo<sup>d</sup> as on the Part of the said Alexander Carlyle It appears  
to the Court here that the said Mary Beire the Petitioners daughter has been abused and misused as by the Petition afo<sup>d</sup>  
it self sheweth --- Wherefore it is considered by the Justice here that the said Anne Beire Mary Beire returne  
home to her said Masters service and that the said Alexander Carlyle doth not for the future abuse the said Mary  
Beire as formerly he had done, as now appears in Court &c ---

His Lordship <sup>g</sup> W<sup>e</sup> of the grand Jury for the Body of Somerset County do present Mary Deacon Spurster Somerset  
Mary Deacon Parish for bearing a bastard Child the first day of February last the<sup>o</sup> Benjamin Informer  
Foreman of the Grand Jury ---

Thereupon command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Mary Deacon  
Spurster of Somerset Parish if she should be found in his Bailiwick and have safe keeping so that he might have  
her Body before the Justice of his Lordships County Court of Somerset <sup>to be held</sup> at Bridgwater the third Tuesday of June then next to answer unto  
his said Lordship concerning a certain Presentment against her found and that thereof he should not fail &c ---

which said third Tuesday of June to wit the eighteenth day of the same month and year One thousand seven  
hundred and twenty three Being the day of the return of the said Writ comes the Sheriff of Somerset County and  
makes return thereof to the Court sign'd Capi Corpus Jos. M<sup>r</sup> Lester Sher<sup>m</sup> Whereupon the said Sheriff altho<sup>d</sup>  
  
(Solenly)