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Safe Keep so that he might have her body before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset the
third Tuesday of June then next to answer unto his said Lordship concerning a certain presentm^t against
her found and that thereof he should not fail to do

At which said third Tuesday of June being the twenty first day of the same month the said D^o:
thou and seven hundred and twenty six Com^o: the Sher^o: of Somerset County to whom the foregoing
writ was directed and made the Return thereof endorsed in these words following viz^t - *Copi Copus* of
Francis Allen Sher^o

Whereupon the said Catherine Kelly in her own proper person appeareth and being set to the Bar
is thereupon Instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises and above Imp^o:
says that of the premises and above upon her Imp^o: she is guilty thereof, and makes oath that
a certain Patrick Down is the begetter of the Child she stands presented for: but hath not wherewithal
to pay her fine for the fact and - Wherefore it is considered by the Justice^o: that the said Catherine -
Kelly be tied to the Publick Whipping Post and there be whipt with twenty Lashes on the bare back
well laid on, and that she be taken up and thereupon as to the Corporall punishment and Command is
given to the Sher^o: of Somerset County that he do hereof Immediate Execution according to the Judges^o:
Rendered by whipping the said Catherine Kelly at the Publick Whipping Post with twenty Lashes on the bare
back well laid on until the blood appear and afterwards in the same Court the Sher^o: Returns that
he has done the Execution of the Judges^o: and as to the Corporall punishment and he was Commanded to do

Thereupon the said Catherine Kelly is ordered to give Security for fees due by Omission of the pre-
mises and whereupon a certain Charles Cottingham of Somerset County present in Court undertakes for the
said Catherine Kelly to pay the severall Officers their fees due by Omission of the premises and so -

The same } Maryland Somerset County. We of the grand Jury do present Elizabeth Ackman
of Stegney Parish Squinter for bearing on her body a bastard Child about the
Elizabeth Ackman - } East of August East East. Merrick Ellis Squinter

Thereupon Command was given to the Sher^o: of Somerset County that he should take the
said Elizabeth Ackman of Stegney parish Squinter if she shall be found in of his bailiwick and he
should Safe Keep so that he might have her body before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of
Somerset to be hold at Dio Iding Creek the third Tuesday of June then next to answer unto his said Lord:
ship concerning a certain Presentm^t against her found and that thereof he should not fail to do -

At which said third Tuesday of June to wit the twenty first day of the same month the said D^o:
thousand seven hundred and twenty six being the day of the Return of the said Writ Com^o: the Sher^o:
of Somerset County to whom the foregoing writ was directed and made the Return thereof to the Court here
endorsed in these words following viz^t - *Copi Copus* of Francis Allen Sher^o -

Whereupon the said Elizabeth Ackman in her own proper person appears and being by
the Sher^o: set to the Bar is thereupon Instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the pre-
mises and says that of the premises and above she is guilty thereof and puts herself in Mercy of the Lord
proprietary, but Refuseth to declare of father of her Child she stands presented for. - but is
Wherefore it is considered by the Justice^o: here that the said Elizabeth Ackman be whipt with
Lashes