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His Lordship
Francis Brooks.

Be it Remembered that this day to wit the twenty second
day of March One thousand Seven hundred and twenty Six came into Court George
Dashiell who for his Lordship Proseuter and gives the Court to understand and being sworn
that a certain Francis Brooks late of Somerset County Lord waver on the day of August and
One thousand Seven hundred Twenty Six did commit fornication with a certain Mary Stevens
and on her Body did begett a bastard Child against the peace of the Lord Proprietary of
this province and against the forme of an Act of assembly of this province in such
Case made and Provided. — Dashiell proseuter —

Thereupon Command was given to the Sher. of Somerset County that he should
have the afo Francis Brooks if he to answer &c. And afterwards in the same Court came
the afo Francis Brooks and being by the Sher. sett to the bar in thereupon immediately demanded
how he would acquitt himselfe of the Premises afo. says that of the Premises afo he is guilty there
of, and prayes that he may be admitted to make fine to his said Lordship for the fact afo, and
thereof puts himselfe in mercy of the said Lord Proprietary

Wherefore it is Considered by the Court that the afo Francis Brooks be fined to his said
Lordship the Lord Proprietary thirty Shillings for the fact afo, and that the afo Francis Brooks
be taken &c. — whereupon It is ordered by the Court that the afo Francis Brooks give Security
for the fine afo and all the Officers their fees due by Omission of the premises afo thereupon
a certain Wm. Brooks of the County afo present in Court payes thirty Shill. for the said Francis
Brooks for the fine afo and undertakes for to pay the severall Officers their fees due by
omission of the Premises afo. — Likewise it is ordered by the Court that the afo Francis
Brooks give good security to save and keep undisturbed Somerset County from all sorts
Quarrels and troubles whatsoever for or by reason of the birth Nurishment and bringing up of the
Child so as afo begott of the afo Mary Stevens

Whereupon the afo Francis Brooks together with the afo William Brooks the said Security
both present in Court in their proper person acknowledged themselves to be and
stand Justly Indebted unto the Inhabitants of Somerset County in the Sum of twenty pounds
Sterling good and Lawfull money of England on their bodies goods or Chattell, Lands or
tenements Joyntly and Severally to be made and Levied for the use of Somerset County if
it happen the afo Francis Brooks fail in the Condition under written —

The Condition of the above Recognizance is such that if the above Comided Francis
Brooks his heirs &c. or any of them, do and shall from time to time and at all times