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His Lordship } Somerset p. The Jurors for the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary of the  
Geo. Beaton } Province that now is for the body of Somerset County upon their oath do present that  
That George Beaton late of Somerset County ad. Dickur George Beaton. of -  
Somerset parish planter the fear of God before his eyes not having, but being seduced by the  
Instigation of the devil on or about the second day of February and Dow: One thousand  
Seven hundred and twenty seven, eight at Somerset County ad. within the Jurisdiction of this  
Court did commit adultery with a certain Hannah Noble of the same parish and on her  
body did begett an illegitimate child, to the great dishonour of Almighty God, against the peace  
of the right honourable the Lord Proprietary his good rule and Government and against the form  
of an act of assembly of this Province in such case made and provided. -  
Dashed proventer for his L<sup>d</sup> -

Testis: Hannah Noble  
On the back side of the foregoing bill of indictment it was being

Endorsed by - A True Bill William Lane foreman -

Thereupon Command was given to the Just. of Somerset County that he  
Should take the ad George Beaton if he to answer the afterwards here in Court  
came the ad George Beaton in his proper person, and being by the Just. sett to the  
bar, (Indictment read) is thereupon Instantly demanded how he would acquit himselfe  
of the premises ad above upon him imposed, say, that of the premises ad as by the  
Indictment above upon him imposed he is nor way guilty thereof, and thereof for byes  
putt himselfe upon the Country, and George Dashed who for his said Lordship in this behalfe  
proventer Likewise -

Thereupon Command is given to the Just. of Somerset  
County that Immediately he cause to come here twelve Just. who to recognize he because  
as well as of which said precept the said Just. to witt John Curran, made. Return that  
he hath here ready twelve Just. as by his said precept he was commanded, and the Jurors  
of that Jury therein Impannolled being called came to witt, Adam Kitch, William Jones,  
Caver Gaddin, Thomas Collins, Peter Raywell, Johnson Rice, William Ford, Edward Hought  
Thomas Holbrook, Charles Townsend, Brink Broughton, Peter Payer who being duly  
tryed and sworn to say the truth in the premises upon their oath do say that the ad -  
George Beaton is guilty of the adultery whereof he stands Indicted the.

Wherefore it is considered that the ad George Beaton be fined to his Lord.  
ship the Lord Proprietary three pounds Curr. money for the fault ad, toward the defraying of  
the County, and that he be taken the, whereupon the said George Beaton is discharged  
paying the fees due by reason of the premises ad the. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court  
that the ad George Beaton take care of the child ad begett of the ad Hannah Noble, he and  
present here in Court promise to do. the