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and that due process of law may issue. G. Darlie & Dwn. Brody —

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said Thomas Beal in his proper person, and therefore aduertement being unto him had submit  
with a protestation of his innocency, and because he wil not plead with the said Lord Proprietary he  
putt himself upon the favour of the Court &c. Wherefore it is considered by the Court that the  
said Thomas Beal be taken to statfice his said Lordship of his fine by reason of the trespass and  
assault aforesaid, whiche same Thomas Beal then and there present in Court and pray he may be admitted of  
fine of his said Lordship by reason aforesaid, and thereof he putt himself in mercy of his said  
Lordship, and the summe of the said Thomas Beal is appaid by the Justicer to fifty poundes of  
labour to the use of his said Lordship the said Proprietor &c. and therupon the said Thomas  
Beal is discharged &c.

The same Somerset County s.  
29<sup>th</sup>

The same The eighteenth day of June One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine came into  
Court George Darlie Clerk of Judicature of this County for the Right Honourable the Lord  
Proprietor of this Province that now is and giveth the Court to understand and be informed that a certain  
Thomas Beal late of Goubury parish in somerset County planter on the ninth day of May one  
thousand seven hundred and twenty nine with force and armes &c at the parish aforesaid in the County  
aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court in and upon a certain Sarah Mercer wife of Francis Mercer  
Merch. in the peace of God and our said Lord Proprietary then and there being an assault did make  
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ship in that part follows like wise &c. and therupon the aforesaid Thomas Beal Relinquish-  
eth his verifications aforesaid by him above pretended, says that he cannot deny but that he is  
guilty