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by means of the said John Matthews being discharged from Out of his Service and then the above
Recognition to be void and of None Effect otherwise &c.

His Lordship } We of the grand Jury do present Ann Ralph for bearing a bastard Child in June
ag^t } or thereabouts - Stephen Tully Informer - ^{One Hough foreman}
Ann Ralph - } Thereupon Command was given to the Sherif of Somerset County that he should
take the said Ann Ralph if she should be found in his Bailiwick and he should safe keep so that he
might have her body before the Justice of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset to be hold at Dividing
Week the third Tuesday of March then Next to answer unto his said Lordship concerning a certain pre-
sentment against her found &c. and that thereof he should not fail &c.

At which said third Tuesday of March to wit the Nineteenth day of the same month and Dow. One
thousand seven hundred and twenty seven being the day of the Return of the said writ Cometh the Sherif
of Somerset County to whom the foregoing writ was directed and makes return thereof to the Court here ado-
vised in these words following viz. ^{for} ^{of} ^{Francis} ^{Allen} ^{Sherrif} -

Whereupon the said Ann Ralph in her own proper person appears and being by the Sherif set to the Ban
and presentment ^{is} ^{pleads} ^{guilty} and puts herself in mercy of the Lord Proprietary, and prays that she
may be admitted to make fine to the said Lord Proprietary for the fact afo.

Wherefore it is considered by the Justice here that the said Ann Ralph be fined to his Lordship
the Lord Proprietary the sum of Six hundred pounds of tobacco for the fact afo. toward the defray-
ing of the County Charge, and that she be taken &c. thereupon the said Ann Ralph is ordered to give
Security for the payment of the fine afo. and all the Officers ^{to} due by occasion of the premises afo. there-
upon a certain Robert Downes of the County afo. present herein Court under takes for the said Ann
Ralph to pay the fine afo. and all the Officers their fees due by occasion of the premises afo. &c.

The same } We of the grand Jury do present Ann Rowch for bearing a bastard Child
2 } about the last of 8th ber. Mathew Dorman Informer - ^{One Hough foreman}
Ann Rowch - } Thereupon Command was given unto the Sherif of Somerset County that he
should take the said Ann Rowch if she should be found in his Bailiwick and he should safe keep
so that he might have her body before the Justice of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset
to be hold at Dividing Week the third Tuesday of March then Next to answer unto his said Lordship
concerning a certain presentment against her found &c. and that thereof she should not fail &c.

At which said third Tuesday of March to wit the Nineteenth day of the same month and Dow. One
thousand seven hundred and twenty seven being the day of the Return of the said writ Cometh the said Sherif
and makes return thereof to the Court here advised viz. ^{for} ^{of} ^{Francis} ^{Allen} ^{Sherrif} -

Whereupon the said Ann Rowch in her own proper person appears and being by the Sherif ^{set} ^{to} ^{the} ^{Ban}
set to the Ban is thereupon instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises afo.
saith that she is guilty thereof and makes oath that a certain Samuel Johnson is the begetter of the
said Child