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By Vertue of the Commission hereunto annexed by the W^{orshipfull} the Justices of
Somerset County we hereby Certifie that on the above 29th Day of May 1728 we went to
snowhill Town in our own proper persons & then and there having first duly Qualified
our selves according to Law had the above Bonds proved by the Depositions of Thomas
Slings and Adam Spence being by us first sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of almighty
God as Witnesses Our hands

John Scott.
Francis Allen

It is Lordship } Information given to the grand Jury by Maj^r. Glanville that Mary Hopkins
Mary Hopkins } servant woman of John Tyler. sent. having absconded about the first
of March Living in Coveley parish. Information given by J^r Evans Smith,
Island - - - - - Adam Hatch foreman

Thereupon Command was given to the Sher^{of} of Somerset County that he should take
the said Mary Hopkins if he to answer & afterwards in the same Court saw the said
Mary Hopkins in Custody of the Sher^{of}. and being by the said Sher^{of}. Dutt to the bar in the name
of Justice demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises and Saith, that of the
premises she is Guilty thereof, and puts herself in mercy of the Lord proprietary, but
hath not wherewithall to pay her fine for the fact &c. -

Whereupon it is Considered by the Court here that she & Mary Hopkins be
whipt with fifteen Lashes on the bare back well laid on untill the blood appear, and that she
be taken &c. and thereupon as to the Corporal Punishment and Command is given to the Sher^{of} of
Somerset County that he do thereoff Immediately Execution according to the Judgment and rendered by
whipping of the said Mary Hopkins at the publick whipping Post with fifteen Lashes on the bare
back well laid on untill the blood appear, and afterwards in the same Court the said Sher^{of}. returns
that he has done the Execution of the Judgment and as to the Corporal punishment and he was Com-
manded, whereupon it is ordered by the Court that she & Mary Hopkins return to her Masters
Service, and that J^r Tyler her Master at the Expiration of her Service Return her to Somerset
County Court or the Sher^{of}. of said County to Reimburs to the County all the fees due by Custom of the
premises &c. -

It is Lordship } We of the grand Jury de present Comfort Townsend for bearing absconded about
Comfort Townsend } the last of 8th Dec. or thereabouts. James Townsend Informer -
Edward Hough foreman -
Thereupon Command was given to the Sher^{of} of Somerset County that he should take the said
Comfort Townsend if she should be found in his Bailiwick and he should safe Keep so that he might
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