

June Court ... 1728

His Lordship

Jane Newman ab. Benson

Somerset sh. The Jurors of the Right honorable the Lord Proprietary of this Province  
 that now is upon their Oath ~~do present~~ that Jane Benson, late of Ballhallow  
 Parish in Somerset County Squires, the fear of God before her eyes not having  
 but being seduced and Induced by the Instigation of the devil on the first day of March and  
 Doid. One thousand seven hundred and twenty seven Eight with force and Arms &c. at all the County  
 Parish in the County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court, three Silk handkerchiefs of the  
 Value of Eighteen pounds of Tobacco each handkerchief, four pounds of Munk wax of the value  
 of six pounds of Tobacco each, three pounds of Bear wax of the value of four pounds of Tobacco  
 Each pound, of the proper goods and Chattels of a certain Robert Holland, then and there being and found  
 them and there feloniously did steal take and carry away against the peace of the Right honorable the  
 Lord Proprietary his good rule and Government &c. *De hinc Proventur for Liffy*

On the Back side of the foregoing bill of Indictment it was then returned but Not true for the King's foreman

Whereupon the said Jane Benson prays that her appearance may be recorded to save herself  
 and Security from a certain Recognizance of Bail Entered into for her appearance this Court &c. Whereby  
 the said Jane Benson appearance is Recorded and she and her Security discharged &c.

Whereupon the said Jane Benson is ordered to give Security for all the Officers their fees  
 due by Quorum of the premises upon the Recognizance and Indictment aforesaid, Whereupon a certain Wm  
 Haritt of Somerset County Gent<sup>r</sup>. Present herein Court undertakes for the said Jane Benson to pay  
 the several Officers their fees due by means of the premises aforesaid &c.

The same } Sarah Gordon } Whereas a certain Sarah Gordon being bound over by Recognizance for her appear:  
 Sarah Gordon } ance at this Court to answer his Lordship's <sup>Committing fornication and</sup> ~~Charge~~ <sup>her having born of her body -</sup>  
 abashed Child contrary to Law &c. The said Sarah Gordon present herein Court and being

by the Sheriff set to the bar is thereupon actually demanded how she would acquit herself of the pre-  
 mises aforesaid, says that she is guilty thereof, and is willing to pay thirty Shillings for her fine aforesaid  
 for the fact aforesaid, Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Sarah Gordon be taken &c.  
 to satisfy the fine of thirty Shillings aforesaid for the use of the County aforesaid, thereupon the said Sarah  
 Gordon is ordered to give Security for the fee, upon the premises aforesaid, thereupon a certain Mathias  
 Dorman of the County aforesaid undertakes to pay all the Officers their fees due by Quorum of the premises  
 aforesaid &c.

The same } We of the Grand Jury for the body of Somerset County do present John Hailes late of  
 John Hailes } Somerset Parish in Somerset County Carpenter for committing adultery with a certain Sarah Gordon  
 on or about the first day of June and Doid. One thousand seven hundred and Twenty seven at  
 Somerset Parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid and on her body did begett an illegitimate Child against the Peace &c.  
 Thomas Humphreys foreman  
 Hereupon