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His Lordship - We of the Grand Jury for the Body of Somerset County upon our Oath do present a certain Bridgett  
Bridgett Smith } Smith Spinster of Somerset parish for bearing of a bastard Child on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May and died 1731  
Nicholas Fountain foreman

Whereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Bridgett Smith  
late of Somerset parish in Somerset County Spinster if she should be found in his daily walk and her should safe keep so  
that he might have her body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Diving Creek the  
third Tuesday of March next to answer this said Lordship of the premises in the presentment aforesaid and that  
Herself should not fail &c At which said third Tuesday of March to wit the twenty first day of the same month One  
thousand Seven hundred and Thirty One the Sheriff of the County Aforesaid being at the same day before his Lordships Justice  
of the County Court of Somerset at Diving Creek returned that by virtue of the preceit aforesaid to him it was  
intended he had taken the body of the aforesaid Bridgett Smith whose body he had there ready &c.

Whereupon the said Bridgett Smith in her proper person appears and is therupon immediately asked after what  
manner she would acquit herself of the premises in the presentment aforesaid above upon her Imposed, the same  
Bridgett says that she cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the presentment aforesaid specified above  
upon her Imposed &c

Whereupon all and Singular the premises by her selfe were recited and  
fully understood: It is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Bridgett Smith pay to his said Lordships for her fine  
by the Court laid upon her Imposed for and by reason of the premises aforesaid whereof in sum aforesaid she is  
Condicted Thirly Shillings Current money (to the use of the County) and that the said Bridgett Smith be taken to Satisfie  
his said Lordship of the fine aforesaid &c - at the prayer of Nicholas Fountain master of the aforesaid Bridgett  
Smith for to have an allowance against her for the Charge and expence wher she Lay in with the Bastard Child aforesaid

Whereupon the said Bridgett Smith is adjudged by the Court to serve her said Master Nicholas Fountain his hours  
or apieces Six full months to commence at the Expiracion of her already Servitude with said Fountain which is  
adjudged to be full Satisfaction for all his Charge & Expence wher she Lay in aforesaid -

and further it is ordered by his Court here that the said Bridgett Smith Give Security for the payment of the fine  
aforesaid and all the Officers fee due by means of the premises aforesaid. Whereupon a certain Rander Revere of  
Somerset County planter present here in Court undertaken for to pay the fine aforesaid and all the Officers fee due by  
occasion of the premises in case the said Bridgett doth not pay the same &c

The same } We of the Grand Jury for the Body of Somerset County do present Easter Jenkins of -  
Other Jenkins } Somerset parish Spinster for bearing of a bastard Child about the 30.  
day of June last - Nicholas Fountain foreman

Whereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should  
take the said Other Jenkins late of Somerset Parish Spinster if she should be found in his daily walk and her should safe keep so that he might  
have her body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held  
at Diving Creek the third Tuesday of March next to answer his Lordship of  
the presentment aforesaid and that thereof she should not fail &c

At which said third Tuesday of March to wit the twenty first day of the  
same month one thousand Seven hundred and Thirty one the Sheriff of the County