

After being at the same day before his Lordships Justices at the County Court of somerset  
at Dividing Creek Returned that by virtue of the Precept afft to him there of directed he  
had taken the body of the aforesd Esther Jenkins whose body he had there ready &c  
Whereupon the said Esther Jenkins in her proper person appears and is there  
upon immediately asked after what manner she would acquit herself of the  
Premises in the presentment aforesd above upon her Imposed the same Esther says that  
she can not Deny but that she is guilty of the Premises aforesd in the presentment  
aforesd Specified above upon her Imposed & made oath that Benj<sup>m</sup> Basque is the father of the  
Child she brought forth  
Whereupon all and singular the Premises by the Court here seen heard and  
fully understood - and forasmuch as the said Esther Jenkins has nothing to pay her fine for  
the fact aforesd Wherefore it is considered that the aforesd Esther Jenkins be whipt at the publick  
whipping post with twenty lashes on the bare back well laid on until the blood appear, and as to  
the corporal punishment aforesd Command is given to the Sher. of somerset County that he do thenceof  
immediate execution by whiping of the said Esther Jenkins at the publick whipping post  
with twenty Lashes on the bare back well laid on until the blood appear and that it be taken  
and afterwards in the same Court cause the said Sher. and make return of the same to his Court hand that he  
had done the Execution of the Judgment aforesd as to the corporal punishment aforesd he was command-  
ed. Whereupon the said Esther Jenkins is ordered by the Court to give recognizance in five pounds  
Sher. for her appearance from day to day this Court to give evidence to the Grand Jury against the  
said Benjamin Basque. - Thereupon the said Esther Jenkins acknowledged herself to be  
indebted unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary under his sum of five pounds. And to be  
made of her goods and chattels Lands and tenements to the use of his said Lordship his heirs  
and Successors if it happen the fine in the above Order. —  
Likewise it is ordered by the Court hand that the aforesd Esther Jenkins give security to pay  
the several Officers their fees due by reason of the premises but for want thenceof the  
said Esther Jenkins is committed into the custody of the Sher. of somerset County hand to remain  
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The Same - } The Grand Jury for the body of somerset County upon their Oath do present Susannah  
Susannah Carter } Carter of Stepney parish Spinster for bearing of a bastard Child about  
The 15<sup>th</sup> of August last - Nicholas Fountain foreman.

Whereupon Command was given to the Sher. of somerset County that he should  
take the said Susannah Carter late of somerset Parish in somerset County Spinster  
if she could be found in his bailey and her should safe keep so he might have  
her body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of somerset to be held at  
Dividing Creek the third Tuesday of March next answers were his said Lordship of  
the presentment aforesd and that thereof he should not fail &c

At which said third Tuesday of March to will the twenty first day of the  
same month one thousand seven hundred and thirty one the Sher. of the County  
aforesd then being at the same day before his Lordships Justices at the County Court  
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