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Justices of this County Court of Somerset to be held at Dording Creek the third tuesday of August Next to answer unto his Lordships of and concerning the premises aforesaid and that thereof he should not fail &c. — At which said third tuesday of August to witt the fifteenth Day of the Same Month ann^d Domⁱ: one thousand Seven hundred and thirty two came as well the aforesaid Thomas Bluett who as well &c: as the aforesaid Henry Miles by Francis Allen his Attorney and Where upon by the favour of the Court specially admitted the said Henry Miles the force and Injury when &c: and prays hearing of the Information aforesaid and to him it is Read &c: which being Read and heard, the same Henry prays Leave thereof to answer here untill next Court, and he hath it and the same Day is given to the aforesaid Thom^s: Bluett who &c: here also &c: —

At which said next Court to witt the twenty first Day of November ann^d Domⁱ: one thousand Seven hundred and thirty two came againe as well the aforesaid Thomas Bluett who &c: as the aforesaid Henry Miles by his attorney aforesaid and upon this the said Thomas Bluett who &c: prays that the said Henry Miles to the premises in the Information aforesaid contained may answer &c: where upon the same Henry as before defends the force and Injury and says that of the premises in the Information aforesaid specified he is no way guilty thereof and of this he puts himself upon the Country and Thomas Bluett who for his said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes likewise &c: — and for the said Henry by his said attorney prays the Court that for as much as the Information aforesaid doth not ^{touch} against the ^{form of} act of assembly it may be quashed &c: where upon all and singular the premises by the Court has seen heard and fully understood and mature deliberation there upon had, wherefore it seemeth to the Court here that the Information aforesaid is insufficient in Law &c: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the Information aforesaid be Quashed, and that the said Henry Miles go thereof without day &c: —

His Lordship's Somerset County s^r: Be it Remembred that upon the twentieth first Day of Novemb^r: ann^d: Domⁱ: one thousand Seven hundred and thirty two comes into this Court before the worshipfull Robert King Esq^r: and his associates Justices of the Same Thomas Bluett Gent^l: who prosecutes for the Lord Proprietary and gives this Court to understand and Informes that Furnis Odear Late of the said County Planter the first Day of Aprill in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and thirty one in the County aforesaid and within the Juris^{dic}: of this Court did commit fornication with A certain Bridgett Phillips of the County aforesaid Spinster and on the body of the said Bridgett Phillips then and there did begett a bastard Child to the high Displeasure of almighty God and to the Evil Example of all others in such Case offending and against the forme of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided and Wherefore the said Thomas Bluett prays the Advice of the Court in the premises and Due process of Law thereon against the said Furnis to Issue. Thereupon Command was given the Sher^{iff}: of Somerset.