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...able time past, and have passed too and from it with our Creakers without Interruption or Danger
but there is on our Road a Ditch which was formerly Cutt by one Thomas Fenwick, who was formerly an Inhab:
:bitant of this County which said Ditch was Cutt from out of a Sawman sound to the head of Syra:
:pound bay or sound along our Road which said Road was of Long Standing before the said
:Ditch was ever made, and now of Late Years through the force and violent of water through
the said Ditch it is worn to that degree both in width and depth that we cannot pass over with our Crea:
:tures to our Menches nor ^{from} them without great danger both of our Creaker and much more of our Lives
which danger and trouble we are willing to prevent by making our selves away over the said Ditch if
we could have the Liberty but Cap^t William Kavitt having a pretention to the Marsh where the Ditch
is refused to give us Liberty to dam or Stop the said Ditch we therefore your petitioners most humbly
pray that your worships would take it into your Consideration and keep us from this burden we Labour
under and give us an Order to have the Liberty to keep our Road that we have had the benefit of ever
:since the upper parts of the sea side hath been Inhabited which we think not less than fifty years
agoe or otherwise we must of necessity be deprived of the benefit of our Interest which we hope
your worships will do and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray for

Edmond Hough, Ch^r Davis, Richard Hittman, John Evans, Ebenezer Evans, William Walton, W^m Wood:
:craft, John Collins, Richard Wood Craft William Simpson John Burnale & the rest

The petition afo^r being Read and heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon
:on the. Wherefore it is Considered by the Justice here that the petitioners afo^r Stop and dam the Ditch afo^r
in the petition afo^r mentioned, and that the Road mentioned in the petition afo^r Loading on the beach
be and remain alway unalterable (by any person or persons ^{whatsoever} until further Order) as by the
petition afo^r is prayd for

His Lordship } We of the grand Jury upon our Oath do present that Sarah Gode of Somerset parish
Sarah Godee. } Spinster for bearing of bastard Child on or about the 15th day of July Last.
Nicholas Fountain Foreman.

Strong on Command was given to the Sher^{iff} of Somerset County that he should
take the said Sarah Gode if she should be found in his Bailiwick and he should safe keep so
that he might have her to answer for and afterwards in the same Court came the said Sarah Gode
in Custody of the Sher^{iff} and being set to the bar is thereupon Instantly demanded how she would
acquitt herself of the premises afo^r, Says that of the premises afo^r above upon her Imposition she
is guilty thereof and makes oath that a certain Thomas Daine is the begetter of the Child afo^r stand
presented for but hath nothing to pay for fine for the fact afo^r her

Therefore it is Considered by the Court here that the said Sarah Gode be whipt at the
publick whipping post with twenty Lashes well Laid on until the Blood appear and that she be taken to
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