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His Lordship

Rachel Broughton

Somerset County pt.

The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the Body of Somerset County and upon their Oath do present that Rachel Bratton late of Coventry parish in the County and Quarter the first day of December in the year of Our Lord God Seventeen hundred and thirty three at the parish and in the County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain Elias Taylor and did permit the same Elias Taylor then and there to have Carnal Knowledge of her Body and to beget then and there a Bastard Child on the Body of her the same Rachell Bratton to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the evil example of all others in such Case Offending Contrary to the peace of the said Lord Proprietary that now is his good Rule and Government and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided &c. On the Bankside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus Endorsed viz Billa vera Samuel Wilson foreman.

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Rachel Bratton in to answer &c. and after wards to writt the Nineteenth day of March and Dow one thousand seven hundred and thirty three before the Justices of His Lordships the Lord Proprietary's County Court of Somerset now hold at Dividing Creek in and for the County and Quarter the said Rachel Bratton according to a certain Recognizance by her and her Security in that part first acknowledged in her proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment and says that of the premises and above upon her Imposed she is guilty thereof but hath not wherewithall to pay her fine for the fact and &c.

Whereupon all and Singular the premises by the Court here being seen heard and fully understood - It is Considered that the said Rachel Bratton be whipt with three Lashes on the bare Back at the publick whipping post and that she be taken &c. Thereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he take the said Rachel Bratton to the publick whipping post and there give her three Lashes on the bare back and afterwards in the same Court come the said Sheriff and made return that he had done the Execution of the Judgment and as to the Corporal punishment and he was Commanded &c.

His Lordship

Elias Taylor

Somerset County pt.

The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the Body of Somerset County upon their Oath do present that Elias Taylor late of Coventry parish in the County and Quarter the first day of December in the Year of Our Lord God seven teen hundred and thirty and three at the parish and in the County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit fornication with a certain Rachel Bratton and of her body then and there had Carnal Knowledge and a Bastard Child on the Body of her the same Rachell then and there Did beget to the high Displeasure of Almighty God to the evil Example of all others in such Case Offending Contrary to the peace of the said Lord Proprietary that now is his good Rule and Government and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided &c.

To B. Rachel Bratton

On the Bankside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus Endorsed viz Billa