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against the said Robert Gaddes, whereupon ~~Richard~~ Richard here Husband of the said Jane here present -
here in Court in his proper person undertook for the said Jane here and acknowledged himself indebted unto his
Lordship the Lord Proprietary in the sum of five pounds sterling goods and Lawful money of England of
his goods and Chattels Lands and tenements to the use of his said Lordship the Lord Proprietary his heirs
and Successors to be made and Levied if it happen. That the said Jane here do not make her person
all appearance before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Widning Creek
the third Tuesday of November next and do not then and there give such Evidence as she should
know against the said Robert in relation to the beating of her as wife and do not depart the same Court
without Leave thereof

His Lordship } Somerset County s^t. 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
Rufel late of Stegny parish in the County and widow the first day of August 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 person to the Jurors and unknown and did permit the same unknown person 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 Rachel 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 rules and government and against the Act of assembly in such case lately made and
provided &c. Teste Samuel Melson. On the backside of the foregoing bill of Indictment it
was Endorsed vizt... Billa vera John Russell Seroman

Hereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Rachel
Rufel if it be to answer &c. and afterwards to wit the twentieth day of August One thousand seven
hundred and thirty four before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset now held
at Widning Creek in the County and came the said Rachel Rufell in her proper person and
being instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises and above upon her I imposed
says that of the premises and above upon her I imposed she is guilty thereof and is willing to pay her fine
for the said and makes oath that a certain Hugh Neal is the father of the Child she stands Indicted for
whereupon all and singular the premises by the Court here seen heard and fully understood
It is considered that the said Rachel Rufell pay unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary for her fine
by the Court hereupon her I imposed for and by occasion of the premises and whereof in form and she is
bound thirty shillings current money for the use of the County and that the same Rachel Rufell
betaken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine and &c. at the prayer of William Goldborough Clerk of
the Indictment he is ordered to file an Information against the said Hugh Neal

The same } Somerset County s^t. Be it remembered that William Goldborough Esq. attorney of
Thomas Linsey } the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is who for the same Lord Proprietary
is in this part prosecuteth doth come here unto the County Court of the same Lord Proprietary