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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.

Josh: Henry Jerman: On the backside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus endorsed viz True Bice Thomas Humphrys foreman

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Rebecca Collins if she to answer &c. and afterwards to wit the Eighteenth day of March and Dowd. One thousand seven hundred and thirty four before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset now here hold at Widning Beck in the same County came the said Rebecca Collins in her proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment aforesaid and being instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises &c. above by the Indictment &c. upon her Imposed, says that of the premises &c. above upon her Imposed she is Guilty thereof and is willing to pay her fine for the fact &c.

Whereupon all and singular the premises ~~the premises~~ by the Court here being seen heard and fully understood It is thereupon Considered by the Court here that the said Rebecca Collins pay unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary for her fine by the Court hereupon her Imposed for and by occasion of the premises &c. whereof in form &c. she is Convict thirty shillings current money for the use of the County &c. and that the said Rebecca Collins be taken to satisfy his said Lordship of the fine &c.

Whereupon the said Rebecca Collins is ordered to give security for the payment of the several Officers fees due upon the Indictment aforesaid Thereupon certain John Williams of the same in Somerset County planter present here in Court in his proper person acknowledged himself indebted unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary in five pounds Sterling good and Lawfull money of his body goods or Chattels Lands &c. to the use of the Officers of Somerset County Court that hath right to any fees upon the Indictment &c. to be made and Levied If it happen that he doth not pay unto the said several Officers their fees due by occasion of the premises aforesaid on the Indictment aforesaid &c.

His Lordship - } Somerset County p. The Jurors for the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary that Frances Williams } now is for the body of Somerset County &c. upon their oath do present that Frances Williams late of Allhollows parish in the County &c. on the fourth day of November in the Year of our Lord God seventeen hundred and thirty four at the parish &c. in the County &c. within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Comitt fornication with a certain Geo: Bowen and did permit the same Geo: Bowen and thore to have carnal knowledge of her body and to begett thore a thore bastard Child on the body of her the same Frances Williams to the high displeasure of almighty God to the Evill Example of all others in such case offending contrary to the peace of the said Lord Proprietary that now is his good rule & Government and against the form of the act of assembly in such case made and provided &c.

Edward Rownd - On the backside of the foregoing bill of Indictment it was endorsed Thomas Humphrys foreman. Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Frances Williams if she to answer &c. and afterwards to wit the Eighteenth day of March