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Betty Newsome in her proper person according to a certain Recognizance by her and her Security before that time acknowledged and had a hearing of the Indictment aforesaid and being thereupon Instantly Demanded how she would acquitt herself of the premises aforesaid by the Indictment aforesaid above upon her Imposed, says that of the premises aforesaid upon her Imposed she is Guilty thereof but hath not wherewith all to pay her fine for the fact aforesaid. wherupon all and Singular the premises by the Court here seen heard and fully understood It is considered by the Justice here that the said Betty Newsome according to act of assembly in such Case provided be whipt at the public whipping post with ten Lashes on the bare back well Laid on untill the blood appear and that she be taken ~~to~~ thereupon as to the Corporale punishment aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he take the said Betty Newsome to the public whipping post and there give her ten Lashes on the bare back well Laid on untill the blood appear, and afterwards in the same Court came the said Sheriff and made return that he had done the Execution of the Indictment aforesaid as to the Corporale punishment aforesaid he was Commanded wherupon the said Betty Newsome present here in Court is ordered to give Security for the payment of the severall Officers fees due by Omission of the premises aforesaid wherupon a certain Joseph Edwards of Somerset County planter present here in Court acknowledged himselfe Indebted unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary in the sum of five pounds Sterling to be Levied &c. If it happen that he doth not pay unto the severall Officers of Somerset County Court their fees due on the Indictment aforesaid by means of the premises aforesaid

His Lordship Somerset County s^r. The Jurors for the Right Honorable the Lord Jacob Mesfick s^r proff^r that now is for the body of Somerset County aforesaid upon their Oath do present that Jacob Mesfick late of Steppney parish in the County aforesaid planter the Sixth day of december in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred thirty and four at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit Fornication with a certain Betty Newsom and of her body then and there had carnal knowledge and a bastard Child on the body of her the same Betty Newsom 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 proff^r that now is his good rule and Government and against the form of the act of assembly in such Case lately made God provided &c.

Test: Betty Newsom --- On the backside of the foregoing bill of Indictment it was Endorsed as followeth viz^t. Bidavera Rob^t. Jones foreman
Thereupon Command was given to the Sher^r. of Somerset County that he should take the said Jacob Mesfick if &c. to answer &c. and afterwards (to