

March Court . . . . . 1735 . . . . . 144

His Lordship  
Honour Halley

Somerset County ff<sup>o</sup> The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
that now is for the body of Somerset County as upon there Oath do  
present that Honour Halley late of Coventry parish in the County  
as Spinster the twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord

God Seventeen hundred thirty and five at the parish as in the County as  
within the Jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain  
person to the Jurors as unknown, and did permit the same unknown  
person there, and there to have carnall knowledge of her body and to beget  
there and there a bastard Child on the body of her the same Honour 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 asembly in such case, lately made, and provided &

Test Joshua Merrick On the Bankside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus  
Endowed by Alice Vera Diamond Hough Foreman.

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should  
take the said Honour Halley if he to answer & afterward to wit the sixteenth day of  
March and four One thousand Seven hundred and thirty five before the Justice of the Peace  
County Court of Somerset now hold at Dividing Rock in and for the same County came  
the said Honour Halley in her proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment and who there  
upon says that of the premises as by the Indictment as above upon him imposed she is  
guilty thereof and makes oath that a certain James Duffay is the father and Begetter of the Child  
she stands Indicted for and hath not wherewithal to pay her fine for the said as

Whereupon all and singular the premises by the Court here seen heard and fully understood It  
is considered by the Court here that the said Honour Halley be whipt at the public whipping post  
with <sup>ty</sup> Stripes on the Bare Back well said on while the blood appear and that she to answer &  
and thereupon as to the corporal punishment as Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset  
County that he take the said Honour Halley to the public whipping post and there give her Seventy  
Stripes on the bare back well said on while the blood appear and afterwords in the same Court came  
the said Sheriff and made Return that he had done the Execution of the Judgment as to the corporal  
punishment as he was Commanded & and thereupon the said Honour Halley is ordered to Return  
home to her Masters Service

His Lordship } Somerset County ff<sup>o</sup> Be it remembered that William Gold, borough Gent attorney of  
James Duffay } the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is who for the same  
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