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Lord Proprietary in this part presenteth doth come hencinto the County Court of the same Lord Proprietary held  
for Somerset County aforesaid to wit at Dividing Creek in the County at the Eighteenth day of March in the Year of  
Our Lord God Seventeen hundred and thirty five before John Blund Esq<sup>r</sup> and his associates the said Lord Proprietary  
his Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord Proprietary doth give the  
same Justices hereunder stand and be informed that James Duffey late of Coventry —  
parish in the County of Taylor the twenty sixth day of December in the Year of our  
Lord God seventeen hundred thirty and five at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid with  
the jurisdiction of this Court did commit Fornication with a certain Honourable Sally  
and of her body then and there had carnal knowledge and a Bastard child on the  
body of the same Honourable 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 governm-  
ent and against the Form of Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided he<sup>e</sup>  
Whereupon the said attorney of the said Lord Proprietary for the same Lord Proprietary  
prayeth the Advice of the Court herein the premises and that due process  
of Law in this part may be made against the aforesaid James to answer <sup>up to</sup> the same Lord  
Proprietary of and upon the Premises the <sup>as</sup>

Thereupon command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said  
James Duffey if he to answer him and afterwards to wit the Sixteenth day of March and Dated One thousand  
Seven hundred and thirty five before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset now here held  
at Dividing Creek in the same Court came the said James Duffey in his proper person in custody  
of the Sheriff of Somerset County and being by the said shrd Ladd to the Bar had a hearing of the Informa-  
tion aforesaid saith that of the premises aforesaid as by the Information above against him said James Duffey  
is not guilty thereof and William Goldsbrough Gent his Lordship's attorney and who for his  
said Lordship in that part followeth likewise afterwards the said James Duffey present herein and  
in his proper person relinquished his Verification aforesaid by him above alledged and saith that of the  
premises aforesaid above upon him Imposed whipt at the publick whipping post with twenty stripes on the bare Back well Said on which the  
Blood appear and that he be taken <sup>up</sup> and thengon as to his corporal punishment aforesaid command  
is given to the Sheriff of Somerset <sup>County</sup> that he do now or immediately Execution by whiping of the said  
James Duffey at the publick Whipping post with Twenty stripes on the bare Back well Said on un-  
til the Blood appear and afterward in his said Court came the said shrd and made return that  
he had done the Execution of the Judgment aforesaid as to the corporal punishment aforesaid he was commanded  
and thereupon the said James Duffey is ordered to give Searily full payment of the several Officers  
their fees due on the premises aforesaid but for want whereof the said James Duffey is committed into the custody