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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.

Teste Ephraim Wiggaman & Benjamin Holland

On the Backside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus Endorsed

vid. Billabera Robert Jones foreman ..

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that
he should take the aforesaid Hannah Blake if he to answer &c. and afterwards to wait the
Seventeenth Day of June and Doubt One thousand seven hundred and thirty five before the
Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset now held at Dividing Creek in the same County
came the aforesaid Hannah Blake in her proper person and had also reading of the Indictment aforesaid
and being instantly demanded how she would acquit herself of the premises aforesaid by
the Indictment above upon her Impored say, that she is guilty thereof &c.

Whereupon all and singular the premises by the Court here seen read & fully understood
it seemeth to the Court here that the aforesaid Hannah Blake is a black woman and does not come
within the act of assembly to be punished for adultery or fornication &c.

It is thereupon Considered by the Justices here that the aforesaid Hannah Blake be quiet &
goe thereof without day &c. also it is Considered that the said Hannah Blake give security
for the payment of the severall Officers fees due by occasion of the premises aforesaid thereupon
a certain Widdough of Somerset County feild present herein Court undertakes for to pay
the severall Officers fees due as aforesaid &c.

The Same . . . Somerset County's The Jurors for the Right Honourable ^{the} Lord Proprietary
Winnifred Abdon that now is for the Body of Somerset County aforesaid upon
their Oath do present that Winnifred Abdon late of Stepray
Parish in the County aforesaid Spinster the twentyeighth Day of March in
the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred thirty and five at the Par-
ish aforesaid in the County aforesaid within of Jurisdiction of this Court did com-
mit Fornication with a certain person to the Jurors aforesaid unknown
and did permit the same unknown person then and there to have
carnal knowledge of her Body and to begett then and there a Bas-
terd child on the body of her the same Winnifred to the high Dis-
pleasure of almighty God to the Evil Example of all others in such
Cases