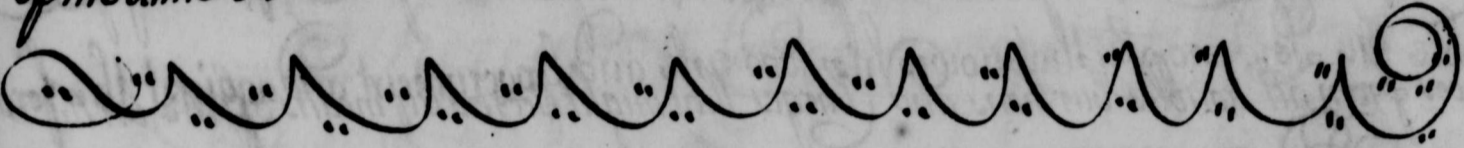


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Generally to be made and void to the use of the Inhabitants of the County of Somerset for the time being It is hereby ordered that the said David Smith and John Tatman their heirs Ex^{ors} and Adm^{ors} or any or either of them do not from time to time and at all times hereafter acquit discharge and save harmless as well the Justices of Somerset County Court for the time being and also the Inhabitants of said County of and from all such Charges and burthens whatsoever for by reason of the birth maintenance nourishing and bringing up of the said Child and of and from all other such Charges Troubles or demands whatsoever touching or Concerning of the same &c



The Same } Somerset p. Memorandum That at a Court of his Lordships the Right Honourable
Mary Meers } the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland held at dividing Creek in Somers-
set County the third Tuesday of November to wit the Seventeenth day of the same month
Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices the peace in
the County of to keep assigned by the Oath of Twelve Jurors presented that Mary Meers late of Steppney
parish in the County of Somerset Spinster the thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and forty at the parish of in the County of and within the Jurisdiction of this Court
did Commit Fornication with a certain person to the Jurors of unknown and did permit the same unknown
person then and there to have carnal knowledge of her body and then and there to beget a bastard Child on the
body of her the same Mary Meers 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 Assembly in such case made and provided

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of the County of Somerset that he should Take the said
Mary Meers if she should be found in his bailiwick and her should safe keep so that he might have her body
before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek the third Tuesday of
March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one to answer unto his said Lordship of the Indictment of

And now to wit at a Court held for the County of the third Tuesday of March being the sixteenth day of the
same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one before his said Lordships Justices at dividing
Creek came the said Mary Meers in her proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment of and said that she
cannot deny but that she is guilty of the premises of in the Indictment of specified in manner and form as by
the Indictment of above against her supposed and the premises in the Indictment of Expressly Acknowledgeth
and