

March Court

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This Lordship in Somerset vs. **Memorandum** that at a Court of his Lordship the
Comfort Blake Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of the province of Maryland held at
Dividing Creek in Somerset County the third day 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 aforesaid to keep assynd by the oath of twelve Jurors presented that Comfort
Blake late of allhallowes parish in the said County of Somerset upon the thirtieth day of November
In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty at the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid
within the jurisdiction of this Court did commit fornication with a certain person to the Jurors aforesaid
unknown and did permit the same unknown person then and there to have and to knowe
body and then and there to beget a bastard child on the body of her the same Comfort to the high displeasure of almighty
God to the evill example of all others in such case offending Contrary to the peace of the same Lord Proprietary that now
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 Somerset County that he should take the said Comfort
Blake if she should be found in his baileywiche 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 his Indictment aforesaid

At which day here before his Lordships Justices came the aforesaid Comfort Blake in her
proper person and had an hearing of the Indictment aforesaid and thereupon it is said by the Court here
unto Robert Jenkins Henry Gent who for his said Lordship in his part prosecuteth that he use further prosecute
against the aforesaid Comfort Blake of and upon the fornication aforesaid Whereupon the said Robert Jenkins
Henry Gent who is present herein Court in his proper person saith that he will use further prosecute against the
aforesaid Comfort Blake of and for the fornication aforesaid And upon this the aforesaid Comfort Blake prayd Judgment of
and upon the premises aforesaid Whereupon all and Singular the premises being seen and by the Court here fully
understood and mature deliberation thereupon had It is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Comfort Blake
as to the fornication aforesaid goe at present without day leaving over the Right of his Lordship aforesaid

Whereupon the said Comfort Blake is ordered to give security for the payment of all fees due on the
Indictment aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever Thereupon John Flatt of Somerset County planter present
herein Court in his proper person understandeth for the said Comfort Blake to pay all fee or fees due to any person or persons
whatsoever on the Indictment aforesaid in case that the said Comfort Blake doth not pay the same aforesaid