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Only obtained on the first boord through my neglect yet can prove others then cut down being well known
to them some having possessed the Land many years agoe I humbly pray that to perpetuate such Bounders your
Worships would please to examine such as in your wisdom you think fit for that purpose and your petitioners as in duty
bound shall ever pray --

The petition aforesaid being read and heard and fully understood It is Considered
by the Justices here abovesigned who to James Martin Samuel Hopkins John Scarbrough and Edmund Hough of Somerset
County Gentle and that they execute the same Commission according to act of Assembly in such Case made and provided ther-

His Lordship's } Somerset p.
ap.

Be it remembred that Robert Jenkinson Henry Esq; attorney of the Right Honourable
Cornelius Ready the Lord Proprietor that now is for the same Lord Proprietor in this part presenteth to the Court
unto the County Court of the same Lord Proprietor held for Somerset County aforesaid to wit al Dividing Creek in the same
County the Nineteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty before Robert King Esq; and his
associates the said Lord Proprietor doth give the Court here to understand and be informed that Cornelius Ready late of Stepney parish
in the said County of Somerset Taylor the tenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty nine at
the parish aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court did committ fornication with a certain Mary Closter and of
her body then and there had carnall Knowledge and a bastardo Child on the body of her the same Mary then and there did beget to
the High displeasure of Almighty God to the evill Example of all others in such case offending Contrary to the peace of the Right
Honourable the Lord Proprietor that now is his good rule and government and against the form of the Act of Assembly in such
case lately made and provided etc Wherellpon the same Attorney of the same Lord Proprietor for the same Lord
Proprietor prays the advice of the Court here in the premises and that due process of Law in this part against the same Cornelius
Ready may be made to answer unto the same Lord Proprietor and upon the premises etc

Thereupon it is Commanded the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the aforesaid Cornelius
Ready if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the
Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held al Dividing Creek in and for the County aforesaid the
Third Tuesday of November then next following to answer unto his said Lordship aforesaid concerning of the Informa-
tion aforesaid And now to wit the third Tuesday of November being the Eighteenth day of the same month and

Dom. One thousand seven hundred and forty at a Court then held before his Lordships Justices al Dividing Creek in and
for the County aforesaid came the aforesaid Cornelius Ready in his proper person and had a hearing of the Information
aforesaid and saith that he cannot deny but that he is guilty of the premises aforesaid in the Information aforesaid
above upon him Imposed in manner and form as by the Information aforesaid above against him supposed and
the premises aforesaid in the Information aforesaid Expressly acknowledged --

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood It is Considered
by the Court here that the aforesaid Cornelius Ready pay unto his Lordships the Lord Proprietor for his fine by the Court here upon
Imposed