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The Deposition of John Bracco of Queen Anns County who being Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God concerning his Knowledge of John Burke of the said County now under Condemnation for the murder of his Wife Deposeth and saith that he has been acquainted with said Burke for some years past & for the last two years particularly in the Summer fifty eight heard him complain that he had been five or six Weeks incapable of prosecuting his Affairs by reason of a heaviness on his Spirits which he could no way account for and which of late had been troublesome to him this with a Letter this Depon<sup>t</sup> received from him a Day or two before the Murder aforesaid and several Messages about the same time relating to some Business he wanted him to transact induced him the Deponent to believe the said Burke disordered in his Senses as he could no other way account for them But this Deponent saith that he did not at any time see the said Burke while he was in any Vapourish Fit and further saith not

October 18<sup>th</sup> 1759      Patt Hamilton

James Finley of Queen Anns County Aged thirty nine years being Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God saith That he hath known John Burk now under Confinement on Suspicion of having Murdered his Wife, seven or eight years, That said Burk since Harvest last has appeared more heavy and Dull than usual, That he was frequently complaining of being disordered in his Head, That he appeared to be in some doubts of the right way of Worship but that he always seemed to Argue with the same Strength of Reason & Judgment as well since Harvest as before This Deponent further saith that he verily believes the Causes of said Burks Complaints to be the loss of his Daughter, who died some time since, and Jealousy of his Wife, and further saith not. Sworn before the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Queen Anns County the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October Anno 1759.

Nathan Wright

Richard Reynolds of Queen Anns County Aged twenty nine years being Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God saith that he has known John Burke, now under Confinement on Suspicion of having Murdered his Wife, fifteen or Sixteen years, That said Burk, since last Harvest, has seemed to be very uneasy and often complained to this Deponent of having Reasons to Suspect his Wife but that he (Burk) never appeared to be deprived of his Reason or anywise inclined to Madness This Deponent further saith