

Lib. J. R. Joseph Smith of the said County Planter and Master of the
& U. S. aforesaid Negro Beck.

The Consideration of this Matter is postponed until some further Information can be had of her Character.

Read the following Letter from the Justices of Charles County and also the Depositions of John and Catherine Burges relating to the Conviction of Negroes Jack and Sue Condemned for the Murder of a certain William Garner of said County.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland

May it please your Excellency

You will observe by the Copy of a Record herewith delivered to you that at a Court held for Charles County on the 2^d Tuesday of this Instant Negro Jack and Negro Sue the Slaves of M^{rs} Constant Chapman, were tryed and Condemned for the Murder of a Certain William Garner, and We being of Opinion that the Evidence against Negro Sue (which principally Consisted in Declarations of what William Garner said in his Sickness) was too Vague and uncertain to Convict her of the Crime wherewith she stood Charged And as this Testimony is since much Lessened or Rather Contradicted by the Depositions of John Burgess and Catherine Burgess We humbly beg leave to recommend the said Negro Sue to your Excellency's Mercy and Clemency, and are

your Excellencys most Obed^t humble Servants.

	Tho ^s Stone	Dan ^l Jenifer
20 th March 1766	Rich ^d Harrison	Geo: Dent
	Walter Hanson	Tho ^s Contee
	Sam ^l Hanson	J: Hawkins

p. 410 The Deposition of John Burges Aged forty Seven years being duly sworn to declare and relate what he heard William Garner late of Charles County declare on his Death Bed Saith, He the Deponent being Uncle to said Garner went to see said Garner said to be murdered by a Negro Man and two Negro Women of M^{rs} Constant Chapmans The Deponent then asking said Garner how it happened, whether he thought the Women assisted by Stabbing him or any way else, the said Garner answered that he did not know, but believ'd that they did not, and further said not

his
John f Burges
mark.

The Deposition of Catherine Burges Aged fifty years or thereabouts being sworn as above Saith that she went to see