

Dinner William Wright told him the Goal was broke and asked him if he would go out but this Deponent refused to go out of Goal. About half an hour after this a Negro of Esq^r Lee's found that the Goal was broke and the Negro made a Noise upon which Wright brought the Tools immediately to the Deponent which Tools was hid by the said Wright M^r Lee immediately came in the Goal with several Negroes and enquired who was the Person that broke the Goal and several Prisoners informed him that William Wright and a Negro broke the Goal. M^r Lee asked Wright why he used him so ill in breaking his Goal as he knew there was Criminals in there and what he intended to do with them. Will Wright told the Sheriff that he intended to order them to stay in Goal until he returned which would be in three or four days and that he had a right and would break Goal whenever it was in his Power upon which M^r Lee took him and had him given Six Stripes and then brought him back in Goal and Wright said immediately and as soon as he could get his Liberty and meet with M^r Lee he would beat him. One of the Prisoners asked Wright if he should kill him upon which Wright said let him Die and be Damned. After that day none of the Family could walk to the Kitchen without being used by Wright and Doncastle with Blackguard Language whenever he saw M^{rs} Lee he would call her Jezable dry bones and the Sheriff Whipping Dick. This Deponent further saith that Doncastle hath often advised him to break Goal and that he would recommend him to a Brother of his in Virginia where he might live and the Sheriff never hear of him, and that from the time he came to Goal until he was released the Prisoners always had a plenty of Provision a hot Meal of Meat once every day and Milk and Bread or Hommony and Fish for their Breakfasts. This Deponent saith Doncastle kept Beef several days in Goal and then sent it to Port Tobacco to shew the Gentlemen and at the time this Deponent came in Goal the Prisoners had no other disorder but the Itch which was a few days after Fentham was released.

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William X Watts
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Charles County ss. 25th April 1770.

The above Deposition was taken before me one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid.

John Winter

Charles County ss^t 25th April 1770 The Deposition of Mary Watts aged Twenty seven years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that on the second day of January 1769 her Husband William