

Liber  
P. C. R.  
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M<sup>r</sup> Symon Ouerzee made his appearance, And the Gou<sup>e</sup> ap-  
poynted the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee to appeare againe to morrow morning  
The Court adiornd by the Gou<sup>e</sup> till ten o'Clock to morrow  
morning

Thursday 2<sup>o</sup> Decembris

P<sup>e</sup>nt as Yesterday.

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M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Barton informes the Court agst M<sup>r</sup> Symon Ouerzee, for  
that the s<sup>d</sup> Ouerzee correcting his negro seruant the s<sup>d</sup> negro dyed  
under his s<sup>d</sup> Correction

The Examinaõn of Hannah Littleworth aged 27 yeares or there-  
abouts taken the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nouemb<sup>r</sup> 1658, before Philip Caluert Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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This Examin<sup>t</sup> sayth That somtime (as shee conceiues) in Sep-  
temb<sup>r</sup> was two yeares, M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee commanded a negro (commonly  
called Tony) formerly chayned up for some misdeameno<sup>rs</sup> by the  
command of m<sup>rs</sup> Ouerzee (m<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee himselve being then abroad)  
to be lett loose, & ordered him to goe to worke, But instead of goeing  
to worke the s<sup>d</sup> negro layd himselve downe & would not stirre,  
Whereuppon m<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee beate him w<sup>th</sup> some Peare Tree wands or  
twiggs to the bignes of a mans finger att the biggest end, w<sup>ch</sup> hee  
held in his hand, And uppon the stubbornes of the negro caused his  
Dublett to bee taken of, and whipd' him uppon his bare back, And the  
negro still remayned in his stubbornes & feyned himselve in fitts, as  
hee used att former times to doe, Whereuppon M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee com-  
manded this Exam<sup>t</sup> to heate a fyre shouel, & bring him some Lard,  
which shee did, And sayth that the s<sup>d</sup> fyre shouel was hott enough to  
melt the Lard, but not soe hott as to blister any one, & th<sup>t</sup> it did not  
blister the negro, on whom M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee powrd' it. Immediately  
thereuppon the negro rose up, & M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee commanded him to be  
tyed to a Ladder standing on the foreside of the dwelling howse, w<sup>ch</sup>  
was accordingly done by an Indian Slaue, who tyed him by the  
wrists, w<sup>th</sup> a peice of a dryed hide, And (as shee remembers but  
cannot iustly say) That hee did stand uppon the grownd. And still  
the negro remayned mute or stubborne, & made noe signes of con-  
forming himselve to his Masters will or command. And about a  
quarter of an howre after, or lesse, M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee & M<sup>rs</sup> Ouerzee went  
from home, & doth not know of any Order M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee gaue con-  
cerning the s<sup>d</sup> negro. And th<sup>t</sup> while M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee beate the negro &  
powred the Lard on him, there was nobody by, saue only M<sup>r</sup> Mathew  
Stone, & M<sup>rs</sup> Ouerzee now deceased. And th<sup>t</sup> from the time of M<sup>r</sup>  
Ouerzees & his Wifes goeing from home, till the negro was dead,  
there was nobody about the howse but only the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mathew  
Stone, Will<sup>m</sup> Hewes, & this Exam<sup>t</sup>, & a negro woman in the quarter-  
ing howse, who neuer stird' out. And th<sup>t</sup> after M<sup>r</sup> Ouerzee was gone,  
uppon the relaõn of M<sup>r</sup> Mathew Stone, in the presence of Will<sup>m</sup>  
Hewes th<sup>t</sup> the negro was dying, this Examin<sup>t</sup> desyred M<sup>r</sup> Mathew