

Lett it be enquired for the L^d Proprietary, whither Symon Ouerzee late of S^t Johns in the County of S^t Maries merchant, On the Twentieth day of September Año 1656, att S^t Johns in the County afores^d by force & armes, That is to say, wth Peare-Tree Twiggs of noe ualue, an assault did make uppon a certaine man called Toney a Negro, & his the s^d Ouerzees slaue, Beating the s^d Slaue, wth the s^d Peare-Tree Twiggs, & powring melted Lard uppon him, And whither afterwards the s^d Symon Ouerzee the Body of the s^d Toney, tyed by the wrists to a Ladder, did hang up from the Grownnd exposed to the iniuries of the weather, Of w^{ch} stripes, melting Lard & hanging up by the wrists &c: the s^d Toney wth in three howres dyed. And soe the s^d Symon Ouerzee the s^d Toney in manner & forme afores^d did feloniously by chance Kill, Contrary to the peace of his Lordship, his rule & gouernm^t.

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Job Chandler his testimony, concerning a Negro called Antonio belonging to his Brother Symon Ouerzee.

That his Brother Ouerzee brought the s^d Negro Antonio about March in the yeare 1656 up to his Plantaõn in Portoback Creek, & there left him wth his Ouerseer Clement Theobalds to worke wth his other seruants But after his Brother Ouerzee was gone downe, the Ouerseer made many Complaynts to mee, th^t hee could not make him doe any thing, noe not soe much as beate his owne Victualls, I aduised him to use all fayre meanes, to try if that way might work good uppon him, if not to giue him blowes: But whither hee did correct him att any time I doe not know, But the s^d negro runne away, & they complayned to mee that hee lay lurking about the Plantaõn, & tooke his opportunity when they were in the feild att worke, or when they were att the Cow pen milking, then would he gett into the howse & into the loft, & steale soe much bread & meate as he thought good & begone. After hee had run this course about three weeks or a month, one of my mayd seruants fownd him in an inward roome in my quartering howse Eating hominy out of a Pott, & came running in to acquaint mee wth it: But he perceiuing th^t he was discouered, sought to make an Escape, & was gott amongst high weeds creeping on his hand & knees But the dogs finding him out, I brought him into my howse, & fownd one of his hands extreame sore, & th^t one of his fingers was mortified, th^t it must be cutt of to saue his hand & arme from a Gangreene. I examined him how it came, but could not wth all the words & signes I could imagine understand from him how it came, ffor of all humane Creatures th^t euer I saw, I neuer knew such a Brute: for I could not perceiue any speech or language hee had, only an ugly yelling Brute beast like. I drest his hand wth the best meanes I had, And gaue him Victualls to eate, w^{ch} hee eate as Rauenous as an hungry starued Dog, & after hee had eaten good part of what I gaue him hee made signes th^t hee would begone, But I made signes to him to sitt downe againe. Att length

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