

September 16 Runaway from his master over the Bay and that he had Stuck a Knife in his overseer & Kill^d him the said Argil then Reply^d that he Did not know whether the overseer was Dead or not, after which this Deponent with the said Sturgis made another Attempt to take up the said negro & he got a Club & Drew his Knife & swore that if they touch^d him he would Kill them and then made off & this Deponent did not think prudent to pursue such a notorious Villian & this Deponent further saith that he heard afterwards that the said Negro threatned to Kill him; taken Before me the Subscriber [one] of the Justices of the peace for Worcester County this 4th Day of Sept^r 1780 N. Holland

The Deposition of Abraham Sturgis of Worcester County who being by me Duly sworn Deposeth and saith that some time in the Last July or first of August Last this Deponent was Riding the Road & Came to where M^r Daniel Robins was Talking to negro Argil since Hanged by Col^o William Selby of Virginia at which time the said Robins told this Deponent that the negro he was then talking to was formerly Drummonds Argil and that he had Kill^d his overseer over the Bay & Desir^d this Deponent to assist him in Taking of him at which Time they Both moved towards the said Negro and order^d him to Stand & he swore he would not be Taken by them nor any other person alive & then got a Club & Drew his Knife & made of from them after this Deponent went Towards a house for a gun & swore he would shoot him; but afterwards pursued the notorious Villian no farther & further saith not

Taken before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for Worcester County this 4th Day of Sept^r 1780 N. Holland

Accomack S. S. At the request of Col. William Selby of the County afs^d I hereby certify that I purchased a negro named Argol some years past, that I kept the said negro about two years or thereabouts during which time he behaved himself very ill, by committing several thefts, and other misdemeanors: particularly he attempted to murder a negro boy from whom he had stolen some money, and for no other provocation than because the boy accused him of the fact; which the said Argol afterward confessed he was guilty of, and for which reason particularly I sold him. Sometime after I sold him he ran from his master and came back again to me, and in a most humble manner solicited me to buy him again, and informed me his master's name was Tho^s Brandrige, I made him rather believe I would purchase him, and wrote two letters directing them to the afs^d name; but I never rec^d any answer, and afterwards understanding that he had told others of a different name I supposed he had decieved me after his return he stayed with me about five or six months during which time he broke my dwelling house, and stole a quantity of Shoes, this caused him to depart, and