

Liber B B    upon the 13<sup>th</sup> of this instant we were requested by John Grañer to open the body of the said Thomas Simmons, hee hauing been a diseased p<sup>r</sup>son a twelue month the Body being opened p<sup>r</sup>sented it selfe to our ueiw, Cleere of inward bruises, either upon the Diaphrugma or w<sup>th</sup>in the Ribbs, The lungs were of a liuid Blewish Culler full of putrid ulcers, the liuer not much putrid although it seemed to be disaffected by reason of it's pale & wann Couller: the Purse of the Heart was putrid and rotton, by w<sup>ch</sup> we gather that this person by Course of nature could not haue liued long, Putrifacōn being gott soe neer unto that noble part the hart euen att the doore, in wittness whereof wee haue hereunto sett Our handes this 13<sup>th</sup> day Iuly 1664—

Stephen Clifton  
John Brooke

The examinaōn of Francis Taylor Examined before M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Standley & M<sup>r</sup> Charles Brookes

The said Francis Taylor saith that his Mast<sup>r</sup> John Grammers Caused his seru<sup>t</sup> Christopher to beate Thomas Simmons and to giue him neer uppon a hundred stripes w<sup>th</sup> a Catt of ninetailes uppon his bare back and that those blowes were the occasion of his death and that Thomas Booth saw him haue some blowes but not soe many as he had and that his mast<sup>r</sup> beate him afterward in the feilde w<sup>th</sup> a rope and that he was not able to come in of himselfe but was brought in—

Patuxent July 12<sup>th</sup> 1664

Henry Ollis aged about 15 yeares or thereabouts that he saw his Mast<sup>r</sup> John Grammer beate Thomas Simmons in the feild ouer the back w<sup>th</sup> a small ropes end w<sup>th</sup> a knott att the end of the rope the space of halfe an hour

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Henry Clements aged 18 yeares examined saith, that hee saw his mast<sup>r</sup> John Grammer beate Thomas Simmons in the feilde w<sup>th</sup> a ropes end and that he could not stand, and that Christopher and John led him out of the feilde and that he heard him say he had a giddynes in his head

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[p. 379] James Low aged 24 yeares examined saith that he saw his mast<sup>r</sup> John Grammer beate Thomas Simmons upon the 9<sup>th</sup> of July on the feilde soe long untill he fell downe w<sup>th</sup> a ropes end and a knot at the end of the rope, and then he beate him up againe and left him setting upon a block and my mast<sup>r</sup> left him and went home, & Christopher went to him and asked him why he would not come to worke, what would he sett there all day & heaued him up w<sup>th</sup> a hoe helue but he went to rise and fell downe againe and my mast<sup>r</sup> came into the feilde againe and brought w<sup>th</sup> him a hoe & a Goard for him to drinke