

in and when the goard was come Christopher gaue him to drinke Liber B B
 and he dranke and they tooke the Goard from him and he desired
 more drinke, And I said to my mast^r yo^w haue kill'd this man for he
 is a dead man and hee said hang him Roage hee is a dissembling
 Roage and that he could not goe nor stand but Christopher & John
 Eds led him in—

John Eds aged 19 yeares or thereabouts sworne That he saw his
 mast^r Beate Thomas Simmons wth a ropes end and a knott att the end
 of it and that he went away from him and did not beate him long and
 that hee was not able to Come home for he hope to bring him home—

Christopher Anderson aged 26 yeares or thereabouts That uppon
 satterday Thomas Simmons had been runn away and was come home
 and my Mast^r told me that I must take a rope and tye him for to
 whip him wth a whipp of small whipp Cord and that he did whip him
 and after he was whipped he went into the feilde to weed and Came
 into breakfast and went out againe and the fellow not weeding well
 enough he beate him wth a rope that had a Knott att the end of it,
 and he beated him soe long untill he dropped downe to my thinking
 as dead and he beate him tell he rose againe, then my Mast^r left him
 and went in and brought another hoe and a goard wth him and I gaue
 him some water he was not able to gett up but wth a little of my helpe
 he gott up and I told my mast^r he was a dead man and he told me noe
 he was a dissembling Roage, and he tooke his rope out of his pockett
 & dub'd him againe I told my Mast^r that he had kill'd him & he said
 Lord haue mercy uppon us hee would Cleere his handes of him as
 soon as he could, and I went to weeding and he call'd me to him for
 to helpe to bring him home the which I did wth the helpe of John
 Edds and I asked him how he did and he said uery ill his mast^r had
 Kill'd him

Susan Hunt aged 21 yeares or thereabouts sworne & examined [p. 380]
 saith this 15th day of July, that a munday last comming through the
 Corne feilde Christopher Anderson asked this deponant whither she
 did not heare her mast^r John Grammer threaten the death of Thomas
 Simmons and this deponant answered she did not, and this Chris-
 topher said to me that if I were called I might say that I did heare
 my Mast^r say soe, and as for the time that the said Thomas Simmons
 was a whipping that my Mast^r was not there for my Mast^r came to
 the quarter to bid the other seruant bring some water & salte to wash
 him wthall and when my mast^r went back againe the said Christopher
 Ceased whipping of Thomas Simmons and when the said Christo-
 pher came into breakfast my dame asked Christopher whether he
 were not sorry for what he had done and he answered noe he could
 haue giuen him tenn times more

Sworne before us
 Hugh Stanley
 Charles Brooke

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 Susan Q Hunt