

R. 10. 1690

the Lodowne & Gloucestre being summed to this Court on Evidence agt Edward Stevens, did no appear when called, and therefore was found according to law for his contynent. —

Fir. Maties  
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Edward Stevens

Somerset County fit. The Jurors for their Ma. being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist at a grand Jury held for the Body of this County the second Monday in March last past do present and find that Edward Stevens of this County about the month of December last past at the house of Ben Falton and upon the Sabbath day did kill swine and drop sow: and if such forewarning the same would have carryed away under the

eye of a bought hogg of John Evans late of this County saye, whiche said hogg did properly belong to him: Upon end of his mark, he so strown at a gratesett and prophane wratting did then and therell wilfully and prophaneably abuse the sabbath or Lord's day. thereby dishonouring almighty God and scunning all humans and Divine Lawe. And will example and scandall of all good Christians. That the day & place of judgment may be shewed agt the said Edward Stevens according to law in that case made and do. arra. James. Sawyer. Ch. Gudlubd. —

In witness whereof the defendant pleaded not guilty and for tryall publickly upon the Court who having heard the matter and Evidence shewing, do find the above said hogg to be the proper goods of the said Stevens, and therefore the said Stevens is dismisse only, Ordered to pay 100 of scilts.

Fir. Maties  
agt.

Somerset County fit. The Jurors for their Majestie being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist at a County Court held for the Body of this County do present and find that James Minor Esq; of the hundred of Dogdale wherein Harry the Negro man run away upon the second day of Mch: A. M. 1690 february last past did break into the house of Francis Joyce of the same County Taylor, and the said Negro did then and therell wilfully and feloniously, steal and carry away out of the said house 300. lbs tobacco potts, one shire 150. lbs tobacco potts, one cartell 150. lbs tobacco, one half 45. lbs tobacco potts, one shire 30. lbs tobacco potts, one bather bagg of 45. lbs tobacco potts, one shire 15. lbs tobacco potts, one pott of bacon tobacco potts amounting in all to seven hundred sixty and two pounds of tobacco. now the said Joyce being in pursuit of the said Negro did meet with the said Minor, who said he was left wife looking after the said Negro, and then the said Joyce quarelled with the said Minor, what Harry the said Minor's Negro had stolen, the said Minor did then say, that if his Negro had in his goods, and were found with him he would sciffis the said Joyce. Now the said James Minor attorney comes and sayes that the said Minor notwithstanding standeing of his said affumpcion and promise to the said Joyce, is not only a thief, a murderer and abbor to the former felony but is besides principall, in as much as the said Minor upon pursuit of the said Negro did fine him at the house of Elias Taylor in the County of Gloucester, with his former goods in his possession, directly as the said Joyce had informed him where then and therell the said Negro did obtain that he did take out of the house of the said Joyce in manner as aforesaid while his goods the said Minor did take into possession and did sell together with the said Negro to Dorothy Wall of Cottenham in Gloucester County in Virginia and the aforesaid did utterly deny and peremptorily and audaciously theriffor affirming that his Negro was the thief and had not stoln goods, but some others of his neighbours had stolen them, with several affirmations and sturrerous threatening language defying either law or government, therefore the said Mr. Attorney doth now may be shewed agt the said Minor according to law in that case made and provided. James. Sawyer. Ch. Gudlubd.

The Jurors being ready, to which the said Minor pleads not guilty and for tryall publickly before upon the Jury, whose names are as followeth. Willm. Culberson. John. Coggeshaw. Simon. Corbin. John. Petard. Willm. Rycard. Willm. William Down. Edward Harprete. Charles Ward. Robert Cattling. Samuel. Howlett. John. Carter. Adam. Pitt. Being duly impannelled and sworn, having heard the Presidents, and the following depositions going forth to confute the matter. —

Deposition of Christian Harmon aged about one or two and twenty years saith that being a workman at the house of Mr. Wall of Cottenham, when James Minor made sale of One man Negro by name Tony unto the said Mr. Wall