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James and a bit in hunting and getting out the said swine, in which hunting was killed one large spotted hog of Thomas Barramore's mark as by witness and in the said hunting the hog was said Barramore's. The wife of a friend of the said James the great, full oak cut out and salt up for the house provision; - the Dependent being a week day after the said hog was killed & disposed of as aforesaid & said James and wife came into the said field and were killed out as before, in which hunting were two Barrows killed, well grown Barrows, but not altogether so large as that killed the day before, and of the said Barrows had a white shoulder and the other white left side the shoulder & belly of the said hog was of Thomas Barramore's mark, one of them was skinned & the other singed, and the Dependent being required by the said Margaret to assist in dressing the hogs aforesaid, she refused and thereupon Margaret aforesaid did cause a man negro slave to go to James to lay violent hands on the Dependent, who ^{beat} her down to the ground by several blows, and laid her for dead a small space and for some time after, the Dependent continued still under hands of the said aforesaid, further this Dependent saith that the said skinned hog was ordered & salted up by the parties that salted up the first hog and that the singed hog was by them cut out for bacon but lightly salted & for present spending, this Dependent further saith that the next day after the said two hogs were disposed of as aforesaid, the swine came into the said field a third time and then and there were killed two Barrows more, one a white Landis: the other was a white, one of which hogs was forthwith dressed and salted up as the other skinned hogs were by the parties aforesaid, but the other lay until the afternoon & then was removed by the said parties into a heap of bushes and by them fixed & carried in & salted up as the rest and the said two hogs the Dependent knows not whose they were but as Thomas Barramore declared that they were either Richard Loppin's or matins. Crutland but Mrs. Bage the said Bage's Mother declared that she thought that she thought they were the said matins hogs, the said Thomas Barramore also declared that ~~she thought they were~~ he had killed and swine more which make in all six in number, and finding the said swine to be very poor and lean, he threw it over the fence and drew it into the bushes where it lay & was not made use of as the rest of the swine were, this Dependent further saith that upon the said Bage & her wife the Dependent's then master & mistress returned from Abromoth the said Dependent did acquaint her to mistress how they had killed proper swine as aforesaid, and that her to mistress did secretly charged her to say nothing of it, she would acquaint her husband that she had ordered them to kill a hog in their absence in account but the said Dependent knows & affirms that she knew nothing of any such order nor was there any swine of the said Bage killed in their absence for the house provision although when they took their journey to Abromoth they left the house wholly destitute of any flesh meat of any kind, this Dependent saith also, that in March last, the said Bage disposed of her time she had to borrow and sold her to Wm. Oswell and the said Dependent leaving her to service with the said Bage her to mistress took her up into the Chamber apart from all others & there did privately oblige the Dependent to secrecy as to killing of the hogs aforesaid, when she was gone away giving the Dependent both fair words & threats to oblige her secretly saying that in case the Dependent did reveal the killing of the said hogs or speak word about them, when she was gone she would most grievously beat her the Dependent and in case she could not light of her at her own house she would come where the Dependent should live, and there she would beat or drub the Dependent adding if she had any work to do with the Dependent after she was gone as she had formerly when a servant and if the Dependent discovered the killing of the said hogs she would certainly forswear it and the unwidably the Dependent must be whipped, this the said Dependent saith and further she saith not relating to the aforesaid five Barrows or swine, in witness whereof the Dependent hath set to her hand

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