

Mar 9th 1694

This Deposition made oath to y^e truth of all here written before me upon y^e holy Evangelist this fourth Day of August 1694 Witness my hand and voice in presence of Samuell P. Perkins

The Deposition of y^e within named Eliz: this Deposition doth declare and saith that in y^e time of her servitude with her master Lays in y^e Spring of y^e year last was a twelve months there was a sow and two large Piggys or small Shoats belonging to y^e said Lays which was y^e proper kind of Waller Wood which he found was long time wanted to y^e plantation of y^e said Lays & went with two hoggys and this Deposition further saith that her mistress Bridgett Lays did upon a certain Day take in hand to take y^e said two Piggys or Shoats and in order there unto, Comand y^e Deposition to assist in carrying them together with her son Thomas Barramors. And that one of y^e said Shoats fell to y^e lot of y^e said Deposition to be caught and the other to her son, and y^e said Lays being to labour this Deposition saith that her said mistress took them both by y^e hinder legs and dashed out their brains against a tree one after y^e other and conveyed them into y^e house and layd them under y^e slayes Cape, and y^e Children Espying them as soon as their mother whether they were two piggys, the mother answered no Child or Child ren they are two Pigsoms that were caught in y^e Corn field, the said two Piggys or Shoats were after dressed by y^e Depositions mistress & eaten in y^e family being beards in y^e oven and further this Deposition saith and affirmeth that some small time before y^e last autumn or fall of y^e last year her said mistress ordered y^e within named margarett Lunday her son Thomas Barramors and Daughter Juliana to goe and take up y^e hoggys which being done y^e said Depositions mistress sent for y^e negro man out of y^e field & Comanded him to take a blowe Deare Barrow of George & Ruffels by y^e eys, which y^e said negro did and y^e said margarett and y^e said Thomas Barramors snatched y^e said hogg down and y^e said margarett struck him and ended his life this Deposition further saith that y^e said Lunday y^e hogg did also dress him which when y^e Depositions mistress beholds she told those that were about y^e hogg she would not see it done nor have any hand in it, notwithstanding the orders y^e cutting out of y^e said hogg and killing him up which was after saluting y^e family, this the Deposition saith and further saith not about y^e said Shoats and single Barrow witness y^e Depositions hand

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Eliz: Larrowe
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And this day to with the 10th of March Ann. Dom. 1694. Came the aforesaid Jury as appeared info: 176 = and being called by their Names, being all unanimously agreed, delibered in this behalf, the said Jury called the verdict is read as following — That the Jury do find Bridgett Lays wife to Stephen Lays guilty of killing the two piggys or Shoats of Waller Wood also value Thomas Co. tobacco. And the said Bridgett her son & daughter and Margarett Lunday, guilty of killing of George Ruffels Deare Barrow and so: value the same at 150^l. of tobacco. Henry Hall foreman. — wherefore the verdict was ordered to be entered. The Courts judgment thereon was that satisfaction is to be made according to law. — The said Stephen Lays craved an appeal, which by the Court was granted & so Lays giving Security as the Law did require, ordered the said Lays remain in the Sheriffs Custody till the said Security was given. But the said Lays craved of y^e Court for to have his appeal remitted, which by the Court was granted, and the said Lays being willing to abide y^e said Courts judgment. ordered Lays remain in Sheriffs Custody till Security given for the four first charges & so: in