

The Grand Jury men this day delibered in the Court House following presentments viz:  
W<sup>th</sup> of this day present Mary Swaine for Sabbath breaking & swearing. W<sup>th</sup> in St. Andrew. Informer  
W<sup>th</sup> also present Henry: Bishopp. for killing hogs contrary to Law. in Court. Good in Informer  
W<sup>th</sup> also present Thomas: Barber for killing some Wild hogs upon the free Land of the Lord Proprietor  
Contrary to Law. Or no libel directed Informer.

Don't write present in aforesaid Court Street & reach reason. Grand Jury is unjust.

John: Perkins.  
Extra  
Robert: Blades

The said Blad: being taken by virtue of a Warrant dated y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of this instant  
Month & this day brought before the Justice, where he Blad: was committed for  
Swearing & Swearing & by y<sup>e</sup> Court of the said Court. Therefore it was ordered by  
the Court that he Blad: give security for his good behavior. But upon his submission  
it was committed paying his food.

John: Perkins.  
Extra  
Robert: Blades

Maryland Somerset County  
Whereas John: Gortins of Somerset in y<sup>e</sup> County a former Planter Complaineth this day  
to wit y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1693/4 that Owen Cutler his servant, did this last Sunday in  
January abscond with himself & run away from the said Masters Service. Notwist standing being a little before by a Justice  
of the Peace for the County ordered into the said Masters Service. He is a short dark haired man with a grey & black coat  
with a white pair of Irish stockings & a black hat a pair of fawn falls & a white shirt & a leather pair of breeches.  
As we know in their Masters Names he will require as also strictly to charge & command y<sup>e</sup> or any of y<sup>e</sup> to whom he  
shall come to say that he is y<sup>e</sup> fellow a slave to the said servant till he shall be found & when found to deliver of  
for the said Master, according to the Act of Assembly. And hereof y<sup>e</sup> are not to fail, as y<sup>e</sup> will answer y<sup>e</sup> Contempt at y<sup>e</sup> peril  
given under my hand & seal this day & year above said.

And to go: up Somerset: River from house  
to house as high as Robert: Blad: - Evidence sworn in Court aye Cutler was Justice: D. L. & Thomas: Dixon.  
The premises being considered. it is the Courts opinion, that the Owen Cutler is servant to the said Gortins for 12 months according  
to Contract made with the said Gortins. Order granted to the said Gortins for twenty days run away from the said Gortins viz 200  
days. But the said Gortins promises in Court that if the said Cutler do: with faithfully serve his Contractor him, that then the said  
said Gortins will only have twenty days of the said Cutler due more. Court adjourned till tomorrow at 8: a Clock.

A Court hold by their Masters Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland  
the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno: Domini 1693/4.  
Com: present in Francis: Gortins, Esq<sup>r</sup> Wm: Winstington in Edmund Howard,  
in Roger: Woolford. - in James: Remond - in Stephen: Herby

John: Perkins having attended four days for their Masters aye John: Dore: James: Winstington & Thomas: Dixon  
the same. March 14<sup>th</sup> 1693/4. sworn in Open Court before me. Edmund: Howard.