

His Lordship } Somerset sh^r. The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is
 for the body of Somerset County upon their Oath do present that a certain Negro woman
 named Dinah the Slave of George Hardy of Steppny parish in the said County of Somerset
 planter the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
 and forty with force and Arms at the parish a^s in the County a^s a certain Outhouse contiguous to and used with
 the dwelling house of him the said George Hardy at Steppny parish a^s in the County of Somerset situated
 and being with divers goods and Merchandizes (to witt) Five hundred pounds of tobacco, one Gun of the Value of
 Two hundred pounds of tobacco, and Eighty and nine sheaves of Flax unbrake, to the value of three hundred pounds
 of Tobacco, of the good and Chattles of the same George Hardy in the same house then being the day and year a^s
 of her malice prepense and moved by the Instigation of the Devill voluntarily and feloniously on fire did set
 and with the same fire then and there the house a^s wherein was then the goods a^s did burn and with that fire
 destroy Contrary to the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is his good rule and
 Government and against the form of the form of the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided &c.

Testes George Hardy, Negro Rose, Negro Robin, Negro Casar

On the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was Endorsed True Bill Laster Selby foreman

And Now with the seventeenth day of March and Term One thousand seven hundred and forty at about
 then held at Dividing Creek in and for the County of Somerset before his Lordships Justice, came the aforesaid
 negro woman Dinah, under custody of John Hardy, Sheriff of the County a^s, in whose custody for the cause a^s
 before that time was committed, and to the Bar now here Led in her proper person, And being Instantly
 asked how she of the felony in the Indictment a^s above specified, with thereof acquitted herself, the same Negro
 woman Dinah, say that she is in no sort thereof guilty, and there upon of good and Evil she puts her
 self upon the Country. ... Therefore Immediately Let Come thereof the Jury before the a^s Justice

Last mentioned herea^s and who neither he. to Resquize &c. and the Jurors of that same Jury by the a^s Sheriff
 to this Impanelled to witt David Colk, John Woolford, William Gray, Edward Cook, Thomas Collet, Geo. Tull,
 Caution Laws, Littleton, Townsend, Richard Wallis, John Surratt &c. and James Stephen Bredall being called came
 who to say the truth of the premises being Oathed Tyled and sworn, upon their Oath say, that the aforesaid Negro
 woman Dinah, is not guilty of the felony in the Indictment a^s above specified, in manner and form as the a^s
 negro woman Dinah, for her self above by pleading alleged, nor never herself by Oathsworn a^s did withdraw -

Whereupon all and singular the premises a^s being seen and heard and fully understood It is Considered
 by the Court here that the a^s Negro woman Dinah be quiet and goe home without day &c.

Negro Rose, Casar and Robin, all being bound by Resquizance to attend this Court in Order to give Evidence on behalfe
 of his Lordship against Negro Dinah appears herea^s but and are discharged therefrom &c.