March Court Anno Domini 1768

Court to be holden at Charles Town on the Second Tuesday in August Next and he hath it and the same day is given to the same John here &c. And which day to wit the Second Tuesday in August afs. Comes as well the said John by his Attorney afs. as the said Thos. by his Attorney afs. and the said Thomas by his said Attorney Prays further Licence thereof to Imparle hee until the Next Court to be holden at Charles Town on the Second Tuesday in Nov.r Next and he hath it and the same day is given to the same John here &c. And which day to wit the Second Tuesday in November afs. Comes as well the said John by his Attorney afs. as the said Thomas by his Attorney afs. and the said Thomas by his said Attorney Prays further Licence thereof to Imparle here until the Next Court to be holden at Charles Town on the Second Tuesday in March Next and he hath it and the same day is given to the same John here &c. And now here at this day to wit the Second Tuesday in March afs. Comes here as well the said John by his Attorney afs. as the said Thomas by his Attorney afs. and the said Thomas by his said Attorney Comes and defends the force and Injury when &c. and Prays that the said John do this Court give sufficient Security for the payment of what Costs and Charges the said Thomas may in his Defence in this Part sustain In Case the said John in the plea afs. should be Nonsuit or otherwise discontinue the same and for that the said John hath not given Security according to the Rule afs. but made Default. Therefore it is Considered that the said John take nothing by his Writ and Declaration afs. but that he and his Pledges of Prosecuting bein Mercy &c. and that the said Thomas go thereof without day. It is likewise Considered that the said Thomas Recover against the said John the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Nine Pounds and an half Pound of Tobacco for his Costs and Charges by him about his Defence in this part sustained to the same Thomas at his Request by the Court hereof adjudged according to the form force and Effect of the Statute in such Cases Provided and that the same Thomas have thereof Execution &c.

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The Lord Proprietary } Felony
Negroe Will Bell } Convict of Verdict

Charles County ss. The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the Body of Charles County do upon their Oath Present that Negroe Bell late of Charles County Labourer on the Twentieth day of January at Charles County aforesaid with force and Arms one Linnen Wallet of the Value of one Shilling Two Cloth Coats of the Value of three Pounds like money, three yards and a half of Fustain of the Value of Ten Shillings Like Money, one hank of Sewing Silk of the Value of six Pence like money the Goods and Chattles of a Certain John Jackin Gardiner then and there being found then and there Feloniously took Stole and Carried away against the Peace of the said Lord Proprietary his Good Rule and Government and Contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such Cases late made and Provided

H Darnall

On the Back of which Indictment was the following Endorsement Viz.t

Billa Vera Peter Wood Foreman

And now here at this day to wit the Second Tuesday in March aforesaid the afs. Negroe Will Bell in Custody of the Sheriff Namely Samuel Hanson Gent. to the Barr here Brought in his Proper Person Comes and being Demanded of him by the Court here how of the Felony afs. above on him Imposed, himself he would Acquit, he the said Will Bell saith that he is not thereof Guilty in manner and form as by the Indictment afs. against him it is

(suspended)