

Decem: 19 1750 We hereby Certifie that by Virtue of the within Commission of Dedimus Potestatem to Us the Subscribers directed We Administred the severall Oaths Appointed to be taken to the Government as also the Oath of Sheriff to John Gaspaway Esq: as Sheriff of Ann Arundel County who took the same and repeated and signed the Oath of Abjuration and Test and also took the Oaths appointed by the Inspection Law And We further Certifie that John Howard Thomas Gaspaway Edward Talbot John Watkins and Benjamin Wright as Deputies Sheriff were severally Sworn according to Law

M: Bullen  
 R: Jennings

Hd The Lord Propriety

Ann Arundel County

Negroe Grace and Jane } The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the body of Ann Arundel County aforesaid upon their Oath do present that Negroe Grace and Negroe Jane the Slaves of a certain Joseph Galloway of Ann Arundel County aforesaid the first day of September in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty to the Tobacco House of the said Joseph Galloway (the said Tobacco House in the County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court being) with force and Arms and so forth between the Hours of nine and Ten in the Night of the said Day came and Billets of Wood on Fire against the Tobacco House aforesaid (the said Tobacco House then having therein Tobacco Fodder Corn and other Grain) of their Malice aforesaid Voluntarily and Feloniously at the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction aforesaid did place and kindle and with the fire aforesaid did then and there the Tobacco House aforesaid set on fire and the Tobacco House aforesaid with all the Tobacco Fodder Corn and other Grain aforesaid therein then being Voluntarily and Feloniously of their Malice aforesaid with the fire aforesaid did then and there burn down and Totally consume against the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided and against the Peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is his Good rule and Government and so forth

Henry Darnall Propriety

Witness William Tizzard

Thomas Mauaully  
 John Gaspaway  
 John Howard

Jurat

On the back of the aforesaid Indictment was thus Indorsed

Viz: a True Bill Zachariah Jacob foreman

And the said Negroe Grace and Jane appears under the Custody of John Gaspaway Gent Sheriff to whose Custody for the Offence aforesaid they were heretofore Committed and being Demanded how they of the Premises would Acquit themselves say that they are in nowise guilty thereof and for Tyeal they put themselves upon God and the Country and Henry Darnall Gentleman who et. Prays that it may be enquired of by the Country in like manner Whereupon for Trying the Issue aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he immediately cause to come here Twelve Good and Lawfull Men of his Parish which by whom et. who neither et. To Recognize et. Because as well et. Of which said Precept the said Sheriff to wit John Gaspaway Gent Sheriff makes return that he has here ready Twelve et. As by his said Precept he was Comanded to wit Joseph White Benjamin Yildhall Henry Ridgely Francis Davis Thomas Bennett Samuel Gaither Son of Benjamin James Elder Richard Fowler Nathan Hughes Oneal Johnson Joseph Hawkins & John Batson who being duly Elected Tried and Sworn to say the truth in the Premises upon their

(Oaths)

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Oaths do say that the said Negroe Grace and Jane are Guilty of the Premises in the Indictment Specified as therein it is set forth

Thereupon the said Negroe Grace and Negroe Jane are instantly Demanded by the Court here if they have any thing for themselves to say why the Court shall not proceed to pass Judgment against them to Die according to Law say nothing more than what they have already said

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Domini

1750 That the said Negroe Grace and Negroe Jane be taken from the Bar of this Court by the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to the Prison from whence they come and from thence to the Gallows in the said County the common place of Execution of Malefactors and there be Hanged by the Neck until they be Dead and thereupon they are Committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County afo<sup>r</sup> there to remain until

He who being present took Charge of them accordingly

The Value the said two Negroes to fifty pounds Current Money each

Test J. Bowie Clk