

and successow. With condition to the said recognizance that whereas Anne Fitzpatrick of Talbot County Sheriff hath lately been delivered of a male Bastard called Benjamin of therefore Benjamin Townsends, John Garoy & Richard Eaton or either of them their or either their Executors, Administrators or any of them do and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter acquit, discharge and save harmless the Inhabitants of Talbot County of and from all Costs Charges and Troubles whatsoever for or by reason of the birth Maintenance nourishing & bringing up the said Child of and from all Suits Charges Troubles and Demand whatsoever touching or Concerning the same then this recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force &c.

Lord Propriety } Talbot County sh. At a court of the right honble the Lord
a } Propriety that now is held for Talbot County at the Courthouse
Negro Abram } In the same county the first Tuesday in November Anno Domini
Seventeen hundred Sixty two. By the oath of twelve Jurors good and Lawfull men
of the County afo. who being sworn and Charged to Enquire for the same
Lord Propriety and the body of the County afo. It is Presented that a certain negro
Person named Abram late of the County afo. the slave of a certain William Cloton of the
same County planted on the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord
Seventeen hundred sixty two at the same County (whither a Negro Person named
Abram then and there was the slave of the same William Cloton and an Inhabitant
within this Province) with force and Arms of his Malice prepense and forethought
Voluntarily and feloniously with a Coal kindled with fire (as attempt to burn and
Destroy the Kitchen of a certain Thomas Hill of the same County (whither said Kitchen
in then and there was a Dwelling house) and so the Jurors afo. upon their Oath afo.
do Present that the said negro person named Abram the slave of the afo. William
Cloton as afo. the Kitchen afo. of the same Thomas Hill on the day year afo. at the
County afo. in manner and form afo. of his Malice and forethought Voluntarily &
feloniously with the Coal afo. kindled with fire as afo. attempted to burn and Destroy
Against the peace of the said Lord Propriety his good rule Government Heforth and
against the form of the act of Assembly in such case lately made Provided &c.

Thereupon cometh here into the Court afo. before the Justices afo. the afo. negro
Abraham under the Custody of Moleman Gibbon Gentlman high sheriff of Talbot
County afo. in whose Custody for the Cause afo. he was had and detained and the same
negro Abram to the bar here by the same Sheriff being led, is Committed to the same
Sheriff &c. And Immediately being asked how he of the felony and burglary
above upon him Improved would be acquitted, He saith that he is not thereof Guilty
ly and thereof good and evil putteth himself upon the Country &c.

And James Nicols gentlman who for the same Lord Propriety in this part
Part Prosecuteth Likewise &c.

Whereupon it is Comanded to the sheriff of the County afo. that he should Cause
to come here before the Justices afo. Immediately twelve &c. who neither &c. to recognize &c.
because as well &c. And thereupon the Jurors of that Jury whereof mention is made
above being Called Certain of them to wit Fedeman Rolle, Imprey Dawson
(Thomas Sherwood &c.) Francis Morling, John Thomas, Birchhead Sharts,

Peter Perry, Matthew Lewis Barnett, Richard Giding Robinson, and Anthony Secomb, Come In that Jury are sworn and because the twelve of the Jurors of that Jury did not appear therefore others of the same by the sheriff of the County as to this are elected and at the request of the said James Nicols by Command of the Justices as of new are appointed whose Names to the Pannel above mentioned of new are affiled according to the form of the statute in such Case set forth & Provided, Which same Jurors so of new appointed to wit Thomas Roberts & John Lewis being Called likewise Come who to say the truth of and upon the Premises as together with the other Jurors first Impannelled & Sworn being elected tried & Sworn, Upon their Oath so say that the said Negro Abram of the felony as in the Indictment as Specified is guilty in manner & form as by the same Indictment above against him it is supposed. And that he the said negro Abram at the time of the felony as in form as Committed or ever after had no Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements to the knowledge of the Jurors as, upon which it is asked of the said negro Abram if any thing for himself he hath or to say knoweth why the Court here to Judgment of death against him of and upon the Premises as to Proceed ought not according to Law who nothing more saith, than what at first he has said &c.

Whereupon all & singular the Premises by the Court here being seen and fully understood it is Considered that the same Court here that the said Negro Abram be taken from hence to the Publick prison of Talbot County as, and from thence be Carried to the place of Execution and there be hang'd by the neck untill he be dead.

Lord Propriety

Francis Hayward

Talbot County to wit At a Court of the right Honble the Lord Propriety that now is held for Talbot County at the Court house in the same County the first Tuesday in November

in the year One thousand seven hundred and sixty two by the oath of Twelve Jurors good and Lawfull men of the County as who being sworn and Charged to Enquire for the same Lord Propriety & the body of the County as. It is Presented that Francis Hayward late of the County as Labourer the servant of Cornelius Daily of the same County on the tenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty two about the eleventh hour before noon of the same day and in the day time with force and Arms at the same County the Dwelling house of a certain Samuel Harper feloniously broke and Entered no Person into the same Dwelling house or in any out house or Out houses to the same Dwelling house then and there belonging and to and with the said Dwelling house then being used. and two hundred pieces of Silver money or Silver Coin Commonly Called Dollars or Spanish pieces of Eight (made and Composed of Silver) of the Value of five Shillings each of the said pieces of Money or Coin of the goods and Chattels of the same Samuel Harper in the same Dwelling house being, then and there being found then & there feloniously stole, took and bore away against the peace of the said Lord Propriety his good rule and Government &c so saith, and against the form of the statute in such Case lately made and Provided - &c.

James Nicols Propriety

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said