

Lord Mansfield  
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In that returns of Talbot County among other things is contained as follows to wit

At a County Court of the right Honble. Henry Parson Esquire absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland. held for Talbot County at the Court house in the same County the first Tuesday in March. Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Twenty four, Before the same Proprietor his Justices of the peace for the same County of whom were Present

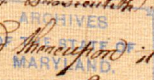
The Hon. Shiphull	{	Mr. James Dickinson	}	Mr. William Bray	}	Justices	
		Mr. John Rance					Mr. Henry Kinning
		Mr. John Thomas					Mr. John Gibson

William Thomas Sheriff

That Talbot County to wit. at a County Court of the right Honble. the Lord Proprietor of the province of Maryland. held for Talbot County at the Court house in the same County the first Tuesday in March. Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Twenty four. by the Oath of Justice James Good and Joseph Min. of this County aforesaid. who being sworn and charged to enquire for the same Lord Proprietor and the body of the County aforesaid it is presented that Negro Indithlat, of Talbot County <sup>and</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>slave</sup> of a certain John Shamshane of the same County not having the fear of God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil on the nineteenth day of January Seventeen hundred and twenty four with force and arms at Talbot County aforesaid and within the limits of the Court the dwelling house of the said John Shamshane. he said entered in the said County then situate and being feloniously willfully and maliciously did set fire to and the same dwelling house then and there by such firing as aforesaid feloniously willfully and maliciously did burn consume and destroy and was the more aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid do present that the said Negro Indithlat on the same day and the aforesaid John Shamshane feloniously willfully and maliciously did burn consume and destroy against the peace of the said Lord Proprietor his good rule and government and contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided and so forth

And thereupon at the same Court before the Justices aforesaid Cometh the aforesaid Negro Indithlat under the Custody of William Thomas Esq. high Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid into whose Custody for the Cause aforesaid before that time she was committed to the said Lord Proprietor he and was committed to the same Sheriff aforesaid and immediately being asked how she of the Queen's show upon her Imposition would be acquitted the said Negro Indithlat with that she is not bound guilty and thereof of good and evil doth put herself upon the Country and Robert Galesborough the (Esq.) who for the said Lord Proprietor in this part doth execute the said Sheriff

And therefore it is commanded to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid that he should cause to come here before the Justices aforesaid immediately hereafter who he is to recognize the Cause aforesaid and thereupon the Juries of that Jury whereof mention is made above being called certain of them to wit Christopher Kitchin Samuel Dickinson Joseph Rowley William Parson Thomas Harrison and Richard Adams come and in that Jury are sworn and because the witness of the Jurors of that Jury did not appear therefore others of



the Sheriff of the County of ... to this are Chosen. and at the request of the Aforesaid Robert  
Goldborough Esq. and by Command of the Justices Aforesaid. of new are appointed whose names to the said  
Aforesaid are Affixed according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided. which some  
Aforesaid. so of new appointed to wit. Robert Martin, Hugh Owen, James Gibson, Hugh Shawood, Francis Water  
Two Witnesses being called likewise come who to say the truth of and upon the premises Aforesaid together with  
the other Jurors first Imparrolled and Sworn. being Elected by the said Court. upon their Oath do say that  
the Aforesaid Negro. Judefe of the Premises above upon her imposed in the Indictment Aforesaid  
is guilty in manner and form as by the said Indictment above against her it is supposed and  
thereupon it is Demanded of her the said Negro. Judefe if any thing for herself she hath to say wherefore the  
Court here to Judgment against her of and upon the Premises to proceed ought not. Who nothing  
further saith only as before she has said

Whereupon it is considered by the Court here that the said Negro. Judefe be taken to the prison  
from whence she came and from thence be Drawn to the place of Execution there to have her right  
hand cut off then to be hanged in the usual manner her head to be severed from her Body the Body  
Divided in four Quarters and head and Quarters set up in the most public Places of the County  
where such fact was done

My Testimony whereof I have beene At my hand and Office the Seal of the County  
this fourteenth day of March Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and twenty  
Four.  
John Lewis Esq. Clerk of the County

