

At a County Court held for Talbot County at the Court House in the same County the first Tuesday in March Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three and continued by adjournments untill the day of July then next before the Justices of the said County of whom were present

The Worshipfull — M^{rs} Jonathan Nicols — M^{rs} William Bowdley
 M^{rs} William Nicols — M^{rs} John Stevens
 M^{rs} John Pinneo
 William Thomas Sheriff — John Lewis Clerk

The Court adjourns untill the Seventeenth day of May next,
 Monday the Seventeenth day of May Court sits present,

The Worshipfull — M^{rs} James Dickinson — M^{rs} William Bowdley
 M^{rs} Jonathan Nicols — M^{rs} John Stevens
 M^{rs} William Nicols
 William Thomas Sheriff — John Lewis Clerk

The following Grand Jurors for this County to wit,

Norway Hollings	Thomas Barrows	Samuel Abbott
John Auld	Thomas May	Jose Mullhan
Shilmon Hambleton	John Cochran	Peter Stevens
James Colson	John Hall	Richard Lynch Robinson
Joseph Morrison	Robert Hall	John Marchland
James Dawson	Thomas Martin	Trustram Bowdley

Whereupon the following Acts of Assembly were given them in Charge the Act Relating to the Strength of Fences &c the Act Concerning Executors &c the Act Concerning Ordinary keepers of Lord Property

Talbot County to wit. at a County Court of the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland held for Talbot County at the Court House in the same County the first Tuesday in March Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three by the Oath of twelve Jurors good and Lawfull Men of the County of whom being sworn and charged to enquire for the said Lord Proprietary and the Body of the County of it is presented that Negro Tom late of Talbot County before Labourer Slave of a certain Thomas Cooper of the same County on the fourteenth day of February in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy three at the County of and within the Jurisdiction of this Court with force and Arms and without the Store House of a certain Jeremiah Banning situate in the City of the same Slave house not being contiguous to or used with any Mansion House feloniously did Break and enter and two Gallons of Rum of the Value of five Shillings Current money forty five Pounds of Bacon of the value of twenty Shillings Current money and three Pounds of Peas of the value of six pence Current money the Goods and Chattels of the said Jeremiah Banning then and there in the said Store house being found then and there feloniously did steal take and bear away Against the Breach of the said Lord Proprietary his good rule and Government and Against 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 of the said County the said Negro Tom under the Custody of William Thomas Gent. High Sheriff of Talbot County of into whose Custody for the time of before that time he was committed to the New here in his proper person and committed

to the same thing &c and immediately being asked how he of the premises above upon him imposed would be acquitted the same Negro Com. sayth that he is not thereof guilty and thereof of good and evil, & then put himself upon the Country and Robert Goldborough, who for the said Lord's property in this part followeth likewise &c;

And thereupon it is Commanded to the Sheriff of the County of Wilt. that he should Cause to come here before the Justices of the Peace for the County of Wilt. who go to Recognize &c Because &c. and thereupon the Jurors of that Jury whose mention is made above being Called Certain of them to wit Nicholas Martin Thomas Fidler James Wrightson Junr John Thomas, Alfred Broadway Joseph Atwell Charles Buller Henry Delahay William ^{and} Spoonkellon Junr to come and in that Jury are sworn and because the residue of the Jurors of that Jury did not appear therefore others of the Standers by, by the Sheriff of the County of Wilt. to this are Elected and at the request of the ^{of the said Goldborough} Negro Com and by Command of the Justices of the Peace of new are Appointed whose names to the pannelle above mentioned are Affixed according to the form of the Statute in such Case set forth and provided which were Jurors so of new appointed to wit James Comanvers Philip Mathwells ^{and} Joseph Newby being Called likewise same who to say the truth of and upon the premises of together with the other Jurors first Impanelled and sworn being Elected tried and sworn upon their Oath do say that the Negro Com of the premises above upon him imposed in the Indictment of specified is guilty in manner and form as by the same Indictment above against him it is supposed. and thereupon it is Demanded of him if any thing for himself he has to say wherefore the Court here to Judgment and he ^{the said Negro Com} ^{is} ^{acquitted} of him if any and upon the premises to proceed ought not, who nothing further sayth only as before he had said.

Whereupon it is Considered by the Court here that the same Negro Com. be taken to the prison from whence he came and from thence be Drawn to the place of Execution and there be Hanged by the Neck until he be Dead.

Lord Brogry } Talbot County to wit he it Remembred that Robert Goldborough Esq^r Gent. & ally
a } of the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is who for the same Lord
James Rattin a } property in this part prosecute the doth come here into the County Court of the said
Jes Mullatto } Lord Brogry held for Talbot County aforesaid at the Court House in the same County
the second day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen Hundred and Seventy
three before James Dickinson Esq^r and his Associates the said Lord Brogry his
Justices of the said County Court and for the said Lord Brogry doth give the said Justices here to understand
and be Informed that James Rattin late of the said County planter the tenth Day of February seven-
teen Hundred and Seventy three at the County of Wilt. with force and arms in and upon a certain Robert
Ellis in the peace of God and the said Lord Brogry then and there King an assault made and the said
Robert then and there beat wounded and cruelly treated and other wrongs to the same Robert then and there
Did to the great Damage of the same Robert and against the peace of the said Lord Brogry his good
Rule and Government and saith wherefore the same Attorney of the said Lord Proprietary for the said Lord Proprietary
prays the Advice of the Court here in the premises and that due process of Law in this behalf of
the said James Rattin may be had to answer to the said Lord Brogry of and upon the premises
and saith

And here now cometh here into Court the of James Rattin under the Custody of William Thomas
Gent. High Sheriff of Talbot County of Wilt. under whose Custody for the Cause of he was had and Detained &c
and immediately being asked how he of the premises above upon him imposed would be acquitted he saith that
he cannot deny but that of the premises of in the Indictment of said is guilty in manner and form
as by the same Indictment above against him it is supposed and he is ^{acquitted} of him if any