

## The State of Maryland

Annapolis October 27<sup>th</sup> 1788

Whereas John Perry late of Prince Georges County hath been indicted in the General Court for the western shore as follows " that he not having the fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil on the tenth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at the County aforesaid with force and arms in and upon a negro man slave named Mace the slave of the said John Perry then there in the peace of God and of the State being feloniously & wilfully and of his malice beforethought did make an assault and that the said John Perry a certain sum of the value of five pounds current money of Maryland then and there charged with Gun powder & twelve leaden shot which Gun he the said John Perry in both his hands then & there had & held to against and upon the said negro man slave then and there feloniously & wilfully and of his malice before thought did shoot and discharge and that the said John Perry with the leaden shot aforesaid out of the Gun aforesaid then & there by force of the Gun powder shot and sent forth as aforesaid the aforesaid negro man slave in and upon the right side of the back of him the said negro man slave a little above the right hip of him the said negro man slave then & there with the leaden shot aforesaid out of the Gun aforesaid by the said John Perry so as aforesaid shot discharged and sent forth, feloniously & wilfully & of his malice beforethought did strike & penetrate and wound giving to the said negro man slave then & there with the leaden shot aforesaid so as aforesaid shot discharged and sent forth out of the Gun aforesaid by the said John Perry in and upon the said right side of the back of him the said negro man slave a little abo.