

of Negro Sam a Slave of Col. Gadsoch Purnell that James Purnell
 of the County aforesaid having the said Negro Sam in his employ
 on the twentieth day of August last a little in the afternoon of
 the said day at his house where he lives, then finding some fault
 with said Negro his being idle, the said negro Sam gave him
 insolent language, said Purnell then went to correct him with
 a stick the negro went out of his way and would not submit nor obey.
 said Purnell then called for his gun, got it and went in an angry
 Manner and about three hundred yards from his said
 House, met with said Negro Sam but he would not submit
 Purnell then shot him in the Ham of or below his right
 thigh with a hand gun, the shot and lead both went into
 his Ham of which said wound the said Negro Sam then
 languished and languishing did live until about one hour
 in the Night of the same Evening And then of said wound
 notwithstanding the Assistance of a surgeon languishing
 did die. And the Jurors of the said Inquest upon their
 Oaths did say that the aforesaid James Purnell not having
 the fear of God before his eyes but being led away by
 cruel unlawful passion the said Negro Sam by means
 of the aforesaid wound did kill in Manner and Manner
 aforesaid and therefore that the said James Purnell is
 guilty of Manslaughter And Whereas by the Petition
 of Several respectable Inhabitants of the said County the
 said James Purnell is earnestly recommended to the
 Clemency of Government I have thought proper to order
 and direct that all Proceedings at Law for the said Offence
 do cease and determine and no further Prosecution be had
 or carried on against him the said James Purnell for
 or concerning the same.

So Luther Martin Esquire
 Attorney General or the
 Prosecutor of the Criminal Pleas

Tho. J. Lee