

brought again - a small time after William Wright prevailed on this Deponent to bring the Tools back again which was a chisel and a gimblet and asked this Deponent for his Thrift to lend a Negro that was in goal to assist him in cutting through the goal but this Deponent refused to lend him his Thrift and Wright replied that the Negro should have his Thrift and accordingly gave him two Knives. This Deponent further saith that the next day after Dinner William Wright told him the goal was broke and asked him if he would go out but this Deponent refused to go out of goal about half an hour after this a Negro of Col^d Lee found that the goal was broke and the Negro made up Noise upon which Wright brought the Tools immediately to this Deponent which Tools was had by the said Wright. Mr^r Lee immediately came in the goal with several Negroes and enquired who was the Person that broke the goal and several Prisoners informed him that William Wright and an Negro broke the goal. Mr^r Lee asked Wright why he used him so ill in breaking his goal as he knew there was criminals in there and what he intended to do with them. Will Wright told the Sheriff that he intended to order them to stay in goal until he returned which would be in three or four days and that he had a right and would break goal whenever it was in his Power upon which Mr^r Lee took him and had him given six stripes and then brought him back in goal and Wright said immediately and as soon as he could get his Liberty and meet with Mr^r Lee he would beat him one of the Prisoners asked Wright if he should kill him upon which Wright said let him Die and be Damned after that day none of this Family could walk to the Kitchen without being used by Wright and Doncastle with Blackguard lan- guage whenever he saw Mr^r Lee he would call her Togable dry bones and the Sheriff whipping Dicks. This Deponent further saith that Doncastle hath often advised him to break goal and that he would recommend him to a brother of his in Virginia where he might live and the Sheriff never hear of him, and that from the time he comes to goal until he was released the Prisoners always had a plenty of Provision a hot Meal of Meat once every day and Milk and Knead or Flomony and Fish for their Breakfasts. This Deponent saith Doncastle kept Beef several days in goal and then sent it to Port Tobacco to fatten the Gentlemen and at the time this Deponent came in goal the Prisoners had no other disorder but the Itch which was a few days after Sontham was released.

William ^{his} Watts
Marks

Charles County ^{the} 25 April 1770. The above Deposition was taken before me one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid. —

John Winter.

Charles County ^{the} 25 April 1770 The Deposition of Mary Watts aged Twenty seven Years or thereabouts being Sworn on the holy Evangel of Almighty God Deposeth and faid that on the second day of January 1769 her husband William Watts was brought to goal and a few days after he was in goal she came to see him and that her Husband and William Wright applied to her to bring Tools to them in goal to break it open which she accordingly did and delivered them to William Wright in a few days after this Deponent came to the goal again and her Husband delivered her the Tools again and desired that she would not bring them to Wright. Will Wright a very little time afterwards applied to this Deponent to purchase a large Gimblet from Port Tobacco but this Deponent did not purchase any as Wright did not pay her the Cash for it as he Promised. This Deponent further saith that William Wright applied to her several times for Tools to break the goal and upon Perquisition of the said Wright this Deponent delivered to Jane Turner a Criminal a chisel and Gimblet, this Deponent was hired to Col^d Lee at the time the goal was broke open and believes that Wright broke open the goal with these Tools that she gave him at any time before the goal was broke open this Deponent was admitted to her Husband but after the goal was broke open she was not admitted on the plantation for some time. This

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