

Deponent further saith that she heard Ignatius Green tell William Myatt Dentham that at March Court at Port Tobacco that at the Times the Prisoners was breaking the Goals that he continued Dancing the whole time to drown the Voice —  
Mary <sup>her</sup> ~~Myatt~~ ~~Watts~~  
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25<sup>th</sup> April 1770.

The within Deposition taken before me one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Charles County —  
John Winter.

Ignatius Middleton being sworn on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that at March Court in the Year 1769. he was applied to by the Deputy Sheriff to victual several Prisoners which he accordingly did two Meals a Day and found them Bed Cloaths when they stayed in Town of Night —

May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1770. Verified and Sworn before — J. Hawkins.

Belain Posey Aged thirty Years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that he was last Christmas at Richard Lee Esq.<sup>r</sup> where Charles County Goals was kept. the said Lee told him several of the Prisoners were to be released by Virtue of a late Act of Assembly and desired him to take with him a former Act of that kind and read it to them that they might know the Terms they were to get out on that he this Deponent complied with the request and whilst he was reading some of the Prisoners interrupted him several times and appeared in Liquor that John Doncastle one of the Prisoners desired him this Deponent to walk to another Window for he wanted to have some Conversation with him that he went accordingly when Doncastle seemed in a very good Humour and told him with Tears in his Eyes that the Prisoners were using both themselves and the Sheriff Ill. for they were Drunk but for his own part he had been eating the Sheriffs Victuals and drinking his drinks and that he hoped it would be in his Power to make him Satisfaction for it And further asked the Deponent if he did not remember a writ served on him the said John Doncastle at the Suit of Daniel Janifer when a Prisoner to Charles Somerset Smith late Sheriff and further said it was at Shampe, on a fair Settlement of their Accounts he would owe him at least two hundred Pounds And further saith not. —

Belain Posey.

Charles County ss. 25<sup>th</sup> of 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 ss. We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Charles County having at the request of Richard Lee Esq.<sup>r</sup> Sheriff of said County viewed the County Goal of the County aforesaid find it altogether out of Repair and Insufficient and that the Sheriff could not safely attempt to confine therein any Debtor or Criminal committed to his Custody — Given under Our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> April 1770. —

The County Goal is not in repair fit to Detain Prisoners in safe Custody nor can it be put in such Repair for the Sum allowed by Act of Assembly —  
Walter Hanson.

W. Smallwood

Archibald Clarke

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Mundell

Dan<sup>l</sup>. Janifer

James Key

Ja<sup>s</sup>. Craik

Barnes & Ridgate

John Craig

Gerard Powke

Phil<sup>l</sup>. N. Bondall —