

His Worship

Maryland Ann Arundell County pth

Thomas Rutland Jun^r
and James Bray.

The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor
that now is upon their Oath do present that Thomas

Rutland Jun^r late of Ann Arundell County planter and
James Bray late of Ann Arundell County aff^r planter not having god before
their eyes but being moved and seduced by the Justigation of the Devil on the fourteenth
day of September in the year of our Lord god One thousand seven hundred twenty
Eighth with force and armes at Ann Arundell County aff^r at a certain place called
Rutlands purchase in and upon a certain Negro man called Dodford of Ann Arundell
County a foresaid Laborer in the peace of god and the said Lord Proprietor then
and there feloniously voluntarily and out of their Malice propense an
assault did make and that to the aff^r Thomas Rutland with a wooden Stick of the
value of One penny current Money which he the said Thomas Rutland in his
hands then and there had and held the aforesaid Negro man Dodford in and upon
the breast of the said Negro man Dodford near the Right side of the said
Negro Dodford then and there feloniously voluntarily and out of his Malice
propense did strike and knock whereby the said Negro man Dodford then
and there instantly and immediately did dye And moreover that the aforesaid James
Bray with a wooden Stick of the value of one penny current Money aff^r to the
said James Bray in his hands then and there had and held the aff^r Negro
man Dodford in and upon the breast of the said Negro man near the right
side of the said Negro man Dodford then and there feloniously voluntarily
and out of his Malice propense did strike and knock whereby the said
Negro man Dodford of the last stroke and knock would have dyed if he had
not had dyed of the first stroke or knock which the said Thomas
Rutland to him the aforesaid Negro man Dodford first had given
And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid do say
that the aforesaid Thomas Rutland and James Bray on the
aforesaid fourteenth day of September in the year aforesaid
at Ann Arundell County aforesaid at the aforesaid place called
Rutlands purchase the aforesaid Negro man Dodford in Manner

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