[illegible] I could not have done more than I did, and after I had done reading
[illegible] declaration, gave him, & his wife every thing that I gave, and the very Words that were spoken,
[illegible] more than during the whole time" and he did so express his Surprize how I should
[illegible] so minutely acquainted with every particular in this Affair) Sam as to the truth of
[illegible] Facts Evidence, which he declared to be true in all respects, and further added, that Frank
[illegible] put with the Gun in his hand his thumb on the Cock and fore finger on the Trigger: that
[illegible] another Negro with some difficulty forced the Gun out of his hand, and that he him-
[illegible] self cocked the Gun

(Sam)
with great Respect
Your Excellencys
most obedt Hble Servant
Willm Lux

Adam Scottan indented Servant belonging to Charles Carroll Esqr aged about twenty two Years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on Monday the 8th. of this Instant he went out with Mr John Ireland in Company of Runaway Negro called Frank belonging to the said Carroll; that they started to secure the Hounds, and between nine and ten o'Clock in the Morning he first saw Frank, who was advancing towards the said Ireland with his Gun breast high, the Muzzle pointed to the said Ireland, and his Thumb on the Cock, that the said Ireland advanced at the same time towards the said Negro with his Gun presented; that on their nearer approach this Deponent heard Frank bid Mr Ireland speak to her Son begging him to lay down his Gun, on which he instantly did bid her hold her Tongue or he would shoot her, on which she called out to the said John Ireland saying shoot him Sir or he will shoot you.

And this Deponent further saith that the said John Ireland parleyed with the said Frank upwards a Quarter of an Hour after the time that this Deponent first saw them, and heard the said Ireland call to the said Frank several times to lower his Gun for that he did not want to do any harm to him; that Franks Answer was, no, I won't lower, shoot and be damned or I will shoot You.

And this Deponent moreover saith, that at this time the said Ireland and the said Frank had advanced within twelve or thirteen Yards of each other when the said Frank raised his Gun to his Shoulder, still presented with an Intent that this Deponent verily believes to fire, as he leaned this Head down to take Aim; and inclining his Body a little Round cried out, Now

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