

Prince Georges County J^s. Inna Domini 1765

The County Court of the Right Honourable Frederick, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c held at Upper Marlborough Town in and for the County aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday and Twenty Seventh day of August in the Fifteenth Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c

Present the Worshipful John Cooke, Thomas Williams, Joshua Beall, Nathaniel Magruder, George Gordon, William Lock, Meems and David Crauford Gentlemen. Justices by his said Lordships Commission in and for the County aforesaid Lawfully Authorized and Assigned and soon after appeared and sat in Court Merdica Jacob, Christopher Lowndes, Alexander Sumner, Thomas Addison, Tread, and Thomas Hanson, Marshall, Gentlemen, by his said Lordships Commission in like manner Authorized and Assigned &c.

Amongst others was the following Proceedings viz

Lord Proprietary Felony
of Negro James } Conduct & Verdict
Judgment that he be hanged

Prince Georges County J^s. The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the body of Prince Georges County do upon their Oath Present that Negro James late of Prince Georges County Labourer viz the Slave of Robert Taylor on the eleventh day of August in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Sixty five at Prince Georges County aforesaid with force and Arms and Forceful the Meat House of a certain Benjamin Harwood the said Meat House being then and there well Boarded and the Door thereof secured with a Lock feloniously did break and entered Ten Hams of Bacon Meat and Ten Glades of Bacon Meat to the value of Ten Shillings Sterling Money of the Goods and Chattels of the said Benjamin Harwood then and there in the said Meat House being then and there feloniously took stole and carried away against the Peace of the said Lord Proprietary his Good Rule and Government and Contrary to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided

Edmund Key Att. Gen^l

at the foot of which Bill of Indictment was thus Written

A True Copy Basil Burges Foreman

And now at this day to wit the fourth Tuesday in August in the Fifteenth Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c At the Town aforesaid before the Justices of the Court here come the aforesaid Negro James in his proper Person under the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to wit George Scott Esq. as aforesaid in whose Custody for the Cause aforesaid he had been before Committed and being set to the Bar of the Court here in Custody as aforesaid It was Immediately said unto him how of the Premises in the Indictment above specified to him in Form aforesaid imposed he would Acquit himself and he the said Negro James said that he is not guilty of the Premises above to him in Form aforesaid imposed and thereof for good and Ill put himself upon the County and Edmund Key Prosecutes likewise Therefore Immediately come here a Jury herof &c before the Justices aforesaid at the Town aforesaid and the