

50. witness of persons whose Name was then, came to the Court, and, after I had done reading  
indictment, gave you, if it is not every thing that may be, and the very words that were spoken,  
in my hearing during the whole time" and desired to extemp[re] his Testimony how I should  
in examination acquainted with certain particular's in this Towne? How as to the truth of  
such evidence, which he declared to be true in all respects, and farther added, that Frank  
had with the gun in his hand his thumb on the Cock and fore finger on the Trigger; that  
another Negroe with some difficulty forced the Gun out of his hand and that he him-  
self uncocked the gun.

I am)

with great Respect

Your Excellency's

most obedi[t]ble Servant

Wm. Lux

Item. Item an indentured Servant belonging to Charles Carroll Esq. aged about  
twenty two years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelie of Almighty God deposeth  
and saith that on Monday the 11. of this instant he went out with Wm John  
Ireland in company of a running Negroe called Frank belonging to the said Carroll;  
that they purposed to secure the Woods, and between nine and ten o'clock in the  
morning he first saw Frank, who was advancing towards the said Ireland  
with his gun present to the said Ireland, and his Thumb  
on the Cock, that the said Ireland advanced at the same time towards the said  
Negroe with his gun present; that on their nearer approach this Deponent  
saw Frank's Master speak to her son, begging him to lay down his Gun, on  
which he turned about and 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.

Another Deponent further saith that the said John Ireland parleyed  
with the said Frank upwards of 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 Frank's 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 to fire, Deponent verily believes to fire, as he leaned his  
Head down to take aim, and inclining his Body a little round about, now  
say