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saying, that Parrotts whose Name was Tom, came to the (Fact, and, after I had done reading
inclined, gave God, if it is not every thing that I desire, and the very Words that were spoken,
were much more during the whole Time" and seem'd to express his Surprize how I should
be so minutely acquainted with every particular in this Cause how as to the truth of
these Evidence, which he declar'd to be true in all respects, and farther added, that Frank
put with the Gun in his hand his Thumb on the Cock and five fingers on the Triggers; that
another Negro with some difficulty faced the Gun, out of his hands and that he him-
self uncock'd the Gun.

I am

with great Respect

Your Excellency

most obed. humble servant

Will. Luce

Adam Scott an indentured Servant belonging to Charles Carrell Esq. aged about
twenty two years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelia of Almighty God deposes
and saith that on Monday the 12th of this Instant he went out with Mr John
Ireland in Pursuit of a Runaway Negro called Frank belonging to the said Carrell;
that they parted to secure the Woods, and between nine and ten o'clock in the
Evening he first saw Frank, who was advancing towards the said Ireland
with his Gun breast high, the Muzzle presented 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 neerer approach this Deponent
heard Frank's Mother speak to her Son begging him to lay down his Gun, or
which he would shoot her, 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.

And this Deponent farther saith that the said John Ireland parley'd
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 as this Deponent verily believes to fire, as he leaned his
Head down to take Aim; and inclining his Body a little Round cried out, Now
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