

Prince Georges County Es. Anna 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 Es. 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 Magnuder, George Gordon, William Lock, Wmms 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 Mordicai Jacob, Christopher Lowndes, Alexander Sumner, Thomas Addison Just. 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

aj. Negro James Judgment that he be hanged

Prince Georges County Es. The Justices for the Right Honourable the Lords Proprietary that now is for the County 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 Lords Seventeen hundred and Sixty five at Prince Georges County afo. with force and Arms and to wit the Meat House of a certain Benjamin Hawwood 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 Glutes of Bacon Meat to the value of Ten Shillings Sterling Money of the Goods and Chattels of Benjamin Hawwood 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 Hey Atty. Genl.

at the foot of which Bill of Indictment was thus Written

a True Copy Basil Burges's 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 afo. before the Justices of the Court here come the afo. Negro James in his proper Person under the Custody of the Sheriff of the County afo. to wit George Scott Esq. as afo. in whose Custody for the Cause afo. he had been before committed and being set to the Bar of the Court here in Custody as afo. It was immediately said unto him, how of the Premises in the Indictment above specified to him in Form afo. 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 afo. imposed, and thereof for good and Ill put himself upon the Country, and Edmund Hey Prosecutes likewise, Therefore Immediately come here a Jury hereof &c before the Justices afo. at the Town afo. and the