



Queen Anns County to wit At a County Court of the Right Honourable Henry Harford Esq. absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland held for the said County at the Court House in Queens Town in the said County on the fourth Tuesday of August in the third Year of his Lordships Dominion and so forth and in the year of our Lord Christ one Thousand seven hundred and seventy four before his Lordships Justices of the Peace of the said County authorized to hold the same Court of whom were present

The Worshipful M <sup>r</sup> .	{ John Brown Benjamin Gould Christo. Cross North Thomas Wright }	{ Jambutt Wright Thomas Ringgold John Thompson and Vachel Downes }

The Lord Proprietary of Queen Anns County to wit Be it remembered that upon <sup>against</sup> *negro* Isaac Dobson (the oath of Wilson Denton Thomas Emory (of Arthur) Solomon Wright Junior (John Vanderford Junior) - William Ferroll John Johnson Richard Gould John Fogwell Tristram Thomas David Lindsey Alexander Tolson Francis Bright Jones - Goodhand James Duhamell William Willcox Robert Taitte and John Legg Junior) good and lawful cotten of the County and then and there sworn and charged to inquire for the said Lord Proprietary for the Body of the said County it is presented in allanner and Form as followeth that is to say Queen Anns County to wit The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the Body of Queen Anns County and upon their oath do present that negro Isaac Dobson late of Queen Anns County and Laborer Slave of a certain John Sayer Blake of the same County on the seventeenth Day of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy four and within the jurisdiction of the said Court with the said ~~and~~ <sup>at</sup> Queen Anns County and the Meat House of a certain Nicholas Rooney the said Meat House then and there being an out House and also being then and there well built with Logs and Shingles and the Door thereof well secured with a Lock feloniously did break and enter and one Hundred and twenty Pounds of Bacon of the value of forty Shillings Sterling Money of Great Britain the proper Bacon and of the Goods and Chattels of the said Nicholas Rooney then and there in the said Meat House being found then and there feloniously did steal take and bear away against the Peace of the said Lord Proprietary his good Rule and Government and contrary to the Form

Form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided and so forth  
And thereupon the said Isaac Dobson being brought to the Bar here in his  
proper Person under the Custody of M<sup>r</sup> Simon Downes Esq. Sheriff of the said  
County to whose Custody for the Cause aforesaid he was before committed and  
asked in what Manner he would be acquitted of and concerning the  
Premises in the Indictment aforesaid and charged on him  
The said Negroe Isaac Dobson saith that he is not guilty thereof and for  
God and M<sup>r</sup> doth put him self upon his Country Whereupon it is  
commanded that the Sheriff of Queen Anns County aforesaid cause to come here  
before the Justice aforesaid immediately a Jury by whom and so forth who are  
neither and so forth to recognize upon their Oath whether the said Negroe  
Isaac Dobson be guilty of the Premises in the Indictment aforesaid <sup>in the said Sheriff to this day called</sup> and charged  
on him charged or not And the Jurors of that Jury being called come to wit  
William Hunt Abner Dudley John Peters Arthur Emory Junior Christopher  
Thomas John Walters and Benjamin Chaires who on that Jury are sworn  
but because the Rest of the Jurors of the same Jury were by the said Negroe  
Isaac Dobson challenged therefore others from the bystanders by the  
Sheriff of the County aforesaid hereto elected by Command of the Justice aforesaid  
added anew according to the Form of the Statute in such case lately  
made and provided and the Jurors so added anew to wit John Earle John  
Taylor Benjamin Elliott Gideon Emory and Thomas Winchester  
being called likewise come who today the Truth of and upon the Premises  
together with the other Jurors first aforesaid impannelled and sworn being  
elected tried and sworn the Truth to speak of and concerning the Premises  
aforesaid and having heard the Evidence upon their Oath do say that the said  
Negroe Isaac Dobson is guilty of the Premises aforesaid in the Indictment  
aforesaid and above specified in Manner and Form as by the said Indictment above  
thereof against him is supposed And upon this it is required by the  
Court here of the said Negroe Isaac Dobson if he hath or knows any  
Thing to say for himself why the Court here ought not to proceed to  
Judgment and Execution against him upon the Verdict aforesaid who say  
Nothing more than what at first he had before said Whereupon all  
and singular the Premises being seen and by the Court here  
understood It is Considered by the Court here that the said Negroe

Isaac Dobson be carried from the Bar here to the Place from whence he  
came and from thence to the Place of Execution and be hanged there by  
Neck until he be dead The Court valued the said Negroe Isaac  
Dobson to eighty Pounds current Moneys of Maryland

In Testimony that the aforesaid is the Tenor of  
the Proceeding of Queen Anns County Court on the  
Indictment aforesaid against Negroe Isaac Dobson  
inrolled I have hereto set my Hand and Seal of  
Office this fifth Day of September seven teen  
Hundred and seventy four

R. Ughman (Shof. M<sup>r</sup> J. J. J.)

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