

and yo^r Depon^t asked her how the Child Came So bruised and She Said he did it with a pair of Tongues, and yo^r Depon^t hearing that the Lived discontentedly, brought the Child to the Said ffrancis Brooke, and yo^r Depon^t told him that it Came Soe through his Misusage, and your Deponent told him he would dearly Answer it although he Scaped in this world, yet in the world to Come he Should Answer for it before a Iudge that useth no partiality and he made me Answer that She fell out of the peach tree, And he asked her if She did not fall out of the Peach Tree and She Said yes, And further Saith not

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Rose Smith

Whereas ffrancis Brooke was brought before this Court upon Suspition of Murther, and being Conceived that there is Cause of Suspition of Murther, The Court doth therefore Order that the Said ffrancis Brooke Shall Stand Committed in the Sheriffes Custody untill he give Sufficient Securitie for his personall appearance at the next Provinciall Court to be held at Putuxent the 20th of march next to Answer the premisses

William Bretton Sworne in open Court Saith

That about five or Sixe yeares agoe a Cowe Calf was delivered by Cap^t W^m Evens to one John Norman for the use of a young Girle which Norman was father in Law to the Said Girle, and the S^d Norman bringing the Calf in this Deponents boate his own Son and one Cladrueny Maze being alsoe in the boate, and arriving at this Deponents Landing the Said Norman Called divers amongst whom was this Deponent telling them all there present that he marked that Cow Calf for the use of his daughter in Law, the Said Calfe Runn Still amongst this Deponents Cattle, and had one Calfe there afterwards Removeing from of his old plantation, and going upon a Plantation in m^r Gerrards Manno^r, and the S^d Norman dying the Cattle were neglected and not looked after Concerning the Marking of the Calfe, one Eare was marked with a kind of flower de luce, the other was Swallow forked, but the under part of the Swallow fork was Soe Cutt in the markeing being like upon Sundry accidents to fall of. Will^m Bretton

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For Information to the Court Concerning this busieness this Deponent went along with Cap^t Evans to Receive this Cowe at m^r Gerrards & poynted at the Cowe amongst all the Cattle in the Penn, Whereupon m^r Gerrard Said if I would Swear point Blank that, that was the Very Cowe Cap^t Evens Should have her, but otherwise he finding her in his Manno^r and of his own Mark he would keep her for indeed that hanging