

Lib. J. R. against you and a day will be fixed for a Hearing in your
& U. S. Defence.

I am &c.

24th December 1766.

Upton Scott Cl: Con.

Read the Transcripts of the Convictions of Negro Nero, and negro David as also the following Letter from the Justices of Talbot County relative thereto.

Talbot County 15th November 1766.

Sir

We the Justices for Talbot County beg leave to inform your Excellency that Sentence of Death hath this November Term been passed upon Nero a negro Slave belonging to M^r Gabriel Saile and upon David a negro Slave to M^r Samuel Mullikin. The first was found guilty upon two Indictments for Burglary, one in breaking open a Dwelling House belonging to M^r John Bozman and Stealing from thence a Broad Cloth Coat and Hat and a pair of Trowsers the second Indictment for the breaking the Dwelling House of a certain Nathaniel Cox and Stealing from thence ten Pounds of bacon and a Knife the facts laid in the first Indictment were clearly proved by M^r Oldham One of the Subscribers to whom the negro Confessed the breaking open the House and Chest and Stealing thence the Goods laid in the Indictment, by M^r Sale the Master of the Negro, and George Clift who found the Goods in his Possession, and by two negroes belonging to M^r Bozman who proved that the House had been opened and the Goods Stolen from thence. On the second Indictment he was found Guilty upon the Evidence of George Clift, to whom he Confessed the breaking of the House and Stealing the things laid in the Indictment, and by Nathaniel Cox who proved his having lost the Goods and that the Negro made the same Confession to him that he had done to Clift. Negro David was Indicted upon the Act of Assembly for attempting to Poison and Murder his Master, and found Guilty upon the clearest Evidence viz^t his Confession to several Persons and before the Court and Jury on his Tryal, and the Testimony of a female Slave who was Privy to his preparing a Dose Composed of Ground Puppies and other Ingredients which he supposed Poisonous with intent to give it to his Master. The Evidence upon all the three Indictments was such as left the Court and Jury not the least Room to Doubt of the Guilt of the Prisoners.

We are

your Excellencys most Obed^t Servants

Risdon Bozman

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