

Mary Keene Elizabeth Halfehead William Brookes and Thomas Mathews being Sworne and examined to speake the truth according to their severall Knowledges about and concerning the premisses being heard and the said Joane Colledge (being required to make her defence thereunto) being heard likewise the said Jurors upon their Oathes say That the said Joane Colledge is guilty of murther in concealing the birth of her Child in the said indictment abovespecified in manner and forme as above against her is supposed, But because the Court will be further advised concerning the premisses before judgment be passed therefore the judgment is respited till the eightenth day of the same December in the yeare aforesaid, and the said Joane Colledge to continue in prison in the Custody of the said Sheriff of s<sup>t</sup> Maries County untill the same tyme who is comanded to have her then and there ready at the said tyme to heare the judgment of the Court therein Att which said eightenth day of December in the yeare aforesaid att the same Court the said Joane Colledge being by the Comānd of the Court by the said Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County brought to the barr and being asked by the Court what she had further to say for her selfe why Sentence of death should not be passed against her, she humbly begg'd the mercy of the Court, and haveing nothing further to say whereupon the Court passed Sentence That the said Joane Colledge should returne from the place from whence she came and from thence to the place of execution and there to hang by the neck till she be dead.

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After which the same day Elizabeth Rousby Mary Keene Ellinor Smith Ann Dorrington Mary Larkin Grace Parker Mary Williams and sundry other persons exhibited to the Court on the behalfe of the said Joane Colledge a Petition for the suspending of the execution of the said Joane Colledge untill such tyme as his Lōpp the Lord Proprietary's further Will and pleasure should be knowne touching the granting of her pardon

Whereupon the Court Ordered that the Prisoner Joane Colledge should be repreived till the eightenth day of October next

The Jurors for the Lord proprietary doe present John Richardson of Tredavon Creeke in the County of Talbott County for that he the said John Richardson the fourth day of October in the eight and thirtith yeare of his Lōpps Dominion at Tredavon Creeke aforesaid upon Mary Richardson his then wife by force and armes an assault did make that is to say with a certaine tobacco stick to the value of One peny Sterling which the said John Richardson did then and there hold in his hand upon the aforesaid Mary Richardson his then wife then and there in the Peace of God and of the said Lord proprietary being, voluntarily and of his malice forethought did make an assault and the Same Mary his then wife then and there with the said Stick feloniously did Strick, So that by the said Stroake the said Mary

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