

Frederick County

Anna Dom 1762

At a County Court of the Right Honourable Frederick Lord Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore held at Frederick Town in and for the said County on the third Tuesday and sixteenth day of November in the fifth Year of his said Lord's Dominion.

Present the worshipfull

Thomas Beatty

David Lynn

Joseph Wood

Thomas Norris

Charles Jones

William Luckett

Justices by his said Lordships Commission in and for the County aforesaid lawfully authorized and assigned.

Samuel Beall Gentleman Sheriff

John Darnall Clerk

among others were the following Breaching viz

Lord Proprietary

Felony Convict Verdict

Negro Coffee

Frederick County to wit The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the Body of Frederick County upon their oath do present That Negro Coffee late of Frederick County the Slave of Henry Wright Crabb of the same County Gentleman on the tenth day of August in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty two at Frederick County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court with force and arms and with the great House of the said Henry Wright Crabb the same great House then and there being an out House well and sufficiently boarded and the Door thereof then and there being well secured with a Lock did break and enter and twenty five pounds of Bacon of the Value of less than one Shilling of the Goods and Chattels of the said Henry Wright Crabb then and there in the said great House being found then and there feloniously stole took and carried away against the peace of the said Lord Proprietary his good Rule and Government and contrary to the force of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided.

Which Bill of Indictment is thus signed To wit A True Bill

John Middagh forman

And on this day to wit the third Tuesday in November in the Twelfth Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c at a County Court of the said Lord Proprietary now held at Frederick Town in and for the County aforesaid before Thomas Beatty Esq and his Associates Justices &c the said Negro Coffee to the Court of the Court here in his proper person comes and being asked (as the manner is) how of the felony and Theft aforesaid he would acquit himself he the said Negro Coffee in his proper person aforesaid says that he is in no ways guilty of the premises and in form aforesaid imposed and thereof for god and Ill puts his

And Thomas Johnson who presented the same to the Sheriff to wit Samuel Beall Gentleman and the Jurors of the aforesaid Sheriff to wit in due manner imprisoned