Baltimore County /to wit/ 23 22d Febry 1773

At a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held by Adjournment at the Court House in Baltimore Town in and for the County of Baltimore, (by Virtue of a Special Commission for that purpose from the Right Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth bearing date the thirty first day of October seventeen hundred and seventy two, in the twenty second Year of his Lordships Dominion, issued under the Great Seal of the Province of Maryland, and directed to Thomas Franklin, William Young, Benjamin Rogers, William Ottey, Jonathan Plowman, John Moale, Andrew Buchanan and William Goodwin Esquires or any three of them for the twenty second day of February seventeen hundred and seventy three, &c

Present { Benjamin Rogers, Jonathan Plowman, Andrew Buchanan, John Moale } Esqrs

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John Robert Holliday Gent Sheriff — A Lawson Clk

Among other were the following Proceedings

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Jgs, Lord Proprietary — against — Negro Ben: The Property of James Calder

Baltimore County /to wit/ The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the Body of Baltimore County upon their Oath do present that Negro Charles late of the said County Labourer the Slave of a certain James Calder of the said County and Negro Ben late of the said County Labourer, the slave of the said James Calder on the twentieth day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy three with force and Arms at Baltimore County aforesaid in and upon the said James Calder in the fear of God, and of the said Lord Proprietary then and there being an Assault did make and him the said James Calder, then and there did beat wound and willy treat, so that of his Life it was despaired, with an intent him the said James Calder then and there felloniously wilfully and of Malice afore thought to Kill and Murder, and other Harms to him the said James Calder then and there did to the great Damage of the said James Calder