Judith Butterworth of Dorchester County Spinstress otherwise called Judith Husband late of the aforesaid County Spinstress for that the the said Judith the 26th day of March Anno Dni 1705 at the Plantation of Wm Henry Tripp in the aforesaid Hundred in the County aforesaid the fear of God before her eyes not having but moved by the instigation of the Devill Maliciously & wilfully force and arms an assault upon the body of Jordane Wale in fault of the body of her the said Judith then & there feloniously wilfully did make and the same in fault with her hands did choake and strangle and privately and Clandestinely slay the same against the peace of Our Lady the Queen that Now is &c. And the act of parliament of England made in the 21st year of the Reigne of King James the first late King of England to prevent the destroying and murthering of Bastard children.

Wm Hadley Atty Genl. who &c.

Witnesses Lutt Quen John Kramock Humphrey Hubbard & Henry Tripp &c.

Upon which Indictment the said Judith (being present here in Court in the custody of the Shrid of Annarundell County) is arraigned and upon her Arraignment she pleads not guilty and for tryal she puts her self upon God and her Country.

Thereupon command is given the Shrid of Annarundell County that he immediately cause to come here twelve lawfull men by whom &c. to recognize &c. of which said precept the said Shrid returned yt he had there ready twelve &c. at this precept Rewards Commanded to wit Murreen Duvall John Sotherne Thomas Mooth John Lane

Thomas Rockhold Thomas Tolley Jeremiah Hitchcock Comrick Charle Harrison Richard Crosshire Wm Quilly & Wm Collins Robertson being duly elected tryed and sworne to declare truly betwixt our Soveraine Lady the Queene and the prisoner at the bar touchd Judith according to their evidence upon their oaths do say that the said Judith is not guilty of the matter whereof she stands indicted.

It is therefore considered that the said Judith of this Indictment acquit & go thereof without day &c.

Ordd yt the Pd Judith give security for her payment of fees.

And thereupon Aaron Dimsey of Dorchester County Planter acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted unto the said Lady the Queene in the summe of ten pounds ffood to be levyed on his body goods or chattels lands or tenements to the use of her Ma'ty her heires or successors in case the said Judith att Judith Tripp or William Husband her now Husband do not well & truely comply & pay unto the Trust Officers of this Colt their Disbs

Her Majesty
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Negroe Tom

The Jurors of our Soveraine Lady the Queen for the body of this province Sworn & charged Lady the Queen for the body of this province upon their oaths do present Tom the Negro Slave of John Taylor late of Annarundell County gent otherwise called Negro Tom at John Taylors Quarter in Annarundell County for that he the said Negro Tom the 13 day of April in the 4th year of the Reigne of our said Lady the Queen at the County aforesaid Year to the Plantation of the said Wm Anthony Snith with force and arms an assault did make upon Jordane Sarah Marse of the County aforesaid