On the Back of the foregoing Indictment was thus Endorsed vz:

Billa Vera Jos: Foxcroft Foreman

Whereupon Command is Given to the Sheriff of Cumberland County to Bring the said John Taylor the Son of the Court here this Instant appeare, and being Instantly Demanded how he would acquitt himself of the premisses above imposed upon him Saith that he is not Guilty in any wise Guilty thereof, and for his Tryall hath Put himself upon God and his Country, and Whereas his Excellency Colonel Francis Nicholson Esq: Lieutenant Governor in the Province of Maryland Says he is Guilty and prayes it may be Inquired of by the Country Lieutenant Whereupon Command is Given the Sheriff of Cumberland County (viz:) that he Summon and that he immediately Cause to come before Twelve Men of the County to Inquire of and upon the premisses and the said Sheriff Makes Return to the Court here that he has Summoned Twelve Men of the County Viz: Edward Howard (Commander) (viz:) Phillip Lord John Browner Stanislaus Thomas Smith Gent Thomas Taylor John King Richard Stanislaus Richard Holt Robert Brewer Edward Howell Thomas Cooper and Richard Davis who being Duly Called Sworn and Sworn to well and truly to try and True Deliverance Make between our Sovereign Lord the King and the said John Taylor Prisoner at the Bar according to the Evidence upon their Oath Do Say that the said John Taylor is Guilty of Felony to the value of five pounds Sterl: Money

Whereupon the Sheriff of Cumberland County is Commanded to take the said John Taylor into his Custody and him safely Keep Until the Court shall proceed to Judgment of him upon the Bond and Indictment aforesaid for that Crime Whereof — Afterwards viz: the same Day in the same Term Command is Given the said Sheriff to fetch the said John Taylor to the Bar of this Court which he accordingly Does, and thereupon the said John Taylor appeare, and being Demanded of the Court here if any thing for himself he Can Say why the said Court here to Judgment and Execution ought not to proceed who nothing Saith but as before hath said Whereupon the Money Bond Whereof the said John Taylor is and Guilty is Valued of the Court here to a Summe of One hundred pounds of Tobacco

Whereupon it is Considered by the Court here that the 12th Day of April Anno Dni 1715 that the said John Taylor Do pay unto the said John Hall the parties Plaintiff for the Value of the said Money (which Money being by the Court here Valued to the Summe of One hundred pounds of Tobacco as aforesaid according to Law) that is to say Three hundred pounds of Tobacco, and that he be taken and the said John Taylor be Burnt with the Letter T on the Brawn of the Thumb of the Left hand according to Law and that he be Taken &c: And thereupon also to the Generall Sentence aforesaid Command is Given the Sheriff of Cumberland County that the Day immediate before the Court here the said Prisoner in Open Court before the Justices thereof Made Publicke according to the Direction thereof Law to the Generall punishment aforesaid Whereupon the said John Taylor is Discharged paying the

the Fees and Charges and the Generall offering for Annual Pay Question of the premisses but for want of Security for the payment thereof the said John Taylor is Committed into the Custody of the Sheriff of Anne County (viz:) Roger Lancmore Gent there to Remain until Discharged by Law

Maryland Maryland

Josiah Blake The Jurors for our Sovereign Lord the King that now is upon their Oath Do Present that Josiah Blake of the City of Annapolis in the County of Anne Arundell, otherwise called Josiah Blake of the City of County aforesaid Labourer the fifth Day of April in the first year of the Reigne of our said Lord the King that now is Did Steal Kill and Murdered in the County aforesaid at the Dwelling house of Thomas Bailey Gent there Did Lay his Majesty Liege Peace in Great in Force and over the Province in Violence Did Bring with Force and Arms Did Break and Enter and upon a Negro Man Slave of the said Deceased the Governor called One Gregory then and there in the peace of God and our said Lord the King being an Assault Did Make and the said Negro Man Slave Did Beat Wound and with a wheel Did Kill of the Life of the said Negro Man Slave then and there Did Lye to the great Loss of the said Master and Against his Majesty Peace Crown and Dignity

Witnesses Cane Gregory
Mary Manley
Frances Grover
Mary Walker
John Young
Joseph Moore

Filed in Court

On the Back of the foregoing Indictment was thus Endorsed vz:

Billa Vera Jos: Foreman

Whereupon Command is Given to the Sheriff of Annarundell County to Fetch the said Josiah Blake out of the Gaol here and Thereupon appeared and being Instantly Demanded how he would acquitt himself of the premisses above imposed upon him Saith that he is not in any wise Guilty thereof and for his Tryall hath Put himself upon God and his Country — And Whereas his Excellency Colonel Francis Nicholson Esq: Lieutenant Governor in the Province of Maryland Says he is Guilty and prayes it may be Inquired of by the Country Lieutenant Whereupon Command is Given the Sheriff of Annarundell County (viz:) that he Summon and that he immediately Cause to come before Twelve Men of the County to Inquire of and upon the premisses and the said Sheriff Makes Return to the Court here that he has Summoned Twelve Men of the County viz: Edward Howard (Commander) (viz:) Phillip Lord John Browner James Robert Thomas Holmes John Orger Richard Manning Dan Wells Gadsbourgh Thomas Smith Gent Thomas Taylor John King Edward Howell Richard Stanislaus who being Duly Called Sworn and Sworn to well and truly to try and True Deliverance Make between our Sovereign Lord the King and the said Josiah Blake Prisoner at the Bar according to their Oath Do Lay that the said Josiah Blake is

(Guilty)