To the honble Wm Holland Esq Chief Justice and Robert
Bradby his Associate Esq Justices of Peace esqrs and
Court and Peace qrtr Delivery

May It please your Honrs These are In humble manner to Petition
Your Honrs my Poor Estate and Case to apprehend
John Bigger have also Imployed and agreed with a Man
for two Pounds of Tobacco Provided pounds Tobacco to make this
Petitioner Endeavor to go after the said Bigger and by that Encouragement he gave me in out Doorkeeper speedy
takeing that was in great hopes I should have had him against this
present Court and doing to the Court of Kounsiler Plaintiff
Force of the Last Cattle Mannor into that Matter being carried to
the Court (Supposed by Some not Doubt of Your Honrs Decree of Doorkeeper
Came to that Lord would appear as great Villain as him Self)
hath bin the Cause and name of our Depositation of Tobacco Crop, so
that now I will require a further Opportunity that it may Come
upon him my Petition and Endeavor may I please your Honrs I may
have Jurisdiction and I pray to be under the Hand of a Great Jurisdiction
the Shape of this prisoner at Bar through my Defect yet that Much
permit me to say I think I have taken a Great Care for the Security of
prisoner as any Person Country before me, and truely I Utter
abhord the Depositation of such Villains and I may Some particular
people have bin at great a Cost for my Sake as any Man in this
County by such like Villainous action as this prisoner Pleader pretended
for and now all that I have or Can say to your Honrs I promise
faithfully that I will Make it my Chief Care and Endeavor for
prosecuting and taking all possible Means to apprehend and take
the said prisoner against and hope your Honrs will take the premisses
into your Wisse Consideration and wink and the Time will well
be Recompenced as a great Favor done to the injured Plaintiff

Charles County October ye 4th 1710 — Your Honrs Most humble and Obedient Servt
Joseph Mackey

Upon reading the above petition it is Ordered
by the Court that the said Joseph Mackey to have the petition
Dd Intitled Court

May ly — Maryland ss The Jurors of our Sovereigne Lady the
Queen that now is of Great Brittaine &c Upon
Henry Sutton — their oaths for our said Lady the Queen present —
that Henry Sutton of Talbot County Cooper otherwise
Called Henry Sutton of the County aforesaid Cooper the fifth

(day)

of God before his Eyes not having but seduced by the Instigation of the devill
the twenty second day of August in the 9th year of the reigne of our said Lady the
Queen at Tredhaven hundred in Talbot County aforesd with force and arms that is
to Say Swords fists and Staves upon a Certaine Negro Slave Called Richard —
properly belonging to a Certain Nicholas Low of the same County Gentleman
in the peace of God and the Queen then and there being an assault did make
and the said Henry Sutton with a Certaine Hand Staff of a flayle of the Vallue of two
farthings of wch he the said Henry in his Right hand then and there held, the
same Negro Richard on the aforesd twenty second day of August in the 9th year
of the Reigne of our said Lady the Queen that now is at the County aforesd hundred —
aforesd feloniously wilfully and of his malice forethought struck and felled to
the Earth then and there giving unto the said Negro Richard two mortall blows
between his shoulders & the under part of his head of wch said mortall —
Blows the said Negro Rich: then & there instantly dyed and the jurors aforesd
say upon their oaths that ye said Henry Sutton the said Negro Richard the aforesd
twenty second day of August in the 9th year of the reigne of our said Soveraigne
Lady the Queen at & at the County hundred aforesd feloniously wilfully &
of his malice forethought felonious by killed and murdered against the peace
of our said Lady the Queen her Crown & dignity —

W Hadden attorney Genl

Wittnesses Jno Brin, Darby Barnard, Charles Knowlin, Jno Robeson, Jno Davis,
Timothy Macdaniel, Dennis Barnard, —

Underneath the aforegoing Indictment was thus written Viz

Billa Vera Wm Dorrington foreman

Whereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County
to Bring the said Henry Sutton prisoner at the Bar of this Court. Whereupon appearing and being personally Demanded how he would
against this Bill of the premisses above mentioned upon the Layer
that he is not in anything Guilty thereof, and thereof for Tryall
puts himself upon God and his Country — and the said Mr Hadden the
Maryland attorney Genl (Who for the said Queen in this behalf prosecuteth
likewise) Whereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Dorchester
County that he immediately Cause to come here twelve good and lawfull men
to Recognize &c of which they Sheriff the said Sheriff to give Jo-
seph Gale and Gent Made when that he the said Sheriff day Warned
& by his precept he was Commanded to wit Daniel Richardson Joseph
Edward Robert Bradley Robert Johnson Alexander Hall Isaac
Nicholls peter Boston John Wallis John Nicholls John Henry John
Brown and John Arbin who being duly Sworn and Sworn

(to)