

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held at y^e Courthouse on Tues^{day}
23rd day of July 1787 on the trial of Ben a negro man slave
belonging to Miles Lang, for feloniously breaking & entering
Smokehouse of Thomas Fitzhugh on the night of the 16th of June
last & taking thereout sundry pieces of bacon of the value 20^s.

Pres^t. Benj^t Blunt Ju^r. Simmons
Geo. Gurley Th^s. Ridley & C^o
W^m. Hines J^{es}.

The ~~prisoner~~^{Court} being thus constituted the prisoner was led
to the bar & charged with the felony afores^d to which he ple^d
not guilty & divers witnesses being examined & the prisoner
heard in his own defence on consideration whereof
& the circumstances of the case, it is the opinion of the
Court that the prisoner is guilty of the felony afores^d.
Therefore it is considered by the court that he be hung by
neck for the s^d felony till he be dead, & it is ordered that the
sheriff cause execution of the s^d sentence to be done on
Wednesday the 22nd day of August sometime between the
hours of 12 & 2 o'clock in y^e afternoon.

Mem^o. the Court value the above
slave Ben to One hundred pounds

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Ben. Blunt