

At a court of Oyer and Terminer Summoned and held for the county of Southampton on the 28th day of June 1841 for the trial of Leila a negro girl slave the property of the estate of Henry Daughney of the county of Nanymond, who stands charged with feloniously murdering James Powell & Annice his wife of this county on the night of the 14th of this present month -

Present Benjamin Cobb, James D. Maffinburg, Jacob Dandus
Mr. S. Ewitt & William E. Daughton Esqrs.

The court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to the bar by the Sheriff of this county into whose custody she was heretofore committed and charged with the felony aforesaid and being thereof arraigned pleaded not guilty and for her trial put herself upon god and this court and thereupon seven witnesses were sworn & examined on behalf of the crown touching the premises to wit, Samuel Calvert of full age, deposes that the prisoner confessed in the presence and hearing of three upon an oath that she murdered James Powell & Annice his wife by inflicting three blows on each with an axe that she struck Mr. Powell on the breast with the eye of the axe repeated the blow twice upon which Mr. Powell called upon her husband to know what was the matter, that the prisoner then went immediately to the bed side & inflicted three blows on her breast, they then both appeared to be still & she then went into the other room where her accomplice the Negro boy was who told her it was best to draw the infant of Mr. Powell to prevent suspicion which she accordingly did by taking it from its mother side & carrying it out of doors & that she her accomplice then set fire to the house with split lightwood & faggots both above & below the house & under the house - and the evidence of being accomplices & the giving in in the case of Abel being admitted in this case. The evidence being thus closed on the part of the commonwealth and the prisoner being fully heard by counsel - The court after hearing the testimony and all the circumstance of the case ^{manimously} of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the murder whereof she stands charged - Therefore it is ordered that she be taken from hence to the place from whence she came and from thence to the place of usual execution & there and there on the 15th day of August next between the hours of 10 o'clock till 5 o'clock P.M. if that day she be hanged by the neck till she be dead - dead - dead & the court value the said slave to three hundred and fifty dollars - whereupon the prisoner at the bar pleaded that she was quick with child & prayed that her execution

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