

Phill a negro man slave belonging to William Allen of the
county of Surrey for administering poisonous medicines, was
produced and read statements pursuant thereto Howell
Edwards Gent had the usual oaths taken by Magistrate person
and Government administered to him by Aldredgton Jones and
Thomas Williamson as also the oath of a justice of the peace
Tennison and then the said Howell Edwards adminis-
tered all the said oaths to Benjamin Simmonds the said
Jones and W. T. of John Person

The Court being thus constituted

Present the said Justice

The prisoner being set to the bar by the Sheriff to whose custody
for the cause aforesaid he was heretofore committed I arraigned
of the felony aforesaid. He said he was not guilty & for trial
put himself on the court and divers witnesses being sworn and
examined and the prisoner heard in his own defence. It is
the opinion of the court that the said slave is guilty of adminis-
tering medicines but not with ill intent and it being
demanded of him if he had any thing to say the court should
not proceed to judgment of death and he said he prayed
the benefit of the act of amnesty in that case made & provided
therefore. It is considered that the said Phill be burnt in the
hand and it is said to the Sheriff that he cause immediate
execution of this judgment to be done which being done in
the presence of the court the said Phill is hence discharged

The Minutes of these proceedings

Howell Edwards

were read signed

W. T. of John Person

The Court held for the county of Southampton on Thursday the
14 day of March 1754

Present Justice Gray

Howell Edwards

James Ridley

Peter Biddle

Thomas Williamson Gent

In witness whereof of the Court between William Hoof of the