

and also other witnesses were examined and the prisoner heard in his defence Whereupon it is the opinion of the court that the said prisoner ought to be tried for the said offence at the next court of Oyer and Terminer Whereupon this order'd that the said prisoner be remanded to goal *A. Jones.*

At a court of Oyer and Terminer held the 30th May 1774 on the trial of Pierce a negro man slave belonging to Benjamin Clements the elder for stealing one chestnut gelding of the value of £15. the property of Jacob a freeman of this county

Present

Mr. Jones
Nich^d. Magick
Henry Taylor

Thomas Blunt
William Blunt

The prisoner was set to the bar arraigned of the said offence and pleaded guilty the court being doubtful whether they ought to proceed to judgement of death against the said slave for the offence aforesaid take time till Monday the 6th day of June next and the court adjourned till that day and this order'd that the said slave be remanded to goal *A. Jones*

At a court of Oyer and Terminer held the 6th June 1774 on the trial of Pierce a negro man slave belonging to Benjamin Clements the elder of this county

Present

Albrighton Jones
Henry Taylor

Nich^d. Magick
Thomas Blunt

The prisoner being again set to the bar having pleaded guilty at the last court Therefore the court that the said slave prize considered by the court until he be dead and this be charged by the neck until he be dead and this said to the Sheriff that he cause execution of this judgement to be done on Monday the 20th day of this month between the hours of twelve and two of the said day

Item. that the court value the said slave at
£45

On the petition of Benjamin Clements the elder the proprietor of the above slave seeing forth that this is ^{his} first offence of this nature that before the commission of this fact w^{as} he very by believing