

88. The court of Oyer and terminer held for the county of Hampshire
the 30th day of July 1802 for the trial Dick a negro man slave
the property of Joshua b. land of this county charged with
Rebellion conspiring and plotting to murder his said master
in the 1st day of this present month.

Present Josiah Nick John Lee

Robert Goddoy Jacob Darden

James Millar Samuel Blunt } Gentlemen

Charles Briggs & George Gundry

The court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to the bar
by the sheriff of this county and Joshua Fort being a pique
counsel for the prisoner and charged with the plotting con-
spiring and attempting to kill his master on the 1st day of
the present month to which he plead not guilty and Joshua
b. land being sworn says that on Tuesday the first instant he
went into his cornfield and found on the prisoner now at the bar
one of his coats which he charged him with having stolen to
which the prisoner made no answer and that he the witness
gave the prisoner a stick with a small stick and then
turned off to go home and that the prisoner immediately caught
him by the throat and a struggle ensued and after some
the prisoner threw this witness on the ground and this witness
finding the prisoner too strong for him called in a negro boy
to assist him the witness and this boy came up in a few feet and
that the prisoner told this boy to stand off for that he meant to
finish him meaning this witness and he a second time called
this boy to assist him to which he answered that Dick the
prisoner would not let him, and this witness further says that
after some time a negro girl passed by and that the prisoner ap-
proached alarmed and immediately got off him and said to this
girl, "Dick here is nook here" and that this girl being affrighted
ran off and this witness says that the prisoner after seeing the
girl go off again began to choke and beat him untill he the
witness supposed that the prisoner thought he was dead and
this witness farther says that the first thing he recollected