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Prince William Country to with buthbork Bullitt attorney for the Commonwealth for the bounty aforesaid gireth information to the lourt. That Willy alfas will alias William late of the Parish of Dillingen in the County aporesaid, a Mulatto Slave belonging to John Taylor Esy! late of Richmond County) in the Commonwealth afores. upon the Second Day of April in the year of our Lord 1998 at the S. Parish of Dillingen in the County of Prince William aforesaid with force of arms 460 did feloniously) & Traiteroufly adhere to the Enemies of the Commonwealth and gave them aid & Comfort & upon the Sa Second Day of April at the 3. Parish of Dillengen in the Country of Prince William afores? Did in Company of Sconjuntion with diverse Enemies of the Commonweath in armed Defeels feloniously) & Traiterously Wage of Levy War against the Common wealth to the great Danger of Sulverting thereog. and against the act of assembly in Such case made of Provided and the Peace of the so Commonwealth. & the Dignity thereof 6. Bullitte At a Court of oyer & teximiner called and held at the Court House of Prince William County, the 3th day of May 1485 for the Mial of Billy, alias Will, alias William, a Mulatto Slave the Property of John Taylor Esqu for Treason Henry Deel William Carr Justices Fourher Tebbs: Richard Graham Jent Surtices William Tebbs: William Brent Jent Surtices The Said Slave Billy, alias Will, alias William, late of the Softy of Prince William being brought to the Bar of the louth, and Indicted for Treason in Joining the Enemies of this Commonwealth, whon his arrain - ment. Jays he is not quilty, Upon hearing the Several Witness, it is the opinion of the Cours that he is Juilty, & that he Suffer Death, and be Executed agreeable to the act, Declaring what Shale be Treason and the Said Sheriff of the Salounty on the Twenty fith of this Inst. between the Hours of Eleven & two of the Same Day, to Execution thereon at the Common Gallons of the S. County, by Cauring the S. Slave to be hanged by the neck untill Dead & his head to be Severed from his Body of Stuck up at Some Publick Grop Road on apole, and the S. Court Do Say that the I? Slave is worth Twent Seven Thousand Pounds Gurrent Money It Graham Elk. fourth.