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Introduction

I began a research effort to find the family or families that owned one of my great grandfathers and his family. So far, I have been unsuccessful in reaching my primary goal, but I learned much about the activities of Gloucester citizenry from reading entries in the Gloucester County court minutes recorded during the years immediately before, during, and after the Civil War.

Selfishly, I only sought entries that mentioned my ancestors. It was necessary, however, to read and understand other entries, especially those directly or indirectly related to people of color. By reading these minutes, I learned the nature of the information to be uncovered and the context in which to consider and evaluate that information. Since I didn't have a name or names on which to focus, I could not be certain whether or not one or more of the individuals cited in the minutes was the person or persons I was seeking. It was at this point that I decided to fully transcribe the entries rather than extract the "important" data.

I realized that most, if not all, of the entries were in reaction to or compliance with statutes that had been enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia. Thus, I sought to locate the specific statutes that resulted in the entries related to people of color. I also decided to index every name cited in those entries. The result is this article.

Slaves were property and as such, I expected to find them mostly in entries that concerned the transfer of property. For other states and counties, this might have been will books, deed books, records of chattel and conveyances, etc. But the will books of Gloucester County were among many other records destroyed by fire at the Gloucester Court House in 1820 and fire in Richmond in April 3, 1865. Ironically, the records lost in the Richmond fire had been sent there for safe keeping. (See entries for April 1863.) I found only one entry concerning the distribution of slaves. The slaves mentioned within that entry were neither named, numbered, nor valued.

Several years ago, I started, but never completed, a similar project of transcribing selected court minutes covering approximately the same time period in King and Queen County, Virginia. In general, the entries therein were similar to those in Gloucester, but there were a few noticeable and significant differences. One such difference was the type and amount of certain entries about slaves. There were no entries in the Gloucester court minutes concerning runaway slaves, while the King and Queen minutes were rife with entries of slave owners requesting tax relief for slaves "*lost to the public enemy.*" Each entry identified the owner, the number of slaves that escaped, the estimated value of the slaves, and the amount of tax thereon.

Wills

Wills can be important sources of information for genealogical researchers. Family historians may solve relational problems by learning how property was distributed according to the terms of a will. For those seeking to learn about ancestors that were enslaved, it is not always important to learn to whom items were bequeathed, but to learn the names and relationships of slaves that might have been so bequeathed.

The early will books of Gloucester County were among the documents lost in the two aforementioned fires. For researchers, an alternate to finding the original will might be finding court minutes of probate proceedings during which some terms of the will might be recorded. Unfortunately, in the minutes of the Gloucester County court between October 1858 and October 1867, only one such entry was found that mentioned slaves.

p.165 (October 1860)

On motion of Jno. W. Hughes Executor of John Hughes decd. it is ordered that Fielding S. Taylor, A. W. Robins, Thos. C. Robins, Jeff. W. Stubbs and E. B. S. Cary any three of whom may act being first duly sworn appraise and divide the Slaves of John Hughes decd. in accordance with the last will and testament of the said John Hughes deceased and make report thereof to the Court.

Taxes

The Gloucester minutes contained entries about slave owners seeking exemption from paying county tax on elderly slaves, and former slaves being exempted from paying taxes after gaining their freedom. The aforementioned exemption for elderly slaves was granted by the county court on an individual basis; however, the exemption applied only to the county tax. An act of the General Assembly on 3 April 1861¹ explicitly prevented any such exemption from being applied to the state tax.

Taxes on slaves, free persons of color, and white persons were assessed using different standards and rates. In 1861, free citizens (white and black) were charged 80¢ apiece for every male over the age of twenty-one years; free females (white and black) were not taxed. Slaves were assessed at \$1.20 each, regardless of gender. Further, white males that were exempted from taxes for bodily infirmity by a county court were also exempted from paying state personal taxes. The latter was not the case for free persons of color; males that were exempted from paying county taxes due to bodily infirmity were required to pay state taxes.

An entry appeared for which former slaves were exempted from paying the 1866 Gloucester County levy. The verbiage of the entry somehow equated the taxable amount due for that single year with a tax debt incurred by the county during the former slave's period of bondage.

Slaves and taxes

p.24 (January 1859)

On motion of A. F. Scott it is ordered that his old negro man named Nat be exempted from all further taxes levies &c.

¹ **Excerpt from Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia (1861), Chapter 1, par. 3***On every slave who has attained the age of twelve years, whether owned or hired, or whether exempted from county levy in consequence of bodily infirmity or not...*

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- p.29 (February 1859)
Present Jeff. W. Stubbs, absent Caleb Leigh and A. W. Robins. On motion of William S. Thurston, E. T. Thurston, and John N. Rose it is ordered that the following negro slaves Phil the property of Wm. S. Thurston, Fanny the property of E. T. Thurston and Maria the property of John N. Rose be exempted from all further taxes levies &c.
- p.29 (February 1859)
On motion of Mrs. Fanny Wallington it is ordered that her negro woman Franky be exempted from all further taxes levies &c.
- p.37 (March 1859)
It is ordered that Fanny an old negro woman belonging to Edwin Broaddus be exempted from all further taxes levies &c.
- p.424 (August 1866)
It is ordered that the Sheriff in collecting the levy of this year do not collect of any person of colour formerly a slave the per centum tax on the Revenue assessed as above, the Court being of opinion that it should not be assessed, the amount being about the amount of their proportion of arrearages of the debt incurred by the County whilst they were slaves.

Free persons of color and taxes

- p.105 (February 1860)
Jas. C. Baytop deputy Sheriff having returned to the Court a list of free negroes who have failed to pay their taxes and levies. And the said free negroes not having visible property out of which they may be made by distress it is ordered that the said free negroes be hired out by the Sheriff for such time as will suffice at not less than ten cents a day to raise the said taxes and levies with a commission to the officer of five per cent.
- p.195 (January 1861)
James C. Baytop deputy Sheriff for A. H. Martin having returned to the Court a list of free negroes who have failed to pay their taxes and levies and the said free negroes not having visible property out of which they may be made by distress it is ordered that the said free negroes be hired out by the Sheriff for such time as will suffice at not less than ten cents a day to raise the said taxes and levies with a commission to the office of five per cent.

Road crews

Unless they were explicitly excluded, male citizens of Virginia were required by law to work on the public roads of the county or incorporated city in which they resided. This included the black population, both free and enslaved.² The law also outlined the penalties for failure to comply.

In the first entry (June 1859), that listed citizens assigned to work on the roads, I saw the phrase “...and their slaves...” I estimated that my great grandfather and his brothers were “*laboring slaves over sixteen years of age*” and that they and their master might, at some time, be assigned to work on one of the roads. At best, I might find them working together. Unfortunately, slaves were seldom identified by name.

In the last such entry (March 1867), black citizens were listed by full name. Obviously, the verbiage in the law had been amended to recognize the new status of the freedmen.

² **Excerpt from Revised Code of the Laws of Virginia (1819), Chapter 236, par. 6** *ALL male laboring persons, of the age of sixteen years or more, except such as are masters of two or more male laboring slaves of the age of sixteen years or more, shall be appointed by the court to work on some public road...*

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Slaves working on road crews

p.62 (June 1859)

Absent A. W. Robins, W. P. Roane and John H. P. Seawell, present Jeff. W. Stubbs, Emanuel J. Stubblefield is appointed surveyor of road No.21 from Purtan Mill to Mrs. Wood's Mill Fox's Mill and Poropotank Warehouse road in the place of Horace Purcel who is discharged therefrom. And it is ordered that Thos. B. Booth Thos. W. Campbell, John Leigh, Junius B. Brown Geo. A. Roane, Wm. R. Jones, Thos. B. Armstead John H. Leigh, Archer Bland, George W. Cruiser John M. Pearce, Wm. F. Aherron, Wm. Eastwood Alex. Eastwood, Wm. W. Stubbs, Davy Coleman Mrs. Scatling, David Magic, Wm. S. Field, Thos. B. Montague (Marlfield) Robert B. Jones and Wm. Saunders and their slaves liable by law to work on the public roads of this Commonwealth be appointed to work on the said road.

p.71 (August 1859)

William S. Field is appointed surveyor of road No.35 from Ware Church to the Beach Bridge in the place of Francis W. Cooke who is discharged therefrom: And it is ordered that Mrs. Powers, Leonard Mason, Thos. Cooke, Sumpkin Gacritt, Elijah Bridges, Gregory Kemp, Walter Davis, Lewis B. F. Enos, Chas. Mann, Wm. S. Field, Nancy Bridges and Frances W. Cooke and their slaves liable by law to work on the public roads of this Commonwealth be appointed to work on the said road.

p.076 (September 1859)

A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 4. Jno. M. Thurston, Dr. F. D. Jones, James H. Rowe, Thos. Moss, Jno. A. Moss, Thos. A. Moss, Wm. E. Moss, Robt. Moore, Edwd. A. Pippin, Henry Burges, C. T. Fletcher, Thos. B. Taliaferro, Jno. C. Field, Dr. M. H. Miller, Dr. Thos. B. Frayser, Mrs. M. A. Nelson, Jno. H. Rowe, George W. Cox, Thos. A. Robins, R. R. Moore, Thos. C. Enos, John R. Duval, Jno. W. Gwyn, Jas. Hall, Frank Powers, R. Dunston, Geo. W. Rowe, A. Shackelford, Benja. Hackney, A. F. Scott, Jno. P. Taliaferro, Jas. W. Gibbs, H. L. Taliaferro, P. D. Martin, Thos. Kemp, Wm. S. Pointer, Wm. F. Hall, Wm. *Ap.* W. Jones, Geo. Taliaferro, Jno. Lemon, Bob Lemon, Charles Booker, Jno. Booker, Wm. Booker, P. Hayes, Thos. Blueford, Cary Blueford and Braxton Drummond and their slaves liable by law to work on the public roads of this Commonwealth.

p.86 (November 1859)

Absent Jno. H. P. Seawell, present Jeff. W. Stubbs. The Court doth appoint the following named persons ~~to~~ and their slaves to work on Road No. 25 of which Edwin Broaddus is surveyor to wit, George Haynes, Ro B. Pearce, William Hall, Jas. H. Pearce, Wm. B. Burtow, Beverly Groom, Jas. H. Newcomb, Thos. Bowden, Richd. Bristow, Poindexter Corr, Wm. Muse, Wm. T. Broaddus, Albert Groom, Joseph Groom, Jas. Pitts, Lewellyn Groom and Charles hired by Beverly Groom, Henry the property of Mrs. Sarah Pitts, Beverly and William the property of Edwin Broaddus, Taylor the property of Mrs. Catherine Broocke and Billy, Davy, Frank and Henry negroes hired by Allen D. Reade.

p.134 (June 1860)

On motion of Armistead Smith for leave to open a road "from the Road leading down to Severn River at Livingston Rowe's at or near a bridge down to the said Smith's gate. "This day came the petitioners Joel Hayes and Benj. Rowe two of the viewers appointed at the last Court to view the ground along which the same was proposed to be conducted returned a report in the following words and figures to wit: "In compliance with an order of the County Court of Gloucester &c &c. And it appearing from the said report that the owners or proprietors of the land through which the same is proposed to be conducted are willing that it shall be opened free of any charges for damages on condition that it be only fifteen feet wide, it is ordered that the said road be opened as proposed and that it be only fifteen feet wide. And the following named persons are appointed to work on said road, to be transferred from the other public roads to wit: Armistead Smith his servants and two sons, Jno. Brown, Washington Robins, Joseph Robins son of Thomas, Wm. Rowe, Joseph Robins, Armistead Hall, Livingston Rowe, Jno. W. Ransone, Thos. Ransone, Silas Ransone, Zack Rowe, Thos. Robins, George Holt and George Rowe and Wm. Robins is appointed surveyor thereof.

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p.228 (March 1861)

At a Court of quarterly session continued and held for the County of Gloucester at the Court house on Wednesday the 6th day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty one. Present Jeff. W. Stubbs, P. R. Page and Thomas C. Robins Justices. It is ordered that Road No. 38 which was added to Road No. 22 be altered to read as follows to wit "From Chivaliers Mill to Scuffletown thence to Peter Wiatt's Mill from thence to deep point landing and Augustine S. Trevillian is appointed surveyor thereof. And the following persons with their slaves liable by law to work on the public roads are appointed to work on said road, to wit. A. S. Trevillian Edward Sears, Thomas R. Heywood, P. L. Palmer, Edward Harper, James Soles, Thomas Smith, Thomas R. Marchant, Hiram Thrift and John R. Johnston.

p.228 (March 1861)

It is ordered that road No. 22 From Richard W. Royston's plantation over Asher's bridge to the Beach bridge thence up to Chivalier's mill from thence to Peter Wiatt's mill & Gallamon's bridge of which Augustine S. Trevillian is at present the surveyor be altered to read as follows to wit "From Scuffletown to Gallamon's bridge thence to Beach swamp and thence to Richard W. Royston's plantation" and Thomas C. Edwards is appointed surveyor thereof in place of A. S. Trevillian who is discharged therefrom. And the following persons with their slaves liable by law to work on the public roads are appointed to work on said road to wit Mrs. Nancy Johnston, Thomas Howard, Johnson Gray, Robert S. Rowe, Elijah F. Dutton, Edward C. Dutton, Henry V. Chapman, Lorenzo D. Dutton, Francis G. Bridges, James H. Acra, Billy Bristow, Charles C. Duval, William Seawell, James F. Barron, Dr. John H. Sears and John W. Lawson.

p.229 (April 1861)

The Court appoints the following named persons to work on Road No. 17 of which Robert A. Stubblefield is at present the Surveyor to wit "Wm. Andrews, Jefferson W. Stubbs, Dr. Wm. H. Shield, Robert Newcomb, Ro. A. Stubblefield, James W. Leigh, Lowerly Curry, Henry Hughes, Ann Hibble, T. W. Banks, Thos. Wilkins, Mrs. Maria Catlett, Temple G. Catlett, Martha R. Sale, T. C. Baytop, Thomas Hughes, Richd. Barron, Jefferson Hughes, Henry Chapman, Lorenzo Driver, Frank Cook & 2 sons, John Caffee, James Wallace, Tom Bluford, Godfrey Chapman, James Henry Bluford, Wm. Thomas Bluford Jno. S. Hibble, Robert West, Mann Gregory, Cincinnatus J. Ware and John R. Walker and their slaves liable by law to work on the public Roads of this County.

Black citizens working on road crews

p.335 (November 1865)

The Court doth order that the Surveyors of the Roads of the Several Precincts in this County do proceed to [warn?] in and order all male inhabitants in their respective Districts between the ages of Sixteen and sixty years white and colored on the public Roads of the County and report to the next Court the number and description of all the hands in their respective precincts liable by law to work on the public Roads in order that the Court may assign to the several precincts who are to work on the roads, and in the meantime the said Surveyors are to proceed with all due diligence to put the roads in the County in order.

p.435(August 1866)

A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 14 of which John White is at present the Surveyor, to wit

I. W. Hall
Alex. Hall
Robert Harris
J. A. Ward
Thos. Brown
Jas. Brown
Thos. Harris
Jas. E. Lewellen
John Lewis

Wm. Smith
Walter Smith
E. H. Rowe
A. Rowe
Thos. Sears
G. W. Lewis
Labon Henderson
Daniel Borum
Christopher Id__

Colored
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Edward Lewis	Robert Borum	Colored
Richard Hall	Thos. Foster	"
Benj. Lewis	Edmond Burwell	"
John A. Brown	Silas Burwell	"
Benj. Brown	C. Washington	"
Wm. White	Solomon Montague	"
Edward White	James Montague	"
Wilmer Rowe	Peter Gregory	"
James W. Diggs	George Gregory	"
Dr. Thos. J. Hughes	John Hughes	"
John S. Rowe	Sam Allmand	

p.482(December 1866)

A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 5 of which Landon N. Davies is at present the Surveyor, to wit, R. P. Jones

W. T. Jones	Joseph Deal	
Richd. Jones	John Deal	
Thos. Oliver	John W. Ransone	
Robt. Oliver	Jas. Ransone	
Howard West	John Smith	
Warner West	Robt. Smith	
Henry Sinclair	Geo. W. Bonnywell	
Wray Sinclair	Jno. W. Bonnywell	
John Deal	R. C. Selden	
John Deal Jr.	Dr. Chas. Selden	
Frank Deal	Robert Selden	
Geo. Deal	Chas. Pasche	
Raphael Locker	Colin	<u>(Colored)</u>
Joseph James	Edward	"
Taylor Whiting	Wm. Bright	"
Jas. Smith	Sterling Tabb	"
Peter Mallory	Andrew Armistead	"
Joseph Mallory	William Jones	"
William Mallory	Arthur Bright	"
Wallace Singleton		"

p.483 (December 1866)

A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 7 of which Levi P. Carr is at present the Surveyor, to wit

R. C. Heywood	Wm. H. Rowe	
J. P. Tabb	W. Kemp Sr.	
Philip Yeatman	W. Kemp Jr.	
Chas. Yeatman	Perrin Kemp	
Philip	J. Tillman	<u>Colored</u>
Henry	J. Carter	"
Jeff. Burke	Robert	"
Wm. Burke	Joe Jackman	"
Wm. E. Corr	Jno. Casey	"
Thos. R. Watlington	John Jackson	"
Thos. S. Stubblefield	Saml. Carter	"
Chas. E. Minor	Simon Driver	"
J. Stubblefield	John H. Washington	"
Francis Stubblefield	Beverly Kemp	"
Wm. A. Robins	Bayly	"
R. C. Robins	Frank Reed	"
G. H. Enos	G. H. Robertson	"

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C. Enos	Cupid Pane	<u>Colored</u>
J. Teagle	Cyrus Nelson	"
J. Hall	Robert Jones	"
Beverly Dunston	Bob Jackson	"
	Aaron Todd	"

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 8 of which John T. Lewis is at present the Surveyor, to wit

John A. Teagle	Wm. R. Leavit
James H. Hall	Jas. R. Bridges
Chas. W. Montague	Richd. C. Bridges
Catesby Montague	B. F. Blassingame
Thos. W. Field	Thos. J. Proctor
Cyrus T. Fletcher	Henry C. Shackelford
George W. Shackelford	John M. Pearce
Gaddock Johnson	Thos. Whiting
Thomas Wilkins	James Cook
Chas. A. Didlake	John Carter
Thomas F. Wilkins	Abraham
Richard P. Allard	Mack Freeman
Charles E. Allard	Wesley Freeman
L. S. Stubbs	John A. Leigh
L. S. Stubbs Jr.	George W. Leigh
James Woodley	Addison Lemon
Stalker	James Lemon
Ithamon Leavit	Henry Lemon
Henry Hibble	William Lemon
George W. Walker	Harrison
George Hibble	George Wallace
Robert B. Taliaferro	James Lemon
Thos. C. Enos	Warner
Henry M. Moore	Tom Johnson
Caleb M. Fletcher	Wesley Johnson
Mat Howlett	
Nathan Wilkins	

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 14 of which John W. Minor Sr. is at present the Surveyor, to wit

James Fleming	Joe A. Jenkins	
James Cluverius	Goodson Miller	
Wm. Brocke	John H. Rowe	
James H. Fleming	Edwd. J. Rowe	
Washington Fleming	Saml. B. Rowe	
Wm. Jenkins	Edward H. Rowe	
John Jenkins		
Elijah Jenkins	Mat Buckner	<u>Colored</u>
Joe Jenkins	Harry Buckner	"
Wm. Jenkins	Sam Ransone Sr.	"
Wm. L. Jenkins	Sam Ransone Jr.	"
Thos. J. Ash	John Patterson	"
George M. Ash	Henry Johnson	"
Enoch Walker	John Hobday	"
John Walker		
James Davis		

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 11 of which R. B. Stevens is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Cary Alman	<u>Cold.</u>	Benjm. Hogg	
Thos. Alman	"	John Morey	
Lawson Alman	"	Jno. C. Seawell	
Machen Cluverius		Thos. Walker	
Geo. Camp		Thos. Purcel	
Cary Robins		Benj. Shackelford	
Dr. Wm. Seawell		Geo. Shackelford	
Chas. Montague	Cold.	Capt. Jno. Auld	
Wm. Brooks	"	Jno. Auld Jr.	
Richd. Brooks	"	Harry Auld	
Lewis Cook	"	Jno. L. Fosque	
Stephen Wright	"	Major Sampson	Cold.
Wat Frayser		Wm. Kemp	"
Jno. Frayser		Jim Kemp	"
Math. Mussen		Henry Gibb	
Wm. H. Williams		Jno. H. P. Seawell	
Delaware Page	Cold.	Jim Hogg	
Amos Fox	"	Henry Hogg	
Cumbic Fox	"	Banks Spencer	Cold.
Joshua Smith		Washington Stoaks	"
Sye Hayes		Robert	"
Vispurius Hayes		Bob Burwell	"
Jas. Leigh		Kendall Townsend	
Peyton Smith		Jas. Townsend	
Tyler Smith		Joshua Townsend	
Polk Smith		Daniel Carmine	
Richd. G. Pitt		Wm. Hogg	
Geo. Foswell		Wm. Barnes	
Jesse Wilburn		Geo. Jenkins	
Thos. Kemp		Augustine Oliver	
Warner Smith		Thos. Oliver	
Peyton Williams		Jno. T. Fosque	
Gilbert Johnson		Richd. Croswell	
Thos. Williams		Alford Seawell	
Jas. R. Hogg		Machin Carmine	
Henry Ambrose		Garrett Seawell	
Wm. Williams		Jno. Tabb	
Frank Ambrose		Geo. Croswell	
Wash. Hogg		Billy Gayle	Cold.
Wm. Wallace		Jno. W. Boyer	
Bob Foams		Jas. Grass	
Saml. Alman	Cold.	Thomas Wise	
Dublin	"	Christopher Stoakes	
Jno. Tabb	"	Carter	Cold.
Jno. Tabb Jr.	"	Major Burrell	
Jas. Stokes		Wm. Dobson	
Zack Dews		Toot Walker	
Wm. Smith		Benjn. Belvin	
Jas. Smith		Thos. Newton	
Abram Hughes	Cold.	E. J. Harris	
Henry Belvin		Wesley Harris	
Jno. Belvin		Peter Burns	

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Jno. Shackelford
Wm. Tillage
Jno. Philips
Gi___ Hogg
Wm. McCarty
Jno. Shackelford Jr.
Geo. Wyatt
Wash. Wyatt
Jim Wyatt
Jas. Green
Jas. Green

Edmund Jenkins & son
Jas. Wallace & 2 sons
Jas. Jordan
Wm. Teagle
Wm. Shelly
Carry Teagle
Jno. Teagle
Wm. Teagle
Thos. Harrod
Jno. Turlington
Edward Belvin

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 17 of which Saml. P. Enos is at present the Surveyor, to wit,

Colored

Sam Driver
Sye Carter
Jno. Morriss
Robert Morriss
Lewy Burrel
Robert Burrel
Lewy Burrel
Baytops Tom & son
John Henry
Simeon George
Stubbs Isaac
Wm. Harwood
Jas. Smith
Ned Carter
Wallace Washington
Ben Lewis
Robert Curtis
Davy Chapman
Baytops Harry
Isaac Miles
Tom Lemon
Addison Driver
Thos. Braxton
Boy Billy
Robert Henry
Henry Washington

White

Wm. L. Enos
John T. Enos
Jas. L. Stubbs
George Harwood
E. D. Philpotts
John Donivan
Robert Sinclair
Jas. C. Baytop
Jno. T. Coleman
Albert Coleman
Jas. L. Philpotts
Jno. T. Seawell
Jno. H. Seawell
L. M. Kemp
D. B. Kemp
F. J. Kemp
Jas. D. Pointer
A. M. Pointer
T. Shackelford
Thos. B. Montague
Chas. W. Montague
Chas. Didlake
Doct. W. F. Jones
Saml. D. Puller
Alexr. Shackelford

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 19 of which Joseph Medlicott is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Pascal D. Rilee
Wm. H. Martin
Saml. B. Chapman
Dr. Warner Chapman
Allen Horseleg
Wm. H. Horseleg
Felix Jackman
George E. Shackelford
Claiborne T. Roane

John W. Gregg
A. H. Martin
Augustine Ware
Colored persons
George Washington
John Wyatt
Phill
John Pollard
Peyton Cooke

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White

W. T. Cooke
 Jno. R. Willis
 J. Edward Bland
 Harry Bland
 Thomas Hall
 S. F. Roane
 Haze Roane
 William L. Bland
 John H. Bland
 Milton Mason
 William Dutton
 Franklin Dutton
 Peter Gregg
 Benjn. Medlicott

Colored persons

Beverly
 Bill Sparks
 Alex Jones
 Washington Rilee
 Andrew King
 John Casey
 George Washington
 Alex Davenport
 Robert Davenport
 James Lockley

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 20 of which A. S. Trevillianis at present the Surveyor, to wit

James C. Soles
 Hayes Soles
 Edwd. Harper
 Thos. South
 P. L. Palmer
 Dr. Wm. F. Presson
 Edward Sears
 James R. Johnston
 Wm. Edwards
 Richard Summerson
 R. R. Rowe
 R. S. Rowe
 James F. Barron
 Jno. W. Lawson
 John Graves
 Frank Powers
 John Sears
 E. C. Dutton
 H. V. Chapman
 Cary Lambeth
 Mat Walker
 Thos. Burton
 W. H. Gray

A. F. Dutton
 John R. Marchant
 Wm. Massey
 John R. Johnston
 Thos. E. Johnston
 H. L. Thrift
 J. W. Dutton
 James R. Kemp
 James H. Dutton
 Robert H. Dutton
 M. P. Dutton
 James Acra
 R. L. Padgett
 Henry
 Wm. Hayes
 Mercer "
 Charles "
 Hyman "
 Bob Baytop
 Davy Bird
 James Burrel
 James Fox
 Nelson

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 21 of which Warner P. Roane is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Henry G. Rilee
 Frederick Wolfe
 Alexr. Wolfe
 Jno. W. Bland
 Jas. E. Moore
 Lemuel T. Roane
 Andrew Soles
 D. F. Corr
 Chas. Collier
 James Thrift

Alexr. Chapman
 Augustine Chapman
 Lewis Seawell
 John Washington
 Wm. Yates
 Umphrey Field
 George Field
 George
 Philip Pollard
 James Cary

(Colored)

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Theodore Thrift
Stephen Hall
Summerfield Hall
Wm. J. J. Thrift

Davy Cary

(Colored)

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 22 of which W. W. Mason is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Tom West
Wm. Major Jr.
Wm. Major Sr.
Robert Lewis
George Masson
John Ross
Wm. Darnell
Jas. Fletcher
Roland Fletcher
Jas. Soles A. Bohannon
Robert Wilson
Wm. Baker
D. Edwards
A. Mitchell
James Fary
Tom Fary
Eugene Owen
Lewis Ware
John Bristow
Edwd. Fary

Joseph Clayton
John D. Clayton
Roland Lawson
Tom Haynes Jr.
Zack Bland
Claiborne Bland
Lewis Fletcher
Albert Dutton
John W. Dutton
Colored hands
Gilbert
Isaac
Cary
James
Dick
Edward
Henry
Patrick

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 23 of which Edwin Broaddus is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Whites
A. D. Reade
Poindexter Corr
Jas. H. Pearce
Robt. Hall
Billy Hall
Vicarious Booker
Henry Fleming
John L. Groom
Milton Groom
Beverly Groom
Robert B. Pearce
William Hall
John Hall
Pascal Hall

Wm. T. Broaddus
George Haynes
George Beazley

Colored
Henry
George
Albert
Beverly
James
Dick

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 24 of which Wm. P. R. Leigh is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Wm. Holster
Augustine Ware
Wm. Lambeth
John L. South
George Wiatt
Joseph Lawson

Edward S. Shurtleff
George Glenn
Churchill Roy
Rob. Coats
Joseph Coats
John C. Lawson

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Vernon Palmer		James Dunston	
Wm. Palmer		Daniel	<u>Colored</u>
Thos. Palmer		Thomas	"
James Cooke	<u>Colored</u>	Edward	<u>Colored</u>
Anthony	"	James	"
Alexander	"	Lewis	"
Gilbert Clayton	"	Joseph	"

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 26 of which Thos. Thrift is at present the Surveyor, to wit

Thos. Lambeth		James Goulder	
John Lambeth		Jackson Thrift	
Wm. Lambeth		S. G. Swann	
Jas. Rilee		Elijah Walker	
Thos. Rilee			
Jas. Rilee		Temple	<u>Colored</u>
Thos. T. Cooke		Albert	"
Overton Kemp		Jefferson	"

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 18 of which George A. Roane is at present the Surveyor, to wit

<u>Whites</u>		Davy Whiting	<u>Colo.</u>
Thomas B. Booth Jr.		Peter Cook	"
Dawson Hudgins		Pleasant Montague	"
Washington Crusier		Billy Burrell	"
Mat Figg		Billy Smith	"
James Iverson		George Tabb	"
Tom Iverson		Warner Cook	"
John Clear		Dick Williams	"
William Aherron		Lewis Williams	"
John M Pearce		John Wesley	"
Ben Williamson		Mat	"
Alexr. Eastwood		Henry Pollard	
Junius B. Browne		Billy Baytop	"
John Vanhorn		William Lockley	"
John Kemp		Robert Lockley	"
Tom Kemp		John Reed	"
William Jones		Washington Chivis	"
Thos. Campbell		Lewis Ruffin	"
John H. Leigh		John Cuffee	"
Tommy Leigh		George Booth	"
Christian Leigh		James Overton	"
John Sheppart		James Morriss	"
James Mayor		Elijah Monroe	"
<u>Colored</u>		Phill Brown	"
Beverly Burwell			
Sam Lockley			
Nick			

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 27 of which Thos S. Taliaferro is at present the Surveyor, to wit

<u>Whites</u>			
Wm. T. Robins		Billy	<u>Colored</u>
Wm. Smith Jr.		James	"

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Thos. A. Smith Jr.		Frank	<u>Colored</u>
Richd. S. Folks		Robert	"
Wm. Iverson		Oliver	"
Wm. K. Davis		George	"
Thos. Davis		William	"
Jno. R. White		Lee	"
Tazewell Thompson		John	"
Dr. P. A. Taliaferro		Billy	"
Richard	<u>Colored</u>	Cornelius	"
Daniel	"	Sam	"
Bailey	"	John	"
Solomon	"	John	"
Alfred	"	Peter	"
Jimmy	"	James	"
John Henry	"	Daniel Graham	"
Joseph	"	Sawney	"
Peter	"	Manuel	"
Thomas	"	Harrison	"

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 30 of which Thos. B. Armistead is at present the Surveyor, to wit

<u>Whites</u>		Frank Whiting	<u>Cold.</u>
John Bridges		Charles Field	"
Thos. Cooke		Jim Henry Jones	"
Atwood Chapman		Joiner Lewis	"
Elijah Bridges		Will Shorter	"
Henry Bridges		John Lee Banks	"
Walter Davis		Joe Harrison	"
Augustine Kemp		Jim Laws	"
P. H. Dutton		Randal Grimes	"
Geo. Mann		Moses Grimes	"
Henry Clasby	<u>Colored</u>	Harry Walker	"
Nat West	"	Jno. Wm. Walker	"
Sam Gaines	"	Arthur Walker	"
Jerry Gregory Sen	"	Edward Cooke	"
Jerry Gregory Jnr	"	Edward Wiatt	"
Jim Gwyn	"	Wm. Wiatt	"
Robert Noggins	"	John Lewis	"
George Noggins	"	Philip Burwell	"
Geo. Yates	"	Geo. Washington	"

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 3 of which James H. Rowe is at present the Surveyor

Jas. M. Nicolson	Henry Burges
A. P. Davies	James Hall
W. V. Heywood	Henry Pagaud
W. A. Robins	W. W. Williams
C. C. Field	John Williams
John Field	E. A. Pippin
Dr. Chas. L. Gwyn	Thos. Moore
Thos. Clements	Alexr. Pointer
John M. Thurston	W. F. Hall
Wm. Henry Davis	Thos. H. Wright
Thos. B. Taliaferro	W. Ap W. Jones

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H. P. Taliaferro		Walker Jones	
John S. Cooke		Braxton Drummond	<u>Colored hands</u>
George W. Cox		Andrew King	"
Lewis Stubblefield		Daniel Seamer	"
A. Shackelford		Chas. Booker	"
		John Booker	"
Davy Yeatman	<u>Colored hands</u>	Thos. Baytop	"
George Seawell	"	Sullivan Taliaferro	"
Thos. Walker	"	Daniel Roberson	"
Parker Marshall	"	John Booth	"
Warner Burwell	"	Jack Booth	"
Robt. Yates	"	Walker Holmes	"
Phill Tabb	"	Braxton Washington	"
John Carter	"	Henry Patterson	"
Addison Tabb	"	Joe Smith	"
James Rice	"	Chas. Lewis	"

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 10 of which William B. Heywood is Surveyor, to wit

George W. Foxwell		Robt. C. Robins Sr.	
James Seawell		John Hall	
William Webb		John Seawell Jr.	
George T. Hutchinson		John W. Auld	
James C. Heywood Jr.		Solomon Foxwell	
Christopher A. Williams		Wm. H. Williams	
Chas. C. Catlett		Peter B. W. Hughes	
William Thompson		Addison Crew	
John R. Hogg		John R. Catlett	
James W. Oliver		John S. Blake	
Thomas Crew		Benjamin F. Oliver	
Henry Crosswell		William Crosswell	
Richd. A. Crosswell		John Travis Crosswell	
Samuel Blake		Geo. W. Fary	
Palestine Hall		Hezekiah L. Crosswell	
James C. Graves		Thomas J. Minor	
George W. Hogg		William T. Minor	
James Smith		William T. Pointer	
George W. Larke		Henry Smith	
James Williams		Wm. Lemon	
T. A. J. Oliver		Carter B. Williams	
James Brown		James Monroe Hogg	
C. E. Minor		James Banks	
Washington Oliver		Elijah Easters	
Wyndham Leavett		Franklin Leavet	
John W. Leavet		Wm. Dixon	<u>Colored hands</u>
W. W. Nelson		Gabriel Carter	"
E. J. Thurston		Lawrence Whiting	"
Richard A. Bramble		Anthony Thornton	"
		Calice Johnson	"
		Peter Perrin	"
Stephen Wright	<u>Colored hands</u>	Braxton Carter	"
Chas. Montague	"	Zachariah Lewis	"
Richd. Brooks	"	Edward Carter	"
James Page	"	Robin Payne	"

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Lewis Cooke	<u>Colored hands</u>	Randall Robertson	<u>Colored hands</u>
William Brooks	“	William Payne	“
William Frayser	“	Martin Cooper	“
Henry Lewis	“	William Carter	“
Robert Lewis	“	Chas. Grimes	“
William Taliaferro	“	Wm. Montague	“
Robert Hill	“	Abraham Lewis	“
Julius Frayser	“	James Carter Sr.	“
Parker Robertson	“	Randall Carter	“
Jefferson Tilghman	“	Miles Carter	“
Henry Carter	“	Frank Whiting	“
Dennis Lewis	“	William Whiting	“
Watt Frayser	“	William Thornton	“
Paul Taylor	“	Peter Moody	“
Lewis Throckmorton	“	Meredith Perrin	“
James Carter Jr. “			

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 32 of which Lewis T. Booker is Surveyor, to wit

Whites

William Seawell Senr.
 William Seawell Jr.
 William J. Acra
 John L. Booker
 William T. Dutton
 Chas. E. C. Booker
 Henry Roane
 Allen Fitzhugh
 George Fitzhugh
 Jacob A. Dillard
 William C. Dutton
 Thomas H. Booker

Richard Sears
 Miles H. Booker
 Wm. Jesse Thrift
 Robert C. Walker
 George Walker
Blacks
 William Whiting
 Fayette Washington
 Jim Mearith
 Washington Cary
 Tom Davis
 Isaac Roberson
 Jim Bird

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 2 of which ~~Edwin Broadus~~ William German is Surveyor, to wit

Chas. Hudgins
 John Huel
 John Figg
 Edwd. Huel
 Frank Huel
 Samuel Wilkerson
 Robert Hewlett
 Smith Brown
 Jno. Brown
 Wm. Brown
 James Huel
 Thos. Huel
 Thos. Massey
 Fleming W. Richardson
 Chas. C. Chapman
 Richd. Bristow
 Robt. H. Bristow
 Richd. Chapman
 Frank Richardson

John Blake
 Alex German
 Thos. German
 Wm. Johnston
Colored hands
 James Gregory
 Robert Dungy
 Major Sudler
 Thos. Kelly
 Wm. Kelly
 Andrew Pride
 Alex Keys
 Chas. Denis
 Robert Goodchild
 Phillip Tabb
 Robert Noggins
 Peter Birton

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to Work on Road No. 16 of which Robert A. Stubblefield is Surveyor, to wit

<u>White Men</u>		<u>Colored hands</u>
Alexander Hogg		Robert Henry
Augustine Hughes		David Miles
Caleb Leigh		Billy Bluford
Richard Leigh		John Bluford
T. C. Baytop		Noah Bluford
M. Brooks		Jas. Bluford
W. W. Mainer		Bill Henry Cooke
Stafford Cooke		Andrew Corbin
W. H. Curry		Peter Carter
Thos. Booth Jr.		Elijah Giles
George Booth		Alfred Johnson
Benjamin Hackney		Augustine Cary
Benjamin Catlett		Tom Wood
John H. Miller		George Jackson
Edward Stubbs		Fayette Philips
Andrew Stubbs		George Moody
Stephen Boram		Isaac Cooke
B. F. Newcomb		Simon Ward
Capt. Elliott		Tom Braxton
Jerome Knapp		Beverly Burwell
Jack Nigh		Tom Ward
Alexr. Elliott		Jack Kirby
T. J. Hughes		Godfrey Chatman
Andrew Wright		Ro. Wilson
Powhatan Elliott		Lorenzo Driver
		Washington Cooke
		David Garrett
<u>Colored hands</u>		Gabriel Garrett
Adam Howard		Dick Whiting
Henry Howard		Isaac Robinson
George Shackelford		Ned Robinson
Peyton Cooler		Emanuel Moody
Robert Taylor		Andrew Corbin
Robert Adam		George Ridman
Sam Montague		
Billy Ward		
Henry Chapman		
Moses Rowe		
Jerry Cooke		
Henry Philips		
Anthony Cooke		
Albert Lockly		

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 31 of which Edwd. Y. Massey is Surveyor, to wit

<u>White Men</u>		<u>Colored hands</u>
C. C. Pointer		Cary Jones
R. C. Trevillian		Phill Gwyn
Albert Stubbs		James Gwyn
J. M. Stubbs		Frank Whiting
M. Pickle		Thomas Gwyn

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Wm. C. Trevillian	<u>White Men</u>	Jerry Gregory Sr.	<u>Colored hands</u>
M. Cooke	"	Jerry Gregory Jr.	"
P. Rank	"	Braxton Washington	"
J. Landis	"	George Ash	"
R. Rilee Sr.	"	John Kelly	"
C. Rilee	"	W. Driver	"
J. Massey	"	A. Lemon	"
R. Rilee Jr.	"	J. Lemon	"
Wm. Stubbs	<u>Colored</u>	Jim Wilson	"
Thos. Braxton	"	Levi Driver	"
R. Cooke	"		

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 39 of which Wm. Brown is Surveyor, to wit

James Bonnyville	John Smith
Raymond Sparrow	James Jenkins
James Sparrow	Joseph West
Wm. Sparrow	Christopher West Jnr.
Wm. Bonnyville	Benjamin Hogg
George Owens	Warner Hogg
George West	John Hogg
James West son of John	W. Heywood
Cary Bland	Wm. Heywood Jnr.
John Ash	James Jenkins Son of Reed
George Ash	Frederick Jenkins
Thomas Ash	Michael Jenkins
Saml. M. Rowe	Archer Shackelford
Thos. Smith	Wm. A. Rowe
Baily Jenkins	John Hall
Thomas Smith of Thos.	Foster Hall
Thos. Smith Jnr.	Henry Hall
Christopher West Snr.	Lewis Hogg
Christopher West Jnr.	John Belvin
Francis Heywood	John Belvin Jnr.
James Belvin Snr.	Wm. King
James Belvin Jnr.	Wm. Belvin
Wm. Jenkins Jnr.	Wm. Killain
Benjamin Belvin	John Green
James Green	George Green
Thomas Hogg	Christopher Green
George Hogg	John West
Thos. Smith Son of Michael	Washington Hogg
George Brown	Wm. Brown

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 40 of which Joseph H. Smith is Surveyor, to wit

John Brown	Leroy Rowe
Joel Robins	Thomas Smith
Wm. Jenkins	William Rowe
Wm. Rowe	Joel Robins
Armistead Hall	Stephen Hogg
Saml. Smith	William Hogg
George Rowe	

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	Benja. Rowe		Isaac Washington	<u>Negroes</u>
	Dobson Rowe		Isaac Robins	"
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	A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 1 of which R. B. Roberts is			
	Surveyor, to wit			
	John M. Clane		William Jenkins	
	Joel Thomas		Robert Berry	
	John Rowe		Griffin Smith	
	William A. Rowe		Washington Heywood	
	Sterling Rowe		Joseph Heywood	
	Jasper Rowe		Joel M. Rowe	
	John F. Rowe		John Cox	
	Benjamin Rowe		James Hogg	
	James Thomas		William Shackelford	
	George Hogg Sr.		James Shackelford	
	Iverson Hogg		James Thomas	
	George Hogg		James W. Thomas	
	John Thomas		Washington Thomas	
	William F. Thomas		James Jenkins	
	William Glass		Joel Diggs	
	Henry Glass		Levi Heywood	
	Seymour Brown		George Heywood	
	John Diggs		Robert Heywood	
	Achilles Rowe		Ambrose West	
	T. Jefferson Rowe		James Jenkins Jr.	
	E. Barister Rowe		William Hall	
	James Berry		Washington Rowe	
	Thomas King		Benjamin Rowe	
	Isaac King		Edward Williams	
	Washington Hogg		Edward Williams Jr.	
	John Robins		Andrew Hogg	
	James Robins		Wm. Jenkins	
	Robert Belvin		James Rowe	
	Thomas Butler		Robert Cooke	<u>Colored</u>
	Major Vaughan	<u>Colored</u>	Richard Cooke	"
	James Vaughan	"	James Washington	"
	John Cooke	"	James Cooke	"
	Jesse Cooke	"	John Cooke	"
	Jefferson	"		
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	A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 12 of which Edward T. Thurston			
	is Surveyor, to wit			
	Wm. R. Thurston		Ben Bray	
	John W. Backhouse		Seth Bray	
	A. Summerfield Lawson		Joe Hogg	
	John T. Perrin		John P. Belvin	
	Thomas Lewis		John Owens	
	Washington Lewis		<u>Colored</u>	
	Fielding L. Taylor		John Green	
	Jim Brown		Iverson Monroe	
	Ben Brown		Warner Lewis	
	Walter Smith		Charles Pannel	
	Thomas Sparrow		Billy Fox	
	Wm. Marshall		Thornton Walker	

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George D. Marshall	Lawson Brooks	<u>Colored</u>
K. Marshall	Jack Hughes	“
Columbus Marshall	Tom Clark	“
D___ Marshall	Sam Jackson	“
Capt. Ward	Isaac Jackson	“
[...] Conway	Billy Hobly	“
John Mason	Pleasant Fox	“
John Coats	David Burwell	“
John Coats Jr.	George Jackson	“
Jack West	Jim Lockly	“
Cary West	Jun Hughes	“
Frank West	John Diggs	“
John West	Voss Washington	“
Charles West	John Risby	“
Louis West	George Washington	“
Billy West	Tyler Tompkins	“
[...] Adams	Ben Harris	“
John Baily	John Fleming	“
Tom Bailey	Louis Whiting	“
Jefferson Robbins	Phill Montague	“
Monroe Rowe	Charles Dixon	“
A. Willey	Winchester	“
Marcellus Cochew	Thomas Benford	“
Frank Buck	Ben Stokes	“
Walter Buck	Guy Stokes	“
W. Seawell	George Ransone	“
John Smith	Abraham Hughes	“
Jesse Willet	George Catlett	“
Tom Bradley		
John R. Bray		

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A List of hands appointed by the Court to work on Road No. 34 of which Beverly Sears is the Surveyor, to wit

Pascal D. Rilee		Wm. Haynes Jr.
Chas. W. Hibble		W. Haynes Senr.
Benj. Rilee		Thos. Mathews
Jas. Blake		Henry W. Brooking
Cicero Blake		Miles Brooking
Isaac	<u>Cold.</u>	Wm. Taylor
William Shackelford		Thos. Sears
Ralph	<u>Colored</u>	Gideon S. Fary
Thos. Rilee		George Hibble
Wm. Leall		Wm. J. J. Thrift
Lem Ambrose		Edward Jackman
		<u>Cold.</u>

Patrols

A law enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia allowed the counties to establish patrols to monitor and constrain the people of color. In 1839, the law was amended to permit the patrols to enter any building where it was thought that people of color were assembled

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illegally.³ In 1863, the duty of the patrols was expanded to include locating and capturing Confederate deserters.⁴

The verbiage used in the minutes of King and Queen County was much more explicit in describing the purpose and actions for the patrols. The following is an entry from the King and Queen County Court Minute Book, 1858 - 1867:

The Court doth appoint Robert C. Henshaw Captain, Wickliffe Boulware, Wm. Shinault, Robert S. Bates, A. W. Munday, William T. Howerton, J. G. Dew, Willie Taliaferro, Camm H. Gatewood, Lee Martin, Richard Mitchell & Wm. Coleman to patrol and visit within the first magisterial district once a week or oftener if they think necessary all negro quarters and other places suspected of having therein unlawful assemblies and such slaves as may stroll from one plantation to another without permission.

p.52 (May 1859)

M. H. Miller, T. B. Taliaferro, S. D. Fuller, Cyrus T. Fletcher, B. S. Hackney, T. B. Frazier, Jno. C. Field, Henry Burges, James Hall and C. A. Pippin are appointed a patrol and M. H. Miller Captain thereof to patrol in the vicinity of the Courthouse. And the said patrol agree to do the same without charge to the County.

p.52 (May 1859)

M. C. Hibble, J. S. Booker, Thos. J. Thrift, B. Sears and Wm. J. J. Thrift are appointed a patrol and Wm. J. J. Thrift the Captain thereof to patrol from New Upton by the road to Woods X Roads and thence to King & Queen line from this [day] until July Court next.

p.114 (March 1860)

Gideon S. Fary, M. C. Hibble, Charles E. C. Booker, Alexander Dutton, Thomas B. Burton, John S. Booker, Robert H. Gwyn and P. H. Fitzhugh are appointed a patrol, and P. H. Fitzhugh captain thereof, to patrol in the upper part of this County from this time until June Court

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It is ordered that R. C. Robins Sr., R. C. Robins Jr., Thos. S. Stubblefield, Levi P. Corr, R. C. Heywood, Wm. H. Davis, A. P. Davis, Wm. F. Leavit, Jno. W. Leavit, Lewis Hall, Sylvester Hall, John M. Stubblefield, John Drisgill, Wm. T. Robins, Wm. D. Griffin, Thos. R. Leigh, Wm. T. Pointer and Wm. R. Heywood be appointed a Patrol and R. C. Robins Sr. the Captain thereof, to patrol in the vicinity of Hickory Fork and to prevent persons from going to and from the estate of White Marsh late the property of John Tabb during the time the small pox exists on said estate White Marsh, and that more than six shall not patrol at one time.

p.190 (November 1860)

Wm. B. Taliaferro, Wm. H. Massenburg, Thos. S. Taliaferro, Tazewell Thompson, R. Hord, Thos. S. Tabb, Jno. Mason, Richd. Muise, Wm. Iverson, John Eells are appointed a Patrol, and Wm. B. Taliaferro the Captain thereof to Patrol in Ware Neck for the space of three months. Said Patrol are not to go more than twice a week in squads of five.

p.190 (November 1860)

Wm. Ap W. Jones, John T. Seawell, James W. Gibbs, Henry P. Taliaferro, John P. Taliaferro, Edwd. A. Pippin, John W. Puller, Saml. D. Puller, John Bridges and James Clayton are appointed a Patrol, and Wm. Ap W. Jones the Captain thereof, to Patrol at the Courthouse and its vicinity

³ **Excerpt from Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia (1839), Chapter, par. x** “*Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That patrols are hereby authorized to force open the doors of free negroes and mulattoes, and of slaves in the absence of their masters or overseers, when access is denied, when in search of fire arms or other weapons, by authority of a warrant from a justice of the peace, issued for that purpose.*”

⁴ **Excerpt from Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia (1864) Chapter 12, par. 5** “*...shall detail from the body of the county a sufficient patrol, under charge of an officer to be appointed by said court, who shall be required diligently to patrol and make search for deserters and other delinquents, and to arrest and dispose of the same as herein before prescribed...*”

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for the space of three months. Said Patrol are not to go more than twice a week in squads of five.

p.190 (November 1860)

Fielding L. Taylor, Jno. W. Backhouse, Wm. T. Seawell, ___ John Teagle, Thos. J. Bray, Edwd. T. Thurston, John F. Hall, [blank] Kidd and Wm. Hackney are appointed a Patrol and F. S. Taylor the Captain thereof, to Patrol in the Guinea district for the space of three months. Said Patrol are not to go more than twice a week in squads of five.

p.190 (November 1860)

Warner P. Roane, Beverly Sears, Thos. J. Thrift, Wm. J. Thrift, Michael Hibble, P. H. Fitzhugh, Gideon Fary, Jno. L. Booker, J. R. Ross and Wm. P. Leigh are appointed a Patrol and Warner P. Roane the Captain thereof, to Patrol in the Dragon ordinary district for the space of three months. Said Patrol are not to go more than twice a week in squads of five.

p.190 (November 1860)

J. C. Baytop, Wm. H. Curry, Jno. M. Pierce, T. W. Banks and Marius A. Sinicol are appointed a Patrol and James C. Baytop Captain thereof, to Patrol in the Belle Roi district for the space of three months. Said Patrols are not to go more than twice a week.

p.190 (November 1860)

Henry A. Howard, Wm. R. Leavit, Ro. H. Stubblefield, Thos. S. Stubblefield and Ro. C. Robins Jr. are appointed a Patrol and Henry A. Howard the Captain thereof to Patrol in the York River district for the space of three months. Said Patrol are not to go more than twice a week.

p.205 (February 1861)

James B. Browne, Robert B. Jones, Franklin Shackelford, Jno. H. Leigh and Geo. A. Roane are appointed a patrol, and James B. Browne the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

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Robert C. Robins, Thos. S. Stubblefield, Wm. T. Pointer, Wm. H. Williams and Simon W. Stubblefield are appointed a patrol and Robert C. Robins the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

p.205 (February 1861)

Thos. S. Taliaferro, Jno. Mason, Wm. H. Massenburg, Richd. Muise and Thos. Burton are appointed a patrol and Thos. S. Taliaferro the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

p.206 (February 1861)

Edward C. Dutton, John Marchant, Elijah Dutton, Thomas Smith and Powhatan L. Palmer are appointed a patrol, and Edward C. Dutton the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

p.206 (February 1861)

Wm. T. Perrin, Richd. Page, Powhatan R. Page, Landon N. Davies and Thomas Graves are appointed a patrol and Wm. T. Perrin the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

p.206 (February 1861)

James M. Nicolson, Edward T. Thurston, Wm. T. Robins, Watt Seawell and Joseph Padgett are appointed a patrol, and James M. Nicolson the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

p.206 (February 1861)

Warner P. Roane, Wm. H. Martin, Claiborne T. Roane, Gideon Gary and Wm. J. Acra are appointed a patrol and Warner P. Roane the captain thereof for the period of three months from this day.

p.339 (December 1865)

John T. Perrin, James Mahone, William Thurston, Fielding Taylor, Franklin Heywood, Cyrus

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Hayes, John Rowe, Wm. F. Thomas, John McLane and Washington Hogg are appointed Patrol and John T. Perrin the Captain thereof to patrol in District No. 1 from this time until February Court next.

p.339 (December 1865)

George A. Roane, Wm. J. Sales, Wm. H. Curry, John H. Seawell, Wm. A. Robins, T. S. Stubblefield, Geo. H. Enos, Wm. Clements, S. D. Pointer, Wyndham Leavit and Jno. H. Leigh are appointed a Patrol and George A. Roane Captain thereof, to patrol in District no. 2 from this time until February Court next.

p.339 (December 1865)

Major Wm. K. Perrin, Richd. A. Byrd, A. W. Robins Jr., Joseph James, Keith Sinclair, Thos. L. Taliaferro, Geo. E. Tabb, John Acra, Wm. B. Catlett, Edwd. A. Pippin and Wm. T. Waddle are appointed a Patrol and Major Wm. K. Perrin Captain thereof to patrol in District No. 4 from this time until February Court next.

p.339 (December 1865)

William P. R. Leigh, William H. Martin, Thomas Lamberth, James Thrift, James Golden, George Glenn, William Fary, George Mason, William Jesse Thrift, George Hibble and Harry Bland are appointed a Patrol and William P. R. Leigh the Captain thereof, to Patrol in District No. 3 from this time until February Court next.

Civil litigation, probates, etc.

According to the early laws of Virginia, Negroes (both enslaved and free) that were found guilty of misdemeanors and felonies were subjected to punishments that were more severe than punishments imposed on free white citizens guilty of the same crimes. These laws were in effect until February 27, 1866⁵ when they were repealed.

It appeared that cases involving free persons of color had historical significance, but very little, if any, genealogical information. The entries involving slaves usually included the names of their owners, making them useful for African American researchers. Following the Civil War, black citizens often sought relief from the court in matters concerning their former owners. While the minutes might not identify the litigants specifically as former slave and former owner, it was a possibility worthy of further investigation.

Free persons of color involved in civil litigation, probates, etc.

p.194 (January 1861)

Franklin Shackelford who sues for the benefit and at the cost of Richard A. Barron [Plff]

Against

James Morriss [Deft]

{In debt}

Office Judgment confirmed at November term last for one hundred and ten dollars with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the 1st day of January 1860 till paid and the costs.)

W. Tax 1.00

S. Fee 2.50

Shff .50

Clerk 4.00

\$8.00

⁵ **Excerpt from Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia (1864) Chapter 17, par. 2** *All laws in respect to crimes and punishments, and in respect to criminal proceedings, applicable to white persons, shall apply in like manner to colored persons and to Indians, unless when it is otherwise specially provided.*

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Black citizens involved in civil litigation, probates, etc.

p.497 (January 1867)

Augustine S. Hughes having obtained from Wm. H. Shield a Justice of the Peace for this County an attachment against the estate of Robert Taylor (colored) for Rent for the Sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars due on the 1st day of January 1867 and the Constable having made return that he had levied the said attachment on one yoke of oxen, one cow & calf, one yearling, eight hogs, seven and a half barrels corn, about 1000 weight Blade fodder & 10 feet top fodder. This day came the plaintiff by C. W. Montague his attorney and the defendant not appearing, it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against the said defendant the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars with interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1867 and the costs. And it is ordered that the said constable make sale of the property so attached at public auction after ten days notice for cash, and out of the proceeds of sale after paying the expenses thereof pay to the said plaintiff the amount of his debt with interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1867 till paid and the costs.

p.500 (January 1867)

Richard A. Barron having obtained from A. W. Robins a Justice of the Peace for this County an attachment against the estate of James Henry Bluford, William Thomas Bluford & John Wesley Bluford for Rent for the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars due on the first day of January 1867 and the constable having made return that he had levied the said attachment on one Spring Wagon, one heifer, three Shoats, one Sow and Seven pigs a lot of corn supposed to be two Barrels and a half (not shucked) and one Boar and two sails. This day came the plaintiff by M. B. Seawell his attorney and the defendants not appearing it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against the said defendants the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars with interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1867 till paid and the costs. And it is ordered that the said constable make sale of the property so attached at public auction after ten days notice for cash, and out of the proceeds of sale after paying the expenses thereof pay to the said plaintiff the amount of his debt with interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1867 till paid and the costs.

p.525 (March 1867)

Thomas Davenport [Plff]

Against

John Morriss [Deft]

{In case}

Office judgment set aside payment and issue and Jury sworn to try the same to wit, Jno. H. Leigh, Jno. M. Pearce, Jno. H. Tabb, Jno. P. Tabb, Wm. H. Martin, Wm. J. J. Thrift, Jas. R. Clayton, Jas. Leigh, H. A. Purcell, B. S. Hackney, J. H. Acra and Rowland Fletcher who being elected tried and Sworn the truth to Speak upon the issue joined retired to their room to consult of their verdict and returned a verdict in the words and figures following to wit "We the Jury find for the plaintiff fifty five dollars in damages" J. Prosser Tabb. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against the said defendant the said sum of fifty five dollars his damages assessed as aforesaid with interest thereon from the 7th day of March 1867 at the rate of six per centum per annum till paid, Also his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended. And the said defendant in mercy &c.

p.529 (April 1867)

On motion of James Carter who made oath and together with Gabriel Carter and James Carter, Jr. colored persons his securities (who made oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of Six hundred dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs. Which bond is O.R. A certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration in due form of law on the estate of Robert Carter decd. (a colored person). And on motion of the said administrator it is ordered that John W. Leavit, William F. Leavit and George W. Camp being first duly sworn appraise the estate of said decedent in current money to the best of their judgment and make report &c.

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p.550 (June 1867)

An account of the Sales of the Estate of Robert Carter decd. was returned &OR.

Criminal cases

Illegal sales to slaves or free persons of color

p.56 (June 1859)

Present Jeff. W. Stubbs, Thos. C. Robins, John H. P. Seawell, Benj. Rowe, Ralph Rowe, Joel Hayes, Caleb Leigh and P. H. Fitzhugh. The Justices having been duly summoned and a majority thereof being present on motion of Edward H. Rowe and James W. Rowe merchants who wish to include in their license permission to sell by retail wine, ardent spirits and a mixture thereof at their storehouse in Guinea, the Court certifies that they are persons of good character and that the Court sees no objection to such permission being granted. And thereupon the said Edward H. Rowe entered into a bond with William Smith his security in the penalty of five hundred dollars payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia and conditioned faithfully to observe the laws in relation to dealing with slaves or free negroes or selling ardent spirits wine or any mixture thereof or any other intoxication liquor to slaves as contained in Chapter one hundred and four of the Code of Virginia and also took an oath in open Court faithfully to observe the said laws which bond is O.R.

p.57 (June 1859)

On motion of Joseph H. Shackelford merchant who wishes [to] include in his license permission to sell by retail wine, ardent spirits and a mixture thereof at his storehouse in Guinea, the Court certifies that he is a person of good character, and that the Court sees no objection to such permission being granted. And thereupon the said Joseph H. Shackelford entered into a bond with William Hobday his security in the penalty of five hundred dollars payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia and conditioned faithfully to observe the laws in relation to dealing with Slaves or free negroes or selling ardent Spirits wine or any mixture thereof or any other intoxicating liquor to slaves as contained in chapter one hundred and four of the Code of Virginia and also took an oath in open Court faithfully to observe the said laws which bond is O.R.

p.57 (June 1859)

On motion of George W. Billups who produced in Court the Sheriff's receipt for thirty three dollars and thirty three cents the tax imposed by law, and the Court being of opinion that he is sober and of good character and will probably keep a house orderly useful and such as the law requires a license is granted him to keep a house of entertainment at Gloucester Town until the first day of April Court next, And thereupon the said George W. Billups with Benjamin Rowe his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two hundred dollars payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia and conditioned faithfully to observe the laws regulating houses of entertainment and all laws in relation to dealing with slaves or free negroes and selling ardent spirits wine or any mixture thereof or any other intoxicating liquor to slaves as conditioned in Chapter 104 of the Code of Virginia And Also took an oath in open Court faithfully to observe the said laws which bond is O.R.

p.255 (November 1861)

Sanders N. Davis foreman, Thomas Marchant, Edward C. Dutton, Lorenzo D. Dutton, James H. Acra, Philip F. Mason, Jno. S. Rowe, Zack Dews, Alexander Diggs, Christopher Williams, Jesse Willet, Richard H. Walker, Wm. J. J. Thrift, Henry M. Moore, Warner T. Cooke, A. C. Lamberth, William D. Pointer and William Vaughan were empanelled and sworn a Grand [Jury] of inquest for the body of this County who having received their charge from the Commonwealth attorney retired to their room and after some time returned into Court and brought in the following presentment to wit "A presentment against Edward H. Rowe merchant for on the 15th day Of July 1861 in the County aforesaid & within the jurisdiction of this Court, unlawfully selling to a certain negro boy slave the property of William F. Lewellen one pair of

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shoes and certain other articles of dry goods without the consent of the master of the said slave." And having nothing further to present were discharged. And it is ordered that the said Edward H. Rowe be summoned to appear here at the next term to shew cause if any he can, why and information should not be filed against him upon the presentment aforesaid.

Slaves involved in criminal cases

- p.35 (March 1859) John a slave the property of William J. J. Thrift of Gloucester County who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this "That he did on the 27th day of February at the County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of this Court, in and upon one man by the name of Thomas a slave the property of Thos. B. Montague with malice aforethought an assault did make and him the said negro slave Thomas then and there wilfully [*sic*] and with malice aforethought did kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the Com'wlth of Virginia" was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and Joseph Christian being assigned by the Court his counsel. And the said slave John being thereupon arraigned pleaded not guilty and the Court having heard the evidence are unanimously of opinion that the said slave John is not guilty of the offence of which he stands charged, therefore it is ordered that he be acquitted and discharged out of custody.
- p.84 (November 1859)
John Tabb owner of a slave named William [Applt]
Against
Commonwealth [Apple]
{Upon an appeal from a judgment of a Justice rendered on the 8th day of October 1859 whereby the said slave was ordered fifteen stripes.}
This day came as well the appellant by M. B. Seawell his attorney as the Commonwealth by John T. Seawell prosecuting. And the Court having maturely considered the transcript of the record of the judgment aforesaid, and having heard all the evidence addressed and the arguments of counsel as well for the appellant as for the appellee is of opinion that there is no error in the judgment aforesaid. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the same be affirmed. And the Sheriff is ordered to execute the judgment of the Justice accordingly.
- p.100 (January 1860)
Present Jeff. W. Stubbs, A. W. Robins, Thos. C. Robins, W. P. Roane and P. H. Fitzhugh. Ned a slave the property of Mrs. Mary S. Stevens of Gloucester County, who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that he did on the 25th day of December 1859 at the dwelling house of the said Mary S. Stevens in the County aforesaid strike and give Tom a slave and the property of the said Mary S. Stevens one mortal wound on the head with a common weeding hoe of which said mortal wound the said slave Tom died on this the 28th day of December 1859 and so the said slave Ned stands charged with the murder of the said slave Tom was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and M. B. Seawell being assigned by the Court his counsel and the said slave Ned being thereupon arraigned pleaded not guilty, and the Court having heard the evidence are unanimously of opinion that said slave Ned is not guilty of the offense wherewith he stands charged, but that he is guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and it is considered that for the same he receive thirty nine lashes on his bare back, well laid on at the public whipping post, and it is ordered that the Sheriff do Execution thereof.
- p.236 (May 1861)
Peter a slave the property of Richard R. Hord of Gloucester County who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the said County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of this Court, in this that on the last of October or first of November 1860 in said County did feloniously and maliciously burn a stable with a considerable quantity of oats and fodder therein situated in said County, and which was then of the value of five hundred dollars being the property of the said Richd. R. Hord was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County Charles W. Montague Esq. being assigned by the Court his counsel and the said

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slave Peter being arraigned pleaded not guilty, and the Court having heard the evidence are unanimously of the opinion that the said slave Peter is guilty of the offence wherewith he stands charged. Therefore it is considered by the Court that for the same the said slave Peter be sold and transported beyond the limits of the United States. And the said slave is remanded to Jail. And the Court proceeding to value the said slave Peter as the law directs, each of the Justices present in Court affixed to him such value as in his opinion, the said slave would bring if sold publicly, under a knowledge of the circumstances of his guilt, whereupon Jeff. W. Stubbs valued the said slave at \$1000, S. B. Chapman at \$800, A. W. Robins \$900. P. H. Fitzhugh at \$1000 and Jno. H. R. Seawell at \$1000 from which the legal value of the said slave is ascertained to be nine hundred and forty dollars.

p.264 (March 1862)

For reasons appearing to the Court it is ordered that Sam a slave the property of Wm. B. Taliaferro who is confined in Jail on suspicion of being a Runaway be discharged therefrom, and that the prison fees and other lawful charges be charged upon the County.

Free persons of color involved in criminal cases

p.33 (March 1859)

Thomas Hughes foreman, Joseph Clayton, Thomas B. Rowe, Wm. S. Bland, Henry Roane, Marino A. Simcoe, Seth Pointer, Robert Newcomb, Thaddeus L. Moore, John C. Newcomb, Wm. F. Leavitt, Thomas Teagle, Wm. H. White, Wm. Y. Massey, Joseph Medicott and Geo. Walker who were impannelled [*sic*] and sworn a grand jury of inquest for the body of this County, who having received their charge from the Commonwealth attorney retired to their room to consult of their verdict and after some time returned into Court and brought in the following presentments to wit "A presentment against Henry Ambrose for on the 1st day of Sept. 1858 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court in and upon one Sterling Hogg an assault did make and him the said Sterling Hogg then and there did bet wound and ill treat against the peace and dignity of the State of Virginia. And a presentment against George Jones a free man of colour emancipated by Mrs. Lucy Field of this County has unlawfully returned to this State after having left it after his said emancipation and unlawfully remains within the said County of Gloucester, to wit on the 1st day of March 1859 against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia and against the statutes in that case made and provided. And having nothing farther [*sic*] to present were discharged. And it is ordered that the said Henry Ambrose and Geo. Jones be summoned to appear here at the next term to shew [*sic*] cause if any they can why information should not be filed against them upon the presentments aforesaid.

p.163 (September 1860)

James Lockley a free man of color who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of the Court in this that he did on the 18th day of August 1860 in the said County ~~did~~ assault and strike Thomas Bluefoot a free negro with an axe with an intent to kill him the said Thomas Bluefoot was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and being arraigned pleaded not guilty; and the court having heard the evidence are unanimously of [the] opinion that the said James Lockley is guilty of unlawfully but not maliciously of the offence of which he stands charged. And it is considered that for the same he be imprisoned in the jail of this County for the span of three months from this day and fined five dollars. And further that he remain in the said jail until the fine aforesaid be paid. And thereupon he is remanded to Jail.

p.170 (November 1860)

John P. Tabb foreman, Thos. Cooke, Warner T. Cooke, Saml. F. Roane, William D. Pointer, Jno. T. Gwyn, Francis G. Bridges, Henry Roane, Cyrus C. Pointer, Thaddeus L. Moore, Thomas Minor, Richard M. Bridges, Jno. M. Pierce, Jno. P. Taliaferro, Simon W. Stubblefield, Jno. W. Fox, Robert C. Selden, Wm. H. White, Jno. S. Rowe, Wm. B. Heywood, Wm. F. Leavit, Wm. Smith, Edward T. Thurston and Tazewell Thomson were impannelled and sworn a Grand Jury of inquest for the body of this County who having received their charge from the Commonwealth's attorney

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retired to their room and after sometime returned into Court and brought in the following presentments to wit A presentment against Jacob Dillard for on the 10th day of April 1860 for making and [sic] assault and Battery upon James Streigle. A presentment against Kemp Dillard for the same offence. A presentment against Washington Cox and Robert Dungy a free negro for on the 7th day of August 1860 & within the jurisdiction of this Court unlawfully running [sic] a horse race upon the public road against our peace and dignity. And a presentment against John Reese and Charles Reese watermen for on the 5th day of November 1860 and within the jurisdiction of this Court unlawfully preventing James Miller from taking oysters from their natural beds in the waters of Ware River &c against our peace and dignity. And having nothing further to present were discharged. And it is ordered that the said persons presented be summoned to appear here at the next term to shew [sic] cause if any they can why informations [sic] should not be filed upon the said presentments.

p.239 (June 1861)

John Wm. Lemon a free man of color, who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester, and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that he did on the 18th day of April 1861, feloniously take steal and carry away from the store of Thomas J. Hughes, three cassimere coats, two pair cassimere pants, three pair shoes, lot of sewing silk, calico & being of the value of fifty dollars, was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and being arraigned pleaded not guilty, and the Court having heard the evidence, are unanimously of opinion that the said John Wm. Lemon is guilty of the offence wherewith he stands charged. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said John Wm. Lemon be imprisoned in the public jail and penitentiary house of this state for the term of one year, therein to be kept and treated as the law directs. And it is ordered that the Sheriff of this County shall as soon as may be convenient after the adjournment of this Court, remove and securely convey the said John Wm. Lemon from the Jail of this County, to the said public Jail and penitentiary house and there deliver him to the superintendent thereof. And the said John Wm. Lemon is remanded to jail. It appearing to the Court upon the trial of this cause, that there were circumstances in ~~the~~ extenuation of the guilt of the prisoner, the Court doth recommend to the mercy of the Executive of this Commonwealth.

p.239 (June 1861)

Charles Foreman a free man of color, who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that he did on the 18th day of April 1861 feloniously take and carry away from the store of Thomas J. Hughes three cassimere coats, two pair pants, three pair shoes, lot of sewing silk, calico &c being of the value of Fifty dollars, was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County, and being arraigned pleaded not guilty. And the Court having heard the evidence are unanimously of opinion that the said Charles Foreman is guilty of the offence wherewith he stands charged. Therefore it is considered by the Court, that the said Charles Foreman be imprisoned in the public jail and penitentiary house of this State for the term of five years, therein to be kept and treated as the law directs. And it is ordered that the Sheriff of this County shall as soon as may be convenient after the adjournment of this Court remove and securely convey the said Charles Foreman from the jail of this County, to the said public Jail and penitentiary house and there deliver him to the superintendent thereof. And the said Charles Foreman is remanded to Jail.

p.260 (December 1861)

James Casey a free man of color, who stands charged with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester, and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that he did on the 22nd day of Sept. 1861 in the said County steal take and carry away one canoe the property of James Norton of the value of thirty five dollars, was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and being arraigned pleaded not guilty, and Jno. W. C. Catlett appearing for the defence, and the Court having heard the evidence are of opinion that the said James Casey is not guilty of grand larceny but that he is guilty of petit [sic] larceny. Therefore it is considered by the Court that for the same the said James Casey be imprisoned in the Jail of

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this County for the space of thirty days, that he receive thirty nine lashes on his bare back at the public whipping post well laid on at present and thirty nine lashes more in like manner when his term of imprisonment expires, and the Sheriff is directed to do execution thereof. And thereupon his is remanded to Jail.

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p.323 (November 1865)

The grand Jury sworn yesterday appeared in Court according to their adjournment and retired to their room to consult of their verdict and after sometime returned into Court and brought in the following presentments to wit, An indictment against James Green for this, to wit, "that James Green of the said County on the [...] day of [...] 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court certain planted oysters, the property of Joel Hayes and the estate of Thos. Hughes decd. then and there being found, unlawfully did take otherwise that from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against Nat Tomblinson for this to wit "that Nat Tomblinson of the said County on the [...] day of [...] 1865 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court certain planted oysters the property of Joel Hayes & the estate of Thos. Hughes decd. then and there being found, unlawfully did take, otherwise than from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against William Turner for this to wit "that William Turner of the County aforesaid on the [...] day of [...] 1863, at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court certain planted oysters the property of Joel Hayes and the estate of Thos. Hughes decd. then and there being found, unlawfully did take, otherwise than from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against John Cully for on the [...] day of [...] 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, a certain planted oysters, the property of Joel Hayes & the estate of Thomas Hughes decd. then and there being found, unlawfully taking, otherwise than from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against Edward Belvin for on the [...] day of [...] 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court certain planted oysters the property of Joel Hayes & the estate of Thos. Hughes deceased then and there being found, unlawfully taking otherwise that from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against Lewis Hall, for on the [...] day of February 1865 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, one horse the property of one Joel Hayes of the value of 100 dollars, unlawfully taking and carrying away against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against Washington Oliver "for on the 21st day of October 1865 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court one certain dwelling house not his own property of one John W. C. Catlett and then and there being on the land of the said John W. C. Catlett, unlawfully pulling down and destroy, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against George Shackelford for on the [...] day of [...] 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court certain planted oysters the property of Joel Hayes & the estate of Thos. Hughes decd. then and there being found unlawfully taking, otherwise than from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia "A true Bill" An Indictment against Richard Wallace for on the [...] day of [...] 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Jas. P. Wallace for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against John Turlington for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Daniel C. Pointer for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Joseph Lynes for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against William Crowswell for on the [...] day of February 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, certain planted oysters the property of William B. Heywood then and there being found unlawfully

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taking otherwise than from their natural beds or shoals in the channel of a river or creek, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia “A true Bill” An Indictment against John Lemon for on the [...] day of April 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court one pair of ____umbril wheels of the value of fifteen dollars the property of William K. Perrin then and there being found, feloniously stealing, taking and carrying away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia “A true Bill” An Indictment of against William Williams for on the[...] day of [...] 1863 at the County aforesaid and with the jurisdiction of this Court, one ox the property of Sophronia R. Stevens then and there being found, unlawfully shooting at injure and kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia “A true Bill” An Indictment against Francis Leavitof the said County for “on the first day of January 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, certain lumber the property of Robert B. Taliaferro the value of twenty dollars then and there being found unlawfully taking and carrying away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Va. “A true Bill” An Indictment against Emily Lemon a negress for on the 1st day of March 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, certain lumber of the value of ten dollars the property of Robert B. Taliaferro then and there being found, which lumber was part of a house, the property of the said Robert B. Taliaferro unlawfully taking and carrying away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia “A true Bill” An Indictment against Lewis Hall for “on the first day of March 1865 at the County aforesaid & within the jurisdiction of this County, Sixteen yards of cotton cloth of the value of sixteen dollars and one gun called a carbine of the value of ten dollars, the property of Robert Wilkins unlawfully taking and carrying away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia “A true Bill” An Indictment against William Jamison a negro for “on the first day of March 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, certain lumber the property of Robert B. Taliaferro part of a house, the property of said Robert B. Taliaferro of the value of ten dollars unlawfully taking and carrying away against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia “A true Bill” A presentment against Lewis Hall for “on the 15th day of April 1865 in the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court a certain house called a stable, the property of one Caroline Bridges not adjoining to or occupied with a dwelling house there situate, in the night time of that day, feloniously breaking and entering with intent the goods and chattels in the said Stable then and there being feloniously to steal take and carry away, and one brown mare, the property of Thomas R. Leigh of the value of 200 dollars in the said stable, then and there being found, feloniously stealing taking and carrying away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. A presentment against Lewis Carter, Jackson Burwell and Jesse Carter for this, “that Lewis Carter, Jackson Burwell and Jesse Carter on the 9th day of January 1865, the dwelling house of one Thomas Minor there situate, feloniously and burglariously [*sic*] did break and enter with intent the goods and chattels of him the said Thomas Minor in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal take and carry away, and six beds and the Bed clothing belonging thereto of the value of one hundred dollars, 4 coats of the value of 40 dollars, 1 cloak of the value of ten dollars 2 overcoats of the value of 20 dollars, 1 Gold breast pin of the value of ten dollars, 2 guns of the value of 30 dollars 5 gallons of Apple Brandy of the value of 20 dollars and about 2000 pounds of Bacon of the value of 500 dollars of the goods and chattels of the said Thomas Minor in the said dwelling house then and there being found feloniously and burglariously did steal take and carry away. And they, the said Lewis Carter Jackson Burwell and Jesse Carter, in the commission of the said felony, did maliciously and feloniously with a gun loaded and gunpowder and a leaden bullet shoot the said Thomas Minor with intent, him, the said Thomas Minor than and there to kill, and with sticks and fists did beat and would the said Thomas Minor, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. A presentment against Benjamin Woodland, Lewis Hall and Palestine Hall of the said County for on the first day of March 1865 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, maliciously and feloniously attempting to kill one Thomas C. Baytop and in such attempt they the said Benjamin Woodland, Lewis Hall and Palestine Hall then and there with divers [*sic*] guns loaded with gun powder and balls did

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feloniously and of their malice aforethought shoot at the said Thomas C. Baytop with intent him the said Thomas C. Baytop to kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. "A presentment against Henry W. Brooking for "on the 10th day of April 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of the Court, one sorrel mare of the value of 100 dollars of the goods and chattels of one George W. Billups, then and there being found, feloniously stealing, taking and carrying away against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. "A presentment against Alfred G. Huckstep for on the [...] day of [...] 1864 one sorrel mare of the value of 100 dollars of the goods and chattels of one George W. Billups then lately before feloniously stolen taken and carried away, feloniously buying and receiving, he the said Alfred G. Huckstep, then and there well knowing the said goods and chattels to have been feloniously stolen taken and carried away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. "A presentment against Lewis Hall of the said County for "on the [...] day of [...] 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, maliciously and feloniously attempting to kill one Theophilus Richardson, and in such attempt, he the said Lewis Hall then and there with a certain gun loaded with gunpowder and ball did feloniously and of his malice aforethought shoot at the said Theophilus Richardson, with intent him the said Theophilus Richardson to kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. A presentment against Lewis Hall, Palestine Hall and Benjamin Woodland for "on the first day of April 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court a certain barn, with a quantity of fodder therein contained of the value of 300 dollars, the property of Edward A. Leavit feloniously and maliciously burning, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. A presentment against Powhatan L. Palmer of the said County for "on the 15th day of Dec. 1863 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, one hog of the value of 25 dollars the property of William Massey then and there being found, feloniously stealing taking and carrying away 'against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. And a presentment against William Brooks a coloured man for on the 5th day of February 1864 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court, a certain house called a stable the property of A. F. Scott there situate, not adjoining to or occupied with a dwelling house in the night time of the said 5th day of February 1864 feloniously breaking and entering with intent a sorrel mare in the said stable then and there being feloniously to steal take and carry away and one sorrel mare, of the value of 100 dollars in the said stable then and there being found, the property of the said A. F. Scott, feloniously did steal take and carry away against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. And it is ordered that the said James Green Daniel C. Pointer, Jas. P. Wallace, Wm. Crowell, Wm. Williams, John Turlington, Richard Wallace, George Shackelford, Joseph Lynes, Nat Tomblinson, Edward Belvin, John Cully, Wm. Turner, Washington Oliver, John Lemon, Lewis Hall, Emily Lemon, Francis Leavit and Wm. Jamison be summoned to appear here at the next term to answer the said Indictments according to law.

p.336 (November 1865)

The Court this day issued Bench warrants against Lewis Carter, Jackson Burwell, and Jesse Carter, Benjamin Woodland, Lewis Hall and Palestine Hall, Henry W. Brooking, Alfred G. Huckstep, Lewis Hall, Palestine Hall and Benjamin Woodland ___ against Lewis Hall against Powhatan L. Palmer and Wm. Brooks a colored man presented by the grand Jury at this term directed to the Sheriff or any constable of this County commanding him to apprehend the said Lewis Carter, Jackson Burwell, Jesse Carter, Benjamin Woodland, Lewis Hall, Palestine Hall, Henry W. Brooking, Alfred G. Huckstep, Powhatan L. Palmer and Wm. Brooks and carry them before some Justice of the Peace to be dealt with according to law.

p.345 (December 1865)

Ordered that the clerk furnish to the agent of the Freedmen's Bureau now stationed in this County a certified copy of the warrant and other proceedings in the case now depending against Andrew Wormley, Augustine Whiting & James Whiting Colored persons, now confined in Jail upon a criminal charge.

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- p.356 (February 1866)
An account against the Commonwealth due Thos. Wise & J. P. Ash as guard of prisoners Andrew Wormley, Augustine Wormley and Jas. Whiting amounting to six dollars was produced in Court, sworn to by B. F. Heywood Constable examined allowed and ordered to be certified to the auditor of public accounts for payment.
- p.356 (February 1866)
An Account against the Commonwealth due John Dobson amounting to one dollar & sixty cents for guarding prisoners Andrew Wormley, Augustine Wormley and Jas. Whiting was produced in Court sworn to by B. F. Heywood Constable of this County examined allowed and ordered to be certified to the auditor of public accounts for payment.
- p.377 (May 1866)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
John Lemon [Deft]
 {Upon a presentment of the Grand Jury}
Capias awarded in this case returnable forthwith.
- p.377 (May 1866)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
Emily Lemon [Deft]
 {Upon a presentment of the Grand Jury}
Capias awarded in this case returnable tomorrow.
- p.382 (May 1866)
The following named prisoners being now confined in the Jail of this County upon a charge of Larceny to wit: George Carter, Fields Wiatt, Thos. Purdy, Philip Smith, Mathew Carter and Cary Ransone and the Jail being insufficient for their safe keeping, the Court doth adopt the Jail of the City of Richmond until the Jail of this County can be repaired. And the Sheriff of this County is ordered to convey the said prisoners forthwith to the said Jail of the City of Richmond and deliver them to the Jailor thereof there to be kept until discharged by due course of law and the Sheriff is authorized to summon a sufficient guard to guard the said prisoners in their removal to the said Jail in Richmond. It is ordered that the Jailor of this County summon a guard of five men to guard the prisoners now in Jail until they are removed therefrom or discharged by due course of law.
- p.383 (May 1866)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
Emily Lemon [Deft]
 {upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
This day came as well the attorney prosecuting for the Commonwealth as the defendant by W. P. Kemp her attorney, and the said deft. by her said attorney moved the Court to quash the Indictment in this case, which motion being argued was sustained.
- p.384 (May 1866)
The Commonwealth [plff]
 against
John Lemon [deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue. Jury sworn to try the same, to wit, John M. Pierce, Geo. W. Adams F. Shackelford, James F. Barron, R. C. Trevellian, R. B. Stevens, L. N. Davies, J. W. Backhouse, Joseph Medlicott, R. A. Stubblefield, Jno. W. Leavit and Jno. W. Minor Sr. who being elected tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oath do say that the defendant is guilty in manner and form as in the Indictment, against him, is alleged and it is

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considered by the Court that for the same the said defendant be imprisoned in the Jail of this County for the Space of ten days and that he also pay the Costs of this prosecution.

p.396 (June 1866)

Present Jeff. W. Stubbs, Wm. R. Stubbs, Mathew Glenn, Benjamin Rowe and Thos. C. Robins absent A. W. Robins, Henry Tabb a colored man who stands charged with a felony by him committed in this County for this to wit "that he did on the 12th day of May 1866 in the said County, divers, to wit one note of the ~~value~~ lawful currency of the United States, for the payment of Twenty dollars and of the value of twenty dollars, and Several other notes of the lawful currency of the United States of the value of thirty, in the whole amounting to the sum of fifty dollars and of the value of fifty dollars, these being thenotes and property of the said William W. Thompson, feloniously did steal take and carry away, was this day brought before the Court in Custody of the Sheriff of this County for his examination under the charge aforesaid, Perrin Kemp appearing as counsel for him in his defence [*sic*], whereupon the following witnesses to wit, William Thompson, Mrs. Ann Auld and Peter Hogg were sworn and examined whose testimony together with the argument of counsel for the Commonwealth and the Prisoner being heard and considered, ~~And~~ it appears to the Court that a felony has been committed and that there is probable cause to charge the accused therewith, ~~it is ordered~~ and that the said Harry Tabb ought to be tried for the said offence before the Circuit Court of this County. And on motion of the said Harry Tabb by his attorney he is permitted to give bail for his appearance before the Judge of the Circuit Court of this County on the first day of the next Term. And thereupon the said Harry Tabb with Wm. Paine, Wm. Mathias Harry Carter, Cain Ellis, Achilles Johnson and Wm. Riley (who verified as to their sufficiency came into Court and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in manner and form as follows, to wit, the said Harry Tabb in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and the said Wm. Paine, Wm. Mathias, Harry Carter, Cain Ellis, Achilles Johnson and Wm. Riley in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels lands and tenements and to the use of the said Commonwealth rendered. But to be void upon condition that the said Harry Tabb shall make his personal appearance before the Judge of the Circuit Court of this County on the first day of the next Term. Then and there to be tried for the said offence and shall not thence depart without the leave of the said Court otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

p.399 (June 1866)

It is ordered that the order made at the last court directing the Sheriff of this County to convey George Carter & others Prisoners confined in the Jail of this County to the Jail of the City of Richmond be amended in this that the said Prisoners be confined in the Jail of the County of Henrico instead of the city Jail of the City of Richmond. The Sheriff having reported that there is not room in the City Jail to receive them.

p.454 (October 1866)

Absent A. W. Robins present Wm. B. Davis. It is ordered that the Sheriff of this County bring before the Court at the next term the bodies of George Carter, Fields Wiatt, Thos. Purdy, Philip Smith, Mathew Carter and Cary Ransone now confined in the Henrico County Jail for safe keeping to answer Indictments to be preferred against them for a certain offence wherewith they stand charged.

p.460 (November 1866)

The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
George Carter, Colored [Deft]
 {upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
This case is continued until the next term.

p.460 (November 1866)

The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against

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- Fields Wiatt Cold. [Deft]
The defendant having departed this life, it is ordered that the same be abated.
- p.461 (November 1866)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
Thos. Purdy Colored [Deft]
The defendant having departed this life, it is ordered that the same be abated.
- p.461 (November 1866)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
Philip Smith Colored [Deft]
The defendant having departed this life, it is ordered that the same be abated.}
- p.461 (November 1866)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
Matthew Carter Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
This case is continued until the next term.
- p.461 (November 1866) The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
Cary Ransone Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
This case is continued until the next term.
- p.461 (November 1866)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
Saml. Roy [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue and Jury sworn to try the same, to wit, Thos. I. Bray, C. E. Booker, Jno. H. Rowe, S. P. Enos, P. F. Roane, Jas. Padgett, Wm. F. Aherron, Jonathan R. Ross, R. C. Byrd, Wm. H. Williams, Claiborne T. Roane and Henry Roane who returned a verdict for the Commonwealth of one dollar fine and judgment according thereto with costs. And it is further considered by the Court that the said defendant be confined in the County Jail for the space of one day.
- p.461 (November 1866)
Absent Wm. Ap W. Jones, present A. W. Robins, J. Prosser Tabb foreman, Wm. H. Rowe, Wade E. Stubblefield, Richd. O. Allard, Thad. L. Moore, Augustine S. Hughes, Henry Roane, Ed T. Thurston, Wm. D. Pointer, John F. Coleman, James F. Barron, George W. Adams, Elijah Walker, John P. Taliaferro, Ed. C. Dutton, Franklin Shackelford, Joseph H. Padgett and Henry M. Moore were impannelled and sworn a Grand Jury of inquest for the body of the County who having received their charge from the Commonwealth's attorney retired to their room to consult of their verdict and after sometime returned into Court and brought in the following presentments, to wit, "An Indictment against Mathew Carter colored for Larceny "A true Bill" An Indictment against Cary Ransone col'd. "A true Bill" An Indictment against Geo. Carter colored for Larceny "A true Bill" An Indictment against Saml. Roy colored for Larceny. "A true Bill" An Indictment against Frank Reed a colored person for Larceny "A true Bill" An Indictment against Henry Jones a colored person for unlawfully injuring a certain ox the property of John Morris "A true Bill" An Indictment against Thomas Thornton a colored man for on the 3rd day of November 1866 unlawfully taking oysters for Sale in the waters of North River "A true Bill" And an Indictment against Thos. Jefferson colored for the same offence "A true Bill" And having nothing further to present were discharged. And it is ordered that a *capeas* be issued against the said Thomas Thornton and Thos. Jefferson returnable forthwith.

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- p.462 (November 1866)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
Frank Reed Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue and Jury sworn to try the same, to wit, Thos. R. Leigh, E. A. Pippen, F. Shackelford, W. J. Acra, R. H. Stubblefield, John F. Hall, Jno. A. Teagle, A. S. Trevillian, Jno. R. Duval, C. M. Fletcher, E. T. Thurston and R. B. Taliaferro, who returned a verdict for the Commonwealth of five dollars fine and judgment according thereto with costs. And it is further considered by the Court that the said Frank Reed be confined in the Jail of this County for the space of ten days.
- p.462 (November 1866)
Martha Braxton a colored woman this day appeared in Court in discharge of her recognizance entered into before a Justice of the peace for this County to answer the Commonwealth of a certain offence wherewith she stands charged, and the Court being of opinion that the charge against the said Martha Braxton is a breach of the peace, it is ordered that the case be transferred to a Justice to be further proceeded with.
- p.463 (November 1866)
John Henry Pollard a colored man this day appeared in Court in discharge of his recognizance entered into before a Justice of the peace for this County for his appearance here at this Court to answer the Complaint of William a Colored boy, for a breach of the peace and good behaviour and being heard by Jno. T. Seawell his attorney, it is ordered that he be bound to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for the space of twelve months in the penalty of twenty five dollars with Security. And thereupon the said Jno. Henry Pollard with Henry Pollard and Franklin Shackelford his Security came into Court and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the manner and form following that is to say the said Jno. Henry Pollard in the sum of twenty five dollars and the said Henry Pollard and
- p.464 (November 1866)
Franklin Shackelford in the like sum of twenty five dollars to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattells lands and tenements, and to the use of the said Commonwealth rendered. But to be void upon condition that the said John Henry Pollard shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour towards all the citizens of the said Commonwealth for the space of twelve months, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.
- p.464 (November 1866)
Absent Jeff. W. Stubbs and A. W. Robins present Wm. Ap W. Jones and Benjamin Rowe
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
Henry Jones Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty & issue and jury sworn to try the same to wit R. G. Selden, Jno. R. Duval, J. P. Enos, Wm. H. Williams, Wm. F. Aherron, Jno. H. Rowe, Ed. H. Rowe Sr, R. W. Stubblefield, Jno. F. Hall, Jos. Padgett, Ed. T. Thurston and Jno. A. Teagle who returned a verdict for the Commonwealth of one dollar fine and Judgment according thereto with costs.
- p.473 (November 1866)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
Thomas Jefferson Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue and Jury sworn to try the Same to wit Jno. F. Hall, S. P. Enos, J. R. Ross, Wm. H. Williams, Jos. Padgett, Thos. I. Bray, S. F. Roane, E. T. Thurston, R. H. Stubblefield, C. T. Roane, Jno. A. Teagle and Jno. R. Duval who returned a verdict for the defendant and Judgment according thereto.

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p.474 (November 1866)

The Commonwealth [Plff]

against

Thomas Thornton Colored [Deft]

{Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}

Not guilty and issue and Jury sworn to try the same to wit C. E. Booker, Wm. J. Acra, A. S. Trevillian, C. M. Fletcher, R. B. Taliaferro, R. C. Selden, F. Shackelford, Wm. F. Aherron, E. A. Pippin, Henry Roane, Thos. R. Leigh and Geo. Walker who returned a verdict of not guilty and judgment according thereto.

p.517 (March 1867)

The Grand Jury sworn on yesterday appeared in Court according to their adjournment, who again retired to their room to consult of their verdict, and after some time returned into Court and brought in the following presentments to wit "An Indictment against Washington Marshall for on the 5th day of December 1866, at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court unlawfully but not feloniously injuring a certain horse, the property of Francis West by shooting the said horse with a shot gun against our peace and dignity "A true Bill" An Indictment against James Boulding a colored man for on the 15th day of February in the year 1867 unlawfully catching oysters for Sale without a license to do so obtained and endorsed as prescribed by law and without having paid the tax imposed by law on every person obtaining such license against our peace and dignity "A true Bill" An Indictment against Ned Reid a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Henry Tabb a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against James Selden a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Charles H. Wiatt a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Samuel Druitt a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Charles Reed a colored man for the same offence "a true Bill" An Indictment against Billy Carter a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment Against James Whiting a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against William Morriss for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against George Burwell a colored man for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against William Taliaferro a colored man for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Peter Moody a colored man for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Simon Stoakes a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against William Harrison a colored man for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Walter Stoakes a colored man for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Frank Pearce a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Carter Booker a colored man for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Thomas Kemp for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against William Smith for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against George Wiatt for the Same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against James Green for the same offence "A true Bill" An Indictment against Billy Yates a colored man for the same offence "A true Bill" And a presentment against Benjamin R. Palmer for on the 15th day of December in the year 1866 at the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court feloniously forging a certain receipt for four dollars purporting to be the receipt of H. Roberson and purporting to be dated the 15th day of December in the year 1866, with intent to defraud and further that the said Benjamin R. Palmer, afterward to wit, on the 15th day of December in the year 1866 at the said County, did feloniously forge a certain other receipt for four dollars and fifty cents, purporting to be the receipt of H. Roberson and purporting to be dated the 15th day of December 1856 with intent to defraud. And having nothing further to present were discharged. And it is ordered that a summons be awarded against the said Washington Marshall to answer the Indictment against him returnable at the next term. And it is further ordered that a *Capeas* be awarded against the said Billy Yates, James Boulding, Frank Pearce, Carter Booker, Walter Stoakes, Simon Stoakes, Wm. Harrison, Peter Moody, James Whiting, Wm. Taliaferro, George Burwell, Wm. Morriss, Billy Carter, Charles Reed, Ned Reed, Henry Tabb, James Selden, Charles H. Wiatt, Saml. Druitt, Colored persons Wm. Smith, George Wiatt, James Green and Thomas Kemp returnable forthwith.

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- p.519 (March 1867)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 against
 George Carter Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
The defendant having escaped the Jail of Henrico County where he had been sent for Safekeeping. A *Capias* is awarded against him returnable at the next term.
- p.519 (March 1867) The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
 Matthew Carter Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
The defendant having escaped the Jail of Henrico County where he had been sent for Safekeeping. A *Capias* is awarded against him returnable at the next term.
- p.519 (March 1867) The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
 Cary Ransone Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury}
The defendant having escaped the Jail of Henrico County where he had been sent for Safekeeping. A *Capias* is awarded against him returnable at the next term.
- p.535 (May 1867) The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 against
 Peter Moody Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an Indictment of the grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue and Jury sworn to try the same to wit, Jas. R. Clayton, Jas. W. Diggs, Jas. Bridges, Thos. B. Montague Jr., Jno. F. Hall, Michael Scanlan, Jas. K. P. Ash, Christopher Williams, Wm. R. Thurston, J. H. Bland, E. J. Stubblefield and Thos. H. Wilkins who returned a verdict for the defendant of not guilty, and judgment according thereto.
- p.537 (May 1867)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 Against
 Carter Booker Colored [Deft]
 (Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury)
Not guilty and issue and Sworn to try the same, to wit Jas. R. Clayton, Jas. W. Diggs, Jas. Bridges, Thos. B. Montague Jr., Jno. F. Hall, ~~Michael Scanlan~~, Jas. L. Philpotts, P. D. Rilee, Albert Stubbs, D. S. White, Wm. H. Rowe, Thos. H. Wilkins and E. J. Stubblefield. And the attorney for the Commonwealth with the assent of the Court says he will not further prosecute on behalf of the Commonwealth against the said defendant upon the presentment aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that he be acquitted and discharged therefrom.
- p.537 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
 William Taliaferro Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue and Jury Sworn to try the Same, to wit Wm. H. Martin, Edwd. C. Dutton, Wm. H. Rowe, P. D. Rilee, E. J. Stubblefield, D. S. White, Jas. Bridges, Jno. F. Hall, Jas. W. Diggs, Thos. H. Wilkins, Jas. L. Philpotts and Albert Stubbs who returned a verdict for the defendant of not guilty and judgment according thereto.
- p.537 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
 Billy Yates Colored
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}

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The attorney prosecuting for the Commonwealth with the assent of the Court says he will not further prosecute on behalf of the Commonwealth against the said defendant upon the presentment aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that he be acquitted and discharged therefrom.

- p.538 (May 1867)
The Commonwealth [Plff]
 Against
George Carter Colored [Deft]
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}
The *capias* awarded in this case at the last term being returned not executed, another *capias* is awarded against him returnable to the next term.
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Matthew Carter Colored [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Cary Ransone Colored [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
James Green [Colored?] [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
George Wiatt [Colored?] [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 vs.
Wm. Smith [Colored?] [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Chas. Read Colored [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Wm. Harrison Colored [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}
- p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Jas. Whiting Colored [Deft]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}

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The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Frank Pearce Colored [Def't]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}

p.538 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [Plff]
 Against
Wm. Morriss Wm. Colored [Def't]
 {Upon Indictment of the Grand Jury}

The *capias* issued in these cases being returned not executed another *capias* is awarded against them returnable to the next term.

p.539 (May 1867)
The Commonwealth [plff]
 against
George Burwell colored [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Samuel Druitt colored [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Chas. H. Wiatt Col'd [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
James Seldin Col'd [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Nat Reed Colored [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Simon Stoakes Col'd [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Walter Stoakes Col'd [deft]
 {Upon indictments of the Grand Jury}

The *capias* issued in these cases being returned not Executed another *capias* is awarded against them returnable at the next term.

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- p.539 (May 1867)
The Commonwealth [plff]
 against
James Boulding Colored [deft]
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}
This case is continued until the next term.
- p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Henry Tabb Colored [deft]
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}
This case is continued until the next term.
- p.539 (May 1867)
The Same [Commonwealth] [plff]
 against
Billy Carter Colored [deft]
 {Upon an indictment of the Grand Jury}
Not guilty and issue Jury sworn to try the same to wit Jno. H. Bland, Jas. R. Clayton, Thos. B. Montague Jr., R. M. Page, W. B. Thurston, Wm. A. Rowe, Michael Scanlon, Henry Bushing, Jas. K. P. Ash, Robt. Selden Jr., Thos. B. Montague Sr. and Geo. Y. Booth who returned a verdict for the defendant of not guilty and judgment according thereto.
- p.591 (October 1867)
Present Wm. K. Davis & Ro. C. Robins. Cyrus Nelson (col'd.) this day appeared in Court in discharge of his recognizance entered into before Wm. Ap W. Jones a Justice of the peace of this County, to answer the Commonwealth of a certain Felony by him committed, and on motion of the said Cyrus Nelson by W. Perrin Kemp his attorney, to be allowed to enter into a new recognizance for his appearance here at November Court next. ~~Whereupon~~ the Court doth allow the said Cyrus Nelson to enter into such recognizance. Whereupon the said Cyrus Nelson with Frank Nelson, John Jones, Thomas Walker and Robert Hall his securities came into Court and severally acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the manner and form following to wit, the said Cyrus Nelson in the Sum of fifty dollars good and lawful money of the United States, and the said Frank Nelson, John Jones, Thomas Walker and Robert Hall in the like Sums of fifty dollars, to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels lands and tenements and to the use of the said Commonwealth rendered. But to be void upon condition that the said Cyrus Nelson shall make his personal appearance before the Justices of the County Court of this County on the first day of November term next and shall not thence depart without the leave of the said Court otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Registration of free persons of color

For free persons of color, there were entries pertaining to their *registrations*. Registration was a process required by the Code of Virginia ⁶ whereby the individual was required to periodically appear in front of the clerk of the court and acknowledge his/her residence in the county and provide additional information about his /her status as a free person. Most of the Gloucester registrations contained only the name of the person; the descriptive information was omitted. Also omitted were the specific circumstances of the person's freedom (Whether born free? When emancipated? et c.)

⁶ **Excerpt from the Code of Virginia (1860), Chapter 107, par. 6;** *Every free negro shall, every five years, be registered and numbered in a book to be kept by the clerk of the court of the county or corporation where such free negro resides; which register shall specify his name, age, color, and stature...*

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- p.6 (November 1858)
It is ordered that Betsy Dixon and Louisa Gregory free persons of color be registered in the Clerk's office of this County.
- p.66 (July 1859)
It is ordered that Lorenzo Driver a free boy of color be registered in the Clerk's office of this County.
- p.80 (October 1859)
It is ordered that John Goldman a free negro be registered in the Clerk's office of this County.
- p.106 (February 1860)
Present Jeff. W. Stubbs absent Jno. S. Hibble. Ordered that James Washington Morriss a free negro be registered in the Clerk's office of this Court.
- p.113 (March 1860)
It is ordered that Emily Lemon a free woman of color be registered in the Clerk's office of this Court.
- p.156 (August 1860)
It is ordered that Robert Taylor, James Sturges, Wm. Blueford, Toddy Blueford, Lorenzo Driver, Emanuel Gregory, Louisa Taylor, Dinah Gregory, Ann Sheppard Casey and Catharine Casey free persons of color be registered in the Clerk's office of this Court.
- p.161 (September 1860)
It is ordered that William Jimmersona free man of color be registered in the Clerk's office of this Court.
- p.192 (December 1860)
It is ordered that Bristow Dennis a free negro be registered in the Clerk's office of this Court.
- p.193 (January 1861)
It is ordered that Henry Callis a free negro be registered in the Clerk's office of this County.
- p.210 (March 1861)
It is ordered that Joseph Wesley Jackson a free man of color be registered in the Clerk's office of this Court.

Indentures

Specific laws existed to establish the conditions under which citizens could be "bound out" or indentured, that is, to become apprentices assigned to master tradesmen to be taught certain skills. One reason for indentures was to free the commonwealth from the responsibility of caring for its indigent children. Most of the rules were identical for all free citizens with this one exception: the law requiring masters to educate their apprentices had a clause preventing the education of persons of color.⁷

Indentures of free persons of color

- p.6 (November 1858)
For reasons appearing to the Court, the order entered at September term binding Parthenia Wallace a free Negro girl to Wm. Andrews is set aside and upon motion of said Wm. Andrews the Court doth now order that one of the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School do bind said Parthenia Wallace who is now nine years of age to said Wm. Andrews on the terms following, that is to say, that she be bound until eighteen years of age and that the master pay

⁷ **Excerpt from 1860 Code of Virginia, Chapter 126, par 6;***The master, whether it is expressly provided therein or not, shall be bound to teach [the art, trade or business], and unless the apprentice be a free negro, shall be bound to teach him reading, writing and common arithmetic, including the rule of three.*

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to said apprentice for the last year twenty five dollars and for the year next preceding the sum of fifteen dollars.

p.23 (January 1859)

On motion of George W. Smith and with the consent of ___ Cooke the master, it is ordered that the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School or any one of them bind out to the said G. W. Smith, Jeff. Cooke who was born in March 1845, Joseph Cooke who was born in December 1847, and Lorenzo Cooke who was born in April 1849 until they arrive respectively at the age of twenty one years, and the last three years of their apprenticeship it is ordered that the said George W. Smith pay to each of the said apprentices the sum of twenty five dollars per year.

p.53 (May 1859)

On motion of Isaac C. Woodland ordered that the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School or any one or more of them bind out to him Philip Morriss twelve years of age son of Lucy Morriss a free boy of colour until he arrives to the age of twenty one years. And that the said Isaac C. Woodland pay to the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School fifteen dollars per year until the last year of his apprenticeship and that he pay to the said boy the sum of fifty dollars the last year of his apprenticeship.

p.59 (June 1859)

Philip Morriss an infant by Ro. Gregory his next friend [Plff]

Against Isaac Woodland [Deft]

{Upon a motion to set aside the order made at the last Court directing the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School to bind him as an apprentice to said Woodland}

This motion is continued until the next Court.

p.136 (June 1860)

On motion of Henry A. Howard it is ordered that Sally Morriss be summoned to appear here at the next Court to shew [*sic*] cause if any she can why her child Lucy Jane Morriss should not be bound to the said Henry A. Howard.

p.151 (August 1860)

On Complaint of Henry Rilee master, against Tom Morriss a free boy of color who is a regular indented apprentice of said Rilee, that said apprentice has deserted the service of said master and it further appearing to the court that said apprentice has no fixed place of residence, therefore it is ordered by the Court that legal notice by publication be given to the said apprentice to appear before the said Court at it October term to answer the Complaint of the said master.

p.166 (October 1860)

On Complaint of Henry Rilee master against Tom Morriss a free boy of color who is a regularly indented apprentice of said Rilee that said apprentice has deserted the service of said master and it further appearing to the Court that said apprentice has no fixed place of residence, therefore it is ordered by the Court, that legal notice by publication be given to said apprentice to appear before the said Court at it December term to answer the Complaint of the said master.

p.168 (November 1860)

On motion of Thomas J. Hughes it is ordered that the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School or any one or more of them bind out to him John Tillage twelve years of age and Henry Tillage eight years of age free negroes to learn the trade of farming until they respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years and that the said Hughes pay to the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School twenty dollars per year for the said John Tillage until he attains the age of twenty years, and that he pay to the said John Tillage the sum of sixty dollars the last year of his apprenticeship and that the said Hughes pay to the Gloucester Charity School the sum of twenty dollars per year for the said Henry Tillage from the twelfth year of his age until he arrives to the age of twenty years and that he pay to the said Henry Tillage the sum of sixty dollars the last year of his apprenticeship.

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- p.169 (November 1860)
On motion of Philip Morriss an indented [*sic*] apprentice to Isaac Woodland it is ordered that the said Isaac Woodland be summoned to appear here at the next Court to shew [*sic*] cause if any he can why the indentures of the said apprentice should not be revoked and annulled.
- p.193 (January 1861)
The order entered at October Court last upon motion of Henry Rilee Master against Tom Morriss a free boy of color, who is a regularly indented [*sic*] apprentice of said Rilee and which was ordered to be published; it is ordered that the same be continued for the publication.
- p.198 (January 1861)
On motion of Henry Rilee, it appearing to the Court that the order of publication against Tom Morriss a free negro boy apprentice to the said Rilee, has been published according to law, And the said Tom Morriss still failing to appear, and answer the Complaints of the said Rilee his master it is ordered that the Indenture of apprenticeship of said Tom Morriss to said Henry Rilee be revoked and annulled.

Indentures of black citizens

- p.501 (January 1867)
On motion of John T. Dobson It is ordered that the Trustees of the Gloucester Charity School or any one or more of them bind out to him Isaac a Colored boy formerly the property of the said John T. Dobson as an apprentice, until he arrives to the age of twenty one years, and that the said John T. Dobson pay to the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School for the hire of said boy the sum of five dollars a year ~~and~~ until he is twenty years old, and that for the last year of his apprenticeship he pay to the said boy the sum of fifty dollars.
- p.502 (January 1867)
On motion of Henry H. Hibble it is ordered that the trustees of the Gloucester Charity School or any one or more of them bind out to him Peter Banks a colored boy thirteen years of age until he is twenty one years of age, and that he pay to the said boy when he is twenty one years of age the sum of fifty dollars, and that the said trustees bind out to the said Henry H. Hibble Esther Banks colored fifteen years of age until she is eighteen years old and that for the last year of her apprenticeship he pay her the sum of twenty five dollars.

Guardianships

Guardianship of free persons of color

- p.72 (August 1859)
Rebecca Lemon a free girl of color chose Uriah Kely as guardian who thereupon with James Lemon his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of one hundred dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs which bond is O.R.

Guardianship of black citizens

- p.354 (February 1866)
Wm. Chapman chose this day William H. Dixon as Guardian (men of color) who thereupon with Miles Carter his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of one hundred dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs which bond is ordered to be recorded.
- p.496 (January 1867)
Mary Cooke (colored) this day chose Wm. Taliaferro (Cold.) as guardian, who thereupon with Achilles Johnson his Security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of one hundred dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs which bond is O.R.

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p.590 (October 1867)

Frances Clark cold. this day chose Saml. Ward Colored as guardian who thereupon with Charles Waller his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of twenty dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs, which bond is O.R.

Effects of the Civil War on the Gloucester County Court

On page 237, several entries were made for May 1861. On the following page, what appears to be an original number #328 was crossed out, and the number #238 was written in its stead. From this point to the end of the book, the original numbers on the pages have been crossed out and replaced so that the page numbers continue in sequence.

On the renumbered page 281, there are entries made during May 1863. On page 282, the entries are dated November 1863; no entries were made during June -October 1863. On page 285, there are entries dated December 1863; these are followed by entries dated May 1864 on page 286. These gaps were caused by interruptions and disruptions in normal court activity during the Civil War. One of the May 1864 entries describes the difficulty of holding court in "*a part of the County being now held by the public enemy.*"

There are entries (1) describing compliance with acts passed to arm the militia; (2) authorizing special taxes and levies to support the Confederate Army, its soldiers, and their families; (3) impressments of free male persons of color to labor on behalf of the Confederate Army; (4) acquisition and rationing of salt; (5) relocation of official county records for their protection and preservation; and (6) responses to directives from the Freedmen's Bureau.

p.233 (May 1861)

It is ordered that the Sheriff summon all the acting Justices of the County to attend the Court forthwith for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of the act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed the 19th day of January 1861 entitled "an act to authorize the County Courts and any incorporated city or town, to arm the Militia of their respective Counties, Cities and Towns, and to provide means therefore."⁸

p.235 (May 1861)

For reasons appearing to the Court it is ordered that the order made at the last January term to levy a tax upon the County to be expended in placing the volunteer companies now organized and about to be organized in such a condition as to be ready for effective service & be set aside. All the Justices of the County having been summoned to attend the Court for the purpose of considering the act of the General Assembly passed on the 19th day of January 1861 entitled an act to authorize the County Courts and any incorporated City or town to arm the militia of their respective Counties Cities or towns &c to provide means therefore, and a majority of the said Justices being present and having considered the subject, it is ordered that this Court will & does hereby accept the said act of assembly to apply to this County. And thereupon the Court doth order that the sum of five thousand dollars be raised by loan under the authority of the said act of assembly & for the purpose contemplated by the provisions of the said act. And John R. Cary the clerk is hereby appointed the agent of the Court to negotiate such loan for & in the name of the County of Gloucester, and for that purpose the said John R. Cary as the agent of the County is to issue in the name of the County 50 bonds in

⁸ **Excerpt from Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia (1861), Chapter 8, par. 1;** *Be it enacted by the general assembly, that the county courts of Charlotte county, and such other counties as may accept the provisions of this act, as herein after provided, may arm such portion of the militia of their respective counties as they may deem expedient, and as may be without arms : provided the authority hereby given shall not be construed to impair any power over this subject vested by law in the governor.*

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sums of one hundred dollars each all bearing interest from the date & payable in instalments [sic] of one thousand dollars at one, two, three, four & five years with interest from the date that is to say, ten of the said bonds are to be ~~paid~~ made payable at twelve months, another ten with interest at two years & so on up to the end of five years when the last ten are to become payable with interest. And the Court doth further order that the said sum of 5000 dollars & the interest thereon is to be levied for by an annual levy of 1000\$ & the interest which shall have accrued on the whole amount to be made in each year for five successive years. It is ordered that John R. Cary, Wm. P. Smith & Joel Hayes be & they are appointed Commissioners, who for & on behalf of the Court shall apply the money which may be obtained by virtue of the foregoing order when the same shall be received by the agent of the Court as they in their discretion shall think best for the arming, equipping & provisioning of the troops in the County & they are to report from time to time their proceedings to the Court, but the action of the said commrs. is to be subject to the future control of the Court as the Court may hereafter order & the said commissioners are hereby authorized & required to apply so much of the money which may come to their hands by virtue of this order as may be necessary for that purpose in paying to Wm. P. Smith the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars with the interest thereon heretofore advance by him to the County.

p.236 (May 1861)

It is ordered that the male free negroes of the County over the age of sixteen years & under sixty be required to work upon the fortification now being erected at Gloucester Point on York River and such other public works as may be constructed in the County for the purpose of defence. And Wm. F. Lewellen in the first district, Thomas C. Robins in the second, Saml. D. Fuller in the third & Saml. B. Chapman in the fourth district are hereby appointed and directed to summon all such free negroes or so many thereof as from time to time may be needed to work on the said public works. And if any such free negro, after having been duly summoned shall fail to appear at the time & place designated in the order summoning him, he is to be reported to one of the Justices of the County, who thereupon may proceed to adopt such measures as shall be necessary to compel him to do such work.

p.243 (July 1861)

Absent all the Justices except Jeff. W. Stubbs, Edwin Broaddus, Saml. B. Chapman, Jno. S. Hibble and Benjamin Rowe. Charles Reese who stands [charged] with a felony by him committed in the County of Gloucester and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that the said Charles Reese did on the 20th day of May 1861, at the County aforesaid take & receive on board of a certain vessel called the Eagle whereof the said Reese was then the owner, certain provisions to wit, about ten Bushels of meal & about ten bushels of corn, and did depart from the said County with the traitorous and malicious intent to deliver the said provisions to certain forces of the United States of America then on board of a certain vessel of war belonging to the said United States, lying in Chesapeake Bay whose name is to me unknown the said United States then being the enemy of the Commonwealth of Virginia & prosecuting public war against the said Commonwealth for the aid comfort, supply, sustenance & use of the said enemy this day appeared in Court in discharge of his recognizance entered into before Joel Hayes and Thos. C. Robins Justices on the 22nd day of May 1861. And the Court having heard the evidence are of opinion that the said Charles Reese ought not be tried for the offence of which he stands charged before the Circuit Court of Gloucester County. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Charles Reese be acquitted thereof & discharged from his said recognizance.

p.263 (January 1862)

William *ap* W. Jones is authorized by the Court to audit the accounts of the free negroes of the County for their services rendered to the Government of the Confederate States at York Town and Gloucester Point and to receive from said Government the amounts due to them.

p.266 (March 1862)

The Court this day in accordance with an act of the General Assembly passed February 12th

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1862, made an enrollment of the free negroes of this County which is ordered to be filed in the Clerk's office.

p.274 (December 1862)

The Court doth appoint the following named persons commissioners for the County whose duty it shall be to ascertain from each family in each Magisterial District the number of persons, distinguishing black and white & free negroes who will be entitled to their proportion of the salt to be furnished this County under the Governor's proclamation to wit, for the Guinea District, J. A. B. Thornton & Wm. Hogg (son of Richard) for the Belle Roi Dist. Jasper C. Hughes, for the Dragon Dist. Saml. B. Chapman & for the Court House Dist. Wm. H. Rowe, And the said commissioners are ordered to make report of their proceedings to the next. Court.

p.278 (March 1863)

Present Jeff. W. Stubbs It being the opinion of the Court that the records of this Court are in danger by virtue of the presence of the public enemy in the County, it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court do as soon as possible cause the same to be removed to the Town of Danville to be there deposited in some safe place for keeping until they can be brought back with safety. And that the expense of such removal be paid out of the next County levy.

p.279 (April 1863)

The Court at the last term of this Court having made an order directing the Clerk to turn over the records to Danville for safe keeping and the Clerk having made report that he had deposited them in the office of the clerk of the Court of Appeal at Richmond under the advice of the Court in vacation, this Court doth now sanction the action of the Clerk in depositing them at Richmond instead of Danville as ordered.

p.279 (April 1863)

It is ordered that the Sheriff summon all the acting Justices of the County to attend at the next Court to take into consideration the propriety of levying a sufficient sum upon the County for the Support of the families of the Soldiers now in the army from this County and also for the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of removing the records to the City of Richmond.

p.281 (May 1863)

The Court having been summoned for the purpose ___ably loan order made at the last Court of providing for the payment of the expenses of removing the records to the City of Richmond and having ascertained the amount thereof to be the sum of Five hundred and sixty one dollars & fifty cents it is ordered that John R. Cary the Clerk of the Court borrow upon the faith of the County the said sum of \$561.60 and for that purpose issue a bond or bonds to any person who will loan the sum and out of the amount pay to Augustine W. Robins the sum of Four hundred & fifty one dollars & fifty cents and attain for himself the balance thereof to wit, the sum of one hundred and ten dollars.

p.285 (December 1863)

Many free negroes and slaves having been engaged for some time past and at the present time, in taking provisions from this County to be sold in Richmond and at the York River Rail Road by reason whereof it is believed that thieving and other disorders have increased in this County, to the injury of the people. It is ordered that the officers in Command of the Picket guards at the White House and at the Rail Road Stations and such other places between this County and Richmond where a military force be stationed be respectfully requested not to allow any free negro or slave to sell or to take or to send through their lines or upon the Rail Road any marketing or provisions, unless in the case of a free negro, he shall have a certificate in writing from one of the Justices of the peace of this County, or a respectable white person of the County, of his belief that such free negro raised or otherwise came honestly by the provision he may have for sale, and in the case of a slave, unless he shall have his master's consent for him to sell the same, as is required by law. And the Clerk is to furnish copies of this order to such of the said officers as he may be able to communicate with. Jeff. W. Stubbs

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p.286 (May 1864)

And a part of the County being now held by the public enemy by reason whereof, a Court cannot be now held at the Court house or at Wood's Cross Roads, which had been appointed as the place for holding the sessions of the Court. The Court for the purpose of carrying the provisions of the said act into effect, appointed John T. Seawell an agent, who shall proceed to purchase two hundred and thirty five Barrels of Corn and five hundred pounds of Bacon, for the support of the persons and families, within this County, named in the first and third Sections of the said act upon the best terms for which the same can be obtained, not exceeding the prices prescribed by the Commissioners appointed for the State of Virginia under the act of the Congress of the Confederate States regulating impressments. And if the said John T. Seawell shall find that he cannot purchase at the said prices the corn and meat hereby directed to be purchased he is authorized and ordered to impress the same or so much thereof as he shall find to be necessary paying therefore the prices prescribed by the said Commissioners for the State of Virginia. And in making such impressments he is to proceed according to the provisions and requirements of the said act of assembly passed the 31st day of ~~March~~ October 1863. And he is to make such arrangements as he may think safest and most convenient for the safekeeping of the corn and meat ordered to be purchased or impressed by him and for its delivery at such time and in such quantities as the Court may order. And the clerk under the order of the said agent is to pay for so much corn and meat as has been furnished to the families of Soldiers under the orders of any of the Justices or members of the relief Committee heretofore appointed by the Court, by any person, paying to the persons who have so furnished corn and meat the prices for which they agreed to furnish the same not exceeding however, the prices limited in this order and where no price has been fixed, he is to pay the average price which he shall have to pay for the articles to be purchased by the agent under this order. And for the purpose of paying for the corn and meat now ordered to be purchased or impressed and paid for it is ordered that the clerk who is hereby appoint the agent of the Court for that purpose, shall borrow upon the credit of the County the sum of Six thousand dollars, and for the amount so to be borrowed, he is to issue the bonds of the County in sums of one hundred dollars or its multiple, payable to the person or persons who may lend the money or any part thereof, for the sums which shall be loaned by them respectively, and bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until paid. And the said sum of money is to be paid over when it shall have been borrowed to the order of the said agent (John T. Seawell) as he from time to time may require if for the purposes of this order. And if any person who shall furnish any portion of the provisions hereby ordered to be purchased, shall so desire, the clerk shall issue the bond of the County to said person for the amount due him, which shall be a part of the said sum to be borrowed. John T. Seawell appeared and took an oath before the clerk for the faithful performance of his duties as the agent of the Court, and with M. B. Seawell his surety, entered into a bond in the penalty of Eight Thousand dollars conditioned according to law.

p.291 (December 1864)

The Court certifies to the Secretary of War of the Confederate States that there is no practicing physicians in the section of County between Gloucester C'House and the lower end of the County a distance of sixteen miles the entire width of the County and the Court is [of the] opinion it will require two physicians to do the practice necessary.

p.314 (October 1865)

Charles R. Gwyn who has been duly commissioned a Justice of The Peace for the Third District of this County appeared in Court and took the several oaths prescribed by law to wit, the oath of allegiance to the Commonwealth, the oath to suppress dueling, the oath prescribed by the amnesty proclamation of the President of the United States of the 29th of May 1865 and the oath to uphold and defend the Government of Virginia as restored by the Convention which assembled at Wheeling on the 11th day of June 1861 and the oath of office.

p.336 (November 1865)

The courthouse being so much out of repair in consequence of injuries done thereto by the United States Troops during the late War as to be unfit to be used for the sessions of the

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Court. And the County Jail being so much out of repair as to be unfit for the safe confinement and comfort of Prisoners and owing to the short period which has elapsed since the County has been reorganized the Court has not made a County levy for the purpose of making the repairs which are necessary to render the Courthouse sufficiently comfortable to be used by the Court and repair the Jail and the County being without other funds which can be used for that purpose, It is ordered that Jefferson W. Stubbs, Esq. the presiding Justice be appointed the agent of the Court who is requested to proceed at his earliest convenience to Richmond and represent to the Governor the inability of the Court to make the repairs to the Jail and Courthouse which are needed at this time and endeavor to obtain from same Senate the funds which are necessary for that object upon the credit of the County. And the Court pledges itself to repay such amount as may be so obtained from the first County levy which shall be made.

p.582 (September 1867)

This day the presiding justice presented to the Court a communication bearing date the 19th day of August 1867, from T. J. Massey, the Military Commissioner for this County, in regard to the indigent people before this time in charge of the Freedman's [sic] Bureau - Whereupon it is ordered that the said Communication be referred to the Trustees of the Gloucester Charity School for such action as they shall think proper and necessary upon the subject referred to in the communication.

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