

1844-010

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

FITZHUGH'S ADM'R. VS. JOHNSON and Wife etc.
8/1844

See also: Gilliam et al v. Beckman - 1843-14 1843-14
etc.
etc.

other SURNAMES: Beekman,
Newsom, Drewry

Clk - \$ 7.39
 Shff - - 1.42
 Printer - 11.00
 Law - 16.66
 Tax - 75
 \$ 37.22

Fitzhugh's am

v. } Papers
 }

Johnson & wife &c

1844 May - Dances.

Fitzhugh's acc't:

v. } Statement.

Johnson & wife &c

1843.

June R. Sub a ret.^o Executed on Dft.
Beckman. Will filed. Order of
pub. v. Dft. Johnson & wife.

Aug. " Set for hearing as to Dft. Beckman
Oct. Leave to amend bill.

1844.

Jan'y. R. Amended bill filed & p^o
awarded to Dft. Beckman
Or. Pub. v. the other Dfts.

Feb'y. " Sp^a ret.^o Executed.

Apr. " Cause set for hearing as to
Dft. Beckman.

" 24. Deposition of Humphrey Drury

Gilgushe comae.

~ } Biloe

Johnsonae

Bals 1180. wordy

To the Hon. Judge of the Circumlocution Office of Law
for the County of Southampton

Your complainant, James Clayton late sheriff of the County of Southampton and committee and administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh dead, humbly sheweth that on the 27th day of December 1811, Joel Johnson executed his bond with one Jesse Cloude and the above named John Fitzhugh as his securities, for the sum of £13.17.6³/₄ with a penalty, and payable on the 26th day of December 1812 to Allen Jones, Charles B. Nicholson & Hewitt Harris commissioners, as will appear by an attested copy of said bond herewith filed & prayed to be taken as part of this bill (marked A) that after the death of the said Fitzhugh, suit was instituted on said bond in the name of the Com. for the benefit of one William Harrison, against your complainant as adm. of the said Fitzhugh, on which a judgment was obtained, and on the 2^d day of October 1830 your complainant was compelled by an execution, to pay the amount of said bond, interest and costs, which on that day amounted to the sum of \$111-97/100, as will appear by the receipt of the sheriff herewith filed and prayed to be taken as part of this bill. (marked B)

Your complainant would also shew, that some time in the year 1831, he instituted a suit of foreign attachment, against the said Joel Johnson, and one Samuel Drevoy as the home defendant, in the County Court of Southampton, and obtained a decree against the said Johnson for the sum of \$111-97- with cost from the 2^d October 1830, and costs, and against the said Drevoy, for the sum of \$85-16/3, the amt. remaining in said Drevoy's hands, belonging to the said Johnson, after deducting costs &c; in part satisfaction, which said amt. was re

incurred and placed to the credit of the said Fitz-
hugh's estate, all of which will appear by a
copy of the decree, receipt, & costs, herewith
filed and prayed to be taken as part of this bill
(marked C) - leaving a balance still due the es-
tate of said Fitzhugh after deducting plaintiff's
costs in said suit, of \$50-29 with int from the
20th day of February 1832. Your complainant also
states that the said Joel Johnson, is not, and
has not been, for many years, a resident of this
state, by reason of which, he ~~has~~ cannot obtain
satisfaction of said debt except through a court
of equity - and that the said Joel Johnson is
entitled ^{in right of his wife Priscilla} to certain money or effects under a
decree of the Equity Court of Portsmouth
which is herewith filed and prayed to be ta-
ken as part of this bill (marked D) which
affects your complt: charges are now in the hands
of Peter D. Buttrick of said County and suf-
ficient to satisfy his claim - Your complt:
prays that the said Joel Johnson may be decreed
to pay to him the above claimed debt of \$50-29
with int from the 20th February 1832, and that
the said Buttrick be compelled to ~~return~~ pay
the same with any money or effects which he
may have in his hands, belonging to the said
Johnson, and that the said Joel Johnson, and
his wife Priscilla and Peter D. Buttrick be
made defendants to this bill, and that the
court would grant ~~such~~ them a general
relief as in equity he is entitled to - and he
will ever pray &c.

Pringle Goodenough attys

Hilz hughes adm:

2 } announced
Bill

Johnson et al.

1844 January Rules.

To the Hon Judge of the Circ-Lep-Court of Law
& Chancery for the County of Southampton

Your complainant James Clayton, late
sheriff of the County of said and Commissioner &
administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh, also
having exhibited his bill in Chancery, begs leave
to state by way of amendment, that the decree of
the County Court of said County, passed at its June
term 1843, mentioned in said bill and filed, is a
final decree settling the rights of all the parties
therein concerned, and charges that by virtue of
said decree, there has been a reduction into pos-
session by the said Joel Johnson, of his wife Pris-
cilla's interest in the said Lucy Stearns es-
tate, to subject it to the claims of said Johnson's
creditors - and Your complainant further states
that the said Priscilla Johnson's interest in said
Stearns estate accrued long since her mari-
age with the said Joel Johnson, she claiming
under the will of said Stearns, who died in
1838 or 1839 and having intermarried with the
said Joel Johnson and removed from the
County many years before - Your complain-
ant submits to your Honor whether there has
not been a reduction into possession by the
said Joel Johnson of his wife's interest in said
estate and prays that the said Joel Johnson
and his wife Priscilla and Peter D Butman
be made defendants to this bill, and for such
other relief as he may be intitled to, and he
will as in duty bound ever pray &c.

Wm Lloyd Garrison
atty

Fitzhugh adn

2 } Deener

Johnson wife adn

To be entered

R. H. B.

1821 1/4 Mary ~~land~~

Fitzhugh's adm:

v

Dieser

Johnson's wife &c.

The defendant Joel Johnson and his wife Priscilla, who are out of this County and against whom the plaintiff appears to have proceeded in the mode prescribed by law against absent defendants, still failing to appear & answer. And it appearing to the Court that more than two months have elapsed since the service of the subpoena on the defendant Buckman and also since the filing of the bill, who still fails to answer on motion of the plaintiff, by counsel, his bill is taken for confessed. And the cause coming on to be heard on the bill, ^{& amended bill} exhibits filed and examinations of witnesses, was argued by counsel; On consideration whereof the Court made and adjudged & decreed that Joel Johnson pay to the plaintiff the sum of fifty dollars and 29/100 with but from the 20th Feb: 1832, till paid, & costs ^{it appearing to the court} and that the defendant Peter D. Buckman hath been his lands funds in charge and belonging to the said Johnson & pay to the plaintiff, in satisfaction thereof the sum of fifty dollars and 29/100, with but from the 20th Feb: 1832. till paid, together with the costs of this suit, admitted to be in his hands of the defendant Johnsons: but the effect of this decree is to be suspended until the pty shall have entered into bond in the clerk's office to with sufficient security or conditioned &c.

x

x sufficient to pay the said demand, it is further ordered that the said Buckman pay to the pty, in satisfaction of the said debt

Fitzhugh's co.

. v. . } Dr: Pub

Johnson & Co

Copy posted at G. House door

June 12th 1843.

At Rules holden in the clerks office of the Circuit Superior
Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton on the
5 day of June 1863

James Clayton late Sheriff of the County of Southampton and
Committee & administrator of the estate of John Filzburgh ~~Plff~~
against

Joel Johnson and his wife Priscilla & Peter D. Beckman Defs } *In Chancery*

The defendants Joel Johnson and ^{his} wife Priscilla not having entered
their appearance and given security according to the act of
assembly and the rules of this Court and it appearing by
satisfactory evidence that they are not inhabitants of this Court
-ry it is ordered that the said defendants do appear personally
the first day of the next Term and answer the bill of the
Plaintiff and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted
in some newspaper published in the Town of Petersburg for
two months successively and posted at the front door of the
Courthouse of this County

Fitzhugh's 1850

Dr. Pub

Johnson &c

Copy posted up at front door of the

Co. Revis. Jan'y 4. 1851

B. R. E.

At Rules holden in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Superior Court of law
and Chancery for the County of Southampton on the 1st day of January 1844
James Clayton late Sheriff of the County of Southampton and Commissioner
& administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh
against

Plff
vs
The Chancery
Defts

Joel Johnson and his wife Isabella and Peter L. Beckman

The Defendants Joel Johnson and his wife Isabella not having entered their appear-
-ance and given security according to the act of assembly and the rules of this
Court and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not inhabitants of this
County it is ordered that the said defendants do appear here on the first day of the
next term and answer the bill of the plaintiff and that a copy of this order be
forthwith inserted in some Newspaper published in the town of Petersburg for two
months successively and posted at the front door of the Court house of this County

Attest

Isaac

L R Edwards Clk

W.S.C

Flahughes lower

Sp. in City

Johnson & Co

1843 June Rules

Executed on Return of Warrant

John Johnson & wife now in -
habitant

Wm. M. Everett say
of Wm. D. Everett Sheriff

To attach the monies, debts and effects of the Defendants Johnson & wife
in the hands of the other defendant, so that he be restrained from paying
conveying away or secreting the debts by them owing to, or the effects in
his hands of the said Johnson & wife until the further order of the
Court.

Redley & Goodenough pgs

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Joel Johnson and wife Priscilla and Peter Q. Bulman

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in

June — next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by *James Clayton late Chff. and as such Committee and administrator of John Fitzhugh dec^d*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ~~four~~ ^{two} months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON

R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *18th* day of

May 1843, in the *10th* year of the Commonwealth.

R. Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

6.56

Fitzhugh's acc.

to Spain chs

John W. Knipe

1844 February Rules

Executed

Augustus W. Hunt Dr

for Mrs. L. Everett Chff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Peter D Beckman*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in *February* next, to answer ^{*an amended*} Bill in Chancery exhibited against *him & others* in the said Court by

James Clayton late Sheriff of the County of Bedford a Committee of administration of the estate of John Fitzhugh dec'd

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *1st* day of *January* 18*74* in the *68th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

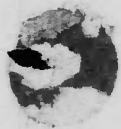
[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Fitzhugh's adv.

~ } Deposition

Johnson & Co

Came to hand sealed. Apr. 24.
1844.



1844. Apr. 24. Received from

John & Co
Dep. Secy

Depositions of Humphrey Drewy ~~and others~~ taken
on the 3^d Saturday in April, between the hours
of sun rise and sun set, at the residence of
Humphrey Drewy in the County of Ansham-
ton to be read as evidence on the part of the
plainiff, in a Chancery suit now pending
in the Cir. Sup. Court of Lancs Ch. for the
County of Anshampton, in which James
Clayton late Sheriff and adm. of John
Fitzhugh decd. is plainiff and Joel
Johnson and his wife Priscilla and P. D
Bullderman are defendants -

The deponent Humphrey Drewy having
been duly sworn depores and says -

I know Joel Johnson and his wife both
well, they lived in my neighbourhood, some
time after they were married, they removed
from this country some fifteen or twenty
years ago, and I know they were married
some time before they removed. and further
the deponent says it not -

Humphrey ^{his} Drewy
deposes

The above deposition was taken at the place
mentioned in the caption, on the 22^d day
of April 1844, between the hours of sun
rise and sun set, adjourned from the
3^d Saturday in April 1844, before me a
justice of the peace. Given under my hand
the 22^d April 1844 -

Saml. Drewy J. P.

Part of orders
& notice

Clayton

7

Johnson

IN CHANCERY--VIRGINIA: At rules holden in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the county of Southampton, on the 1st day of January, 1844:

James Clayton, late sheriff of the county of Southampton and committee and administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh,
Plff.

AGAINST
Joel Johnson and his wife Priscilla, and Peter Q. Beekman,
Defts.

The defendants Joel Johnson, and his wife Priscilla, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing, by satisfactory evidence, that they are not inhabitants of this country, it is ordered that the said defendants do appear here on the first day of the next term, and answer the bill of the plaintiff, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in the Town of Petersburg for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the court-house of this county.

A copy—Teste,

Jan 13

L. R. EDWARDS, clk.

Printed for \$5.50
100

TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO WIT:

Personally appeared before me (an Alderman of said Town) *John D. Harwood* Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for *Eight* weeks, successively. Given under my hand, this *24th* day of *April* 1844.

John D. Harwood

TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO WIT:

Personally appeared before me (an Alderman of said Town) *John D. Harwood* Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for *Eight* weeks, successively. Given under my hand, this *24th* day of *April* 1844.

John D. Harwood

IN CHANCERY--VIRGINIA: At rules holden in the clerk's office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the county of Southampton, on the 5th day of June, 1843:

James Clayton, late Sheriff of the county of Southampton, and committee and administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh,
Plff.

AGAINST
Joel Johnson and his wife Priscilla, and Peter Q. Beekman,
Defts.

The defendants Joel Johnson, and his wife Priscilla, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the Act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing, by satisfactory evidence, that they are not inhabitants of this country: It is ordered, that the said defendants do appear here on the first day of the next term and answer the bill of the plaintiff, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in the Town of Petersburg for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the Court-house of this county.

A copy—Teste,

June 27

L. R. EDWARDS, clk.

Printed for \$5.50
100

TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO WIT:

Personally appeared before me, an Alderman of said Town, *John D. Harwood* Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for *Four* weeks, successively. Given under my hand, this *24th* day of *April* 1844.

John D. Harwood

To Joel Johnson and his wife Priscilla—

As you are non-residents of the State of Virginia, you will take notice that I shall proceed, on the 3d Saturday in April next, between sunrise and sunset of that day, at the residence of Humphrey Drewry, in the county of Southampton, Va., to take the depositions of Humphrey Drewry, Samuel Drewry, and others, to be read as evidence in a Chancery suit now pending and undetermined in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Southampton county, Va., in which I am plaintiff and yourselves and others defendants, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Yours, &c.

JAMES CLAYTON,

Late Sheriff of the county of Southampton, and committee and administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh.
March 7 w4w

Printed for \$1.87
100

Statement

Sheriffs receipt Oct-2^d 1830

Int. to Feb. 20th 1832-

Am't due Feb. 20th 1832

\$ 111-97

8-39

120-36

Am't in chgt. Drury's hands-

\$ 70-66 1/3

Depts. costs 5-50

20-59

Pltfs. costs 15-09

70-07 1/3

\$ 20-59

Am't paid by Drury after deducting costs

70-07 1/3

Balance still due

\$ 50-29

Felshausen

to { Exhibit, et.

Johnson

On demand 26 day of decr next we the subscribers do
promise to pay or cause to be paid unto Allen Jones Charles
B. Richardson & Merrill Harris Comrs appointed to make sale and
division of the negroes belonging to the estate of Harris Johnson
decd the just and full sum of thirteen pounds seventeen
shillings and six pence those for things emment money of
Virginia for value received and for the payment thereof we
bind ourselves our heirs &c in the penal sum of thirty seven
pounds fifteen shillings and one penny half penny of the
said money Witnesses our hands & seals this 27 day of Decr
1871

Witness
Jas Harris

Joel Johnson *Real*
Jesse Bland *Real*
John Fitzhugh *Real*

The above is a true copy filed in my office in the suit in the
name of the Comrs for Wm. Harrison & Fitzhugh ad

Date

L. R. Edwards *clerk*

Fitzhugh's cor

v. { Exhibit. (Ad.)

Johnson &c

Recd Oct 2/1830 from James Clayton late Sheriff and
committed of the Estate of John Fitzhugh decd and hundred
and eleven dollars and ninety seven cents in full of an
Execution in favour of William Harrison against the said John
Fitzhugh decd

\$ 111. 97

Edwds Bulls deputy of
Clemente Rochelle Shiff

The original filed in the County Court of Southampton in the Chancery Suit of James
Clayton Shiff Committed of the estate John Fitzhugh decd against Joel Johnson & Samuel
Dewey -

Teste

J R Edwards Clk

Felshughe adin

2. } Exhib. C.

Johnson 80

15-09

5-50

20-59

Southampton December Court 1831

James Mayton late sheriff of the County of Southampton and
Committee of the estate of John Fitzhugh dec

Plaintiff

against

Joel Johnson and Samuel Drewry

Defendants

In Chancery

The defendant Samuel Drewry this day filed his answer
and the defendant Joel Johnson who is out of this Country and
against whom the Plff: appears to have proceeded in the
mode prescribed by Law against absent defendants shall
failing to appear and answer on motion of the plaintiff
the Court doth take his bill for confessed as to that Defend-
ant and the cause coming on to be heard as to the other
defendant his answer & Exhibits was argued by counsel and
consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree
that the defendant Joel Johnson pay to the plaintiff the
sum of one hundred and Eleven dollars ninety seven cents
with interest thereon from the 1st day of October 1830 till
paid together with his costs. and that the defendant
Samuel Drewry pay to the Plff in part satisfaction
thereof so much of the sum of fifty three shillings three
and one third cents from the 23rd June 1820 admitted to
be in his hands of the defendant Johnson as shall remain
after deducting therefrom the cost by him expended
in defending this suit

Plaintiffs costs \$15.09

Deft Drewrys costs

Clk: 2.. 50

Depty Teste James Rochelle Clk

Law: 3.. 00 \$ 3.. 50

20. 39

Am't. acknowledged to be due 53.. 33 1/3

Int fr June 23/1820 till Filey 20/1832 . . . 37.. 33

deduct defendants cost . . . 90.. 66 1/3

5.. 32

85.. 16 1/3

~~Edwards Bullen~~ By virtue of the within decree I have
received of the defendant Samuel Drewry the sum of eighty
five dollars 16 1/3 which I have placed to the credit of
John Fitzhugh's Estate Edward Bullen deputy of James
Mayton late shiff

Copy. Teste. J R Edwards Clk

Fitzhugh a.v.

2 } Exhibit with Bell

Johnson J.

J.

Southampton November Court 1841

Sarah Sullivan Williams M. Everett Benjamin C. Everett and Peter L. Beckman in right of his late wife Virginia who was Everett the grand Children of Benjamin W. Johnson the Children of William Johnson whose Names and Numbers are unknown by L.R. Edwards their next friend the Children of James Johnson whose Names and Numbers are unknown by L.R. Edwards their next friend the Children of Collin Johnson Names and Numbers unknown by L.R. Edwards their next friend

Flowers Children Names & Numbers unknown by Flowers their next friend and Peter L. Beckman

Plffs

against

Peter L. Beckman Executor of Lucy Newsom decd

Deft

In Chancery

This day this Cause was docketed by Consent of parties and the agent of the Court and came on to be heard on the bill answers and exhibit and was argued by Counsel On Consideration whereof the Court doth order adjudge and decree that Peter L. Beckman be appointed special Commissioner for the purpose of selling the slaves of Lucy Newsom decd for effecting a division among the legates that after advertising the time and place of sale at the front door of the Court house on some Court day and at three or more public places in the County for twenty days he proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder on a Credit of nine months the negro slaves the property of Lucy Newsom decd that he take seven bonds of equal amounts and assign one to Sarah Sullivan in her own right one to the grand Children of Benjamin W. Johnson in their own right one to the Children of William Johnson in their own right one to the Children of James Johnson in their own right one to the Children of Collin Johnson in their own right one to the Children of Flowers in their own right and the other the Commissioner is authorized to retain in his own right and it is further more ordered and decreed that if any one of the above named legates shall fail to appear and prove their identity within twelve months that the Commissioner shall deposit with the Clerk in the Clerks Office the bonds or bonds to which such absentee shall be entitled subject to the further order of the Court and it is further ordered and decreed that the Commissioner shall make a general report of his doings to the Court in order to a final decree

Teste L.R. Edwards Clk

In obedience to the aforesaid decree I after advertising the time and place of sale as directed by the decree proceeded on the 24th Decr 1841 at Dacarys Store to sell the negro slaves belonging to the Est of Lucy Newsom decd upon a Credit of nine months taking bonds with approved securities of the purchasers Your Commissioner has leave to state that the bonds were all made payable to himself as Commissioner for the whole amount of the purchase money he found it impossible there being many legates & the exact number not yet known to be

apportion the amounts as to give to each of the legated their proportions without putting or parceling each purchasers bond into several parts which was objected to by sd purchasers he now holds & holds in his hands subject to the further order of the Court which he is willing to collect & discharge if so ordered the annexed acct. of sales will show the amt of sales together with the names of the purchasers all of which is respectfully submitted

Account of sales of the Negro slaves belonging to the Est of Lucy Newsome dec^d made 27th December 1841 Viz

	\$	Cts	
Wyatt	488	00	Nervit Drear
Peter	507	"	Wm Parker
Anthonny	625	"	Nathaniel Francis
Levi	1505	30	Cyrus Dilliard
Abner	705	"	Peter L. Beckman
Bennett	702	30	Henry Kindred
London	385	"	Benja Leaborn
Mary	660	"	F. J. Ridley
Mills	233	"	John MacIndoe
Patrick	169	"	Peter L. Beckman
	\$5974	"	

March 21st 1842

Peter L. Beckman
Commissi^oner

Collins Johnson are entitled under the said above named dec^d &c

Copies

Teste. L.R. Edwards Clk

Southampton June term 1843

Garth Belliam William M. Everett Benjamin C. Everett
and others

against

P. L. Beckman Exec^r of L. Newsome

Plffs

Deft

In Chancery

This day this Cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by Counsel On Consideration whereof and it appearing to the Court that John H. Johnson Priscilla Johnson who intermarried with Joel Johnson. Polly Johnson Maria Johnson and William Johnson whose names and numbers were unknown when the decree of November term 1841 was pronounced are the only Children of Collins Johnson dec^d who are entitled to one seventh part of the estate of Lucy Newsome dec^d the Court doth therefore order adjudge and decree that Peter L. Beckman the special Commissi^oner named in said decree be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay over to Joel Johnson who intermarried with Priscilla Johnson one of the Children of Collins Johnson dec^d one fifth of one seventh part of the said Lucy Newsome's estate to which the Children of

Southampton Circuit Superior Court Clerk's Office Aug. 19 1844

This day the within named William Prince
made oath before me Clerk of said Court that their estates after the payment
of all their just debts is worth sum of Two hundred & forty nine \$/100 the penalty
of the within bond after the payment of all their just debts.
Given under my hand this day above.

J R Edwards, Clerk

Adm'd J P

at
Southampton
J R Edwards

Know all men by these presents that we John H Fitzhugh, principal, and Thos. Frequent & William Prince - are held and firmly bound unto Joel Johnson ~~and his wife~~ in the just and full sum of Two hundred and forty nine dollars eighty four cents to be paid to the said Joel Johnson his certain attorney his executors, administrators or assigns: for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, Executors & administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 15th day of July 1844.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas in a suit lately depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton between James Clayton late Sheriff of the County of Southampton and Committee and administrator of the estate of John Fitzhugh plaintiff and Joel Johnson and his wife Priscilla and Peter D Beckman Defendants it was on the 4th day of May 1844 decreed that the plaintiff recover of the defendant Joel Johnson the sum of fifty dollars and twenty nine cents with interest from the 20th day of February 1832 till paid and his costs by him about his suit in that behalf expended. And it appearing to the Court that the defendant Beckman had in his hands funds belonging to the said Johnson sufficient to pay the said demand, it was further ordered that the said Beckman pay to the plaintiff in satisfaction of the said debt the sum of fifty dollars and twenty nine cents with interest from the 20th February 1832 till paid together with the costs of the said suit. Now if the said James Clayton late Sheriff & Committee & administrator as aforesaid shall abide such future order, as may be made, for restoring to the said Joel Johnson whatever money he may receive under the said decree with interest thereon upon his the said Joel Johnsons appearing within the time prescribed by Law and answering the bill in the said suit then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue -

Witness

John H Fitzhugh (Seal)
W H Prince (Seal)