

It a court held for the county of Southampton the 11th day
of April 1776 Just. James Ruddy Edward Gray
Henry Taylor Wm Blunt

Benjamin Ruffin is ^{by the court} nominated & appointed to serve
as sheriff for this county for one year according to an ordinance
of the Convention, who gave bond & security according to the
law now in force & took the oath of office

It is ordered by the approbation of the court ^{in solemn} & approved
undersheriff under Benj Ruffin

Benj Blunt is by the court appointed guardian to
Othello, being orphan of Paul Avery who gave bond to

Williamson to Everitt, and to be recd

Clarke & wife to West dead and she ca. & to be recd

John & appraisement of John Johnsons est. & to be recd

And that Thomas Williamson & Richd Kells ~~shall~~ with persons
to be appointed by the court of Ser of Wight men
the returning Sheriffs Bonds & make report

It is ordered that to Cotton dead & recd & to be recd

It is ordered that on the motion of John Gray his son

Benjamin Gray is exempted from payment of taxes
during his ability and can pay him the Blunt

It is ordered that to Booth dead & recd & to be recd
he recd

Turner & Chas

Turner & Chas on bid & answer Wm Blunt is

appointed guardian to the def. Willie & deeded that

John Blunt John Sturgeon & John Suter or any

two do allot apiece & set apart the dower of

the def. ^{per the clause of the will} & make sale of such & so many

of the remaining flaves as will be sufficient

to pay the plaintiff her proportion of the appraised

value of the flaves & make report in order to

a final decree

Then the motion of Francis Evans who made a oath
according to Law certificate is granted him for
bearing letters of attorney on the est of Benj Evans

As that Wm. Francis, Enos James Arthur Foster &
William Thomas or any of them appeared & took

It is ordered in Clifton area Nathl Ruddy garned by affidavit
before a magistrate made oath that he had £2. 16. 3
of the est of the def. in his hands and for £6. 18. 10
to be discharged by £3. 3. 11 within on £2. 19. 5 from
27 Oct. 1774 he paid costs & ca that Ruddy pay the
sum in his hands to the Sheriff & that he sell the
attached effects at public sale for ready money and
then with discharge the affd judgment is so much thereof
as the sum in the garners hands & the amt of the sale
may amount to & return an account of his proceedings
to the next Court

It is ordered that to Denon and & recd & to be recd

As that treasurer pay Nathl Ruyant £1. 10 for repair
of Flat Swamp bridge near Nathan Harris & £2. 4. 6
for repairing the Flat Swamp bridge near Dr. Williams

As that treasurer pay Thos. Tisbury £1. 7. 6 for
putting up Angelica bridge

As that Court be adj. till Court in course

J. R. Ruddy

It a court held for the county of Southampton the 9
day of May 1776 Just. James Ruddy Wm Blunt, Just
James Ruddy & Thos Blunt

Denny Andrews is by the court ~~appointed~~ by the
approbation of the court is sworn undersheriff of this
County under Benj Ruffin

It is ordered that to Layner and she ca. & to be recd

It is ordered that to Turner proved by 3 wit & to be recd

An instrument of writing from Wm Andrews to Thos Turner
was proved by one wit & to be recd

It is ordered that to Butts dead & recd & to be recd