At a court of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Southampton on Monday the 20th day of June 1796 for the trial of ~~a~~ Cuff a negro man slave the property of Wm Brantley of this county for feloniously preparing or ~~be~~ having in his custody or use certain drugs roots or medicine of a poisonous nature with an ill intent to ~~destroy~~ cause to destroy Fanny Betts wife of James Betts carter in the year 1795.

Present Benj: Blunt Edmund Tyler
Will Rines Wm Edmunds } Gentlemen
& Robt. Goodwyn

The prisoner was led to the bar by the sheriff to whose custody he was heretofore committed and charged with the felony aforesaid plead not guilty. Whereupon divers witnesses were examined and the prisoner heard in his own defence. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the court that the prisoner is guilty of the felony aforesaid and that he be taken from the bar and committed to goal there to remain till the 26th day of July next and then to be led to the usual place of execution and there to be hang'd by his neck between the hours of twelve & two o'clock & be dead dead dead and it is ordered that the sheriff cause the aforesaid sentence to be put in due execution.

The court value the said slave at Forty three pounds

Benj Blunt

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