

On the petition of sundry inhabitants to open a road
from Walthambridge in the county of Surrey to the Stan-
line near Gunpowder bridge ordered that Thomas Pittman
Esq and sundry David Lewis and John Wainble or any
three of them make the convenient and necessary use
of opening the said road being first sworn according to
law

Ordered that ye court be adj^d for our s^{ts}

By the Court

At a court of assize of oyer and terminer held for the county
of Southampton the 22^d of Jun^r 1799 for the trial
of Ned a negro man slave belonging to Dr Tho^s
Blount of this County charged with having in the
night of the 11th instant entered the dwelling house
of Benjamin Williams of the said county and then &
there killing the ^{said} Williams and his son Benjamin and
robbing and plundering the said house of a great and
sundry other articles particularly one piece of cloth
and a pair of shoes and then and then setting fire to the
said house which was by so doing burnt to the grd

Present Wm Blount

James Tyler

Wm Hines

Wm Bouby

J. J. Parsons

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The court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to
bar by the Sheriff of this county and being charged with
murder felony and arson ^{what is said "not guilty"} and Rich^d Poyser being
a justice ^{he} present for the prisoner was he was in his s^{ts}