

At a court of Oyer and terminer held for the County of
Southampton at the Courthouse on the 25th day of October
1799 for the trial of Sam a negro man slave ~~the~~ belonging
or supposed to belong to Joshua Butt of the State of
Georgia, ^{and County of Ware} charged with ~~feloniously~~ ^{feloniously} murdering
murdered the aforesaid Joshua Butt and Hanns Spears
on the high road leading from Broadwater to Jerusalem
on the evening of the 15th Instant

Present Benjamin Blunt Esq^r Tylor
Robt Goodwyn Esq^r Calvert
James Millar Esq^r Briggs
Jesse Browne Esq^r Danbouts
Gentlemen

The court being thus constituted ^{the prisoner} was set to the bar by the Shff
of this county and was charged with the felony and murder
aforesaid to which he plead not guilty he was heard by counsel
in his own defence and divers witnesses being examined the court
on consideration thereof and the circumstances of the case are of
opinion the prisoner is guilty ~~is guilty~~ and it is ordered that he
be taken to the goal from whence he came from thence to the
~~place~~ place of execution and there on ^{Monday the} 25th day of November
next between the hours of one and three ^{o'clock} in the afternoon be hung by
the neck until he is dead and it is ordered that the Shff of this
County see the same performed

Mem^d. The court value the slave
Sam to two hundred and sixty dollars

Ben Blunt