

At a Court of oyer and terminer held for the county of Southamp-
ton at the courthouse on the 2nd day of October 1799 for the trial
of ^{young} Sam a negro man belonging or supposed to belong to Harris Spears
of the county of Columbia and State of Georgia charged with ^{other} ~~murder~~
~~murder~~ ^{conspiring} and making insurrection and rebelling ^{against} his lawful
master and of having feloniously assaulted and murdered and aiding
and assisting in assaulting and murdering the aforesaid Harris
Spears and Joshua Butte with sticks knives and pistols and
of having robbed the said Butte of Spears of thirty Silver dollars
on the high road leading from Broad water to Jerusalem on the
evening of the 15th Instant

Just. Brig. Polunt Edm. Tyler
 Robert Godwyn Sam. Calcutt }
 James Millar Chs. Brigg } Gent.
 Jesse Browne & Dan Butts }

The court being thus constituted the pris oner was set to the bar
by the Sheriff of this county and was charged with the felony &
murder aforesaid to which he plead not guilty he was ^{by counsel} heard in his
own defence and others witnesses being examined the court on con-
sideration thereof and the circumstance of the case are of opinion
that he is ^{not} guilty of the murder but that he is guilty of the
other charges and the prisoner being asked why sentence of
death should not be passed on him claimed the benefit of
clergy which is granted him whereupon the court ~~and~~
~~opinion~~ ^{said} directed that the pris oner should be hanged in the hand
which was accordingly executed by the Sheriff in presence of the
Court and that he receive 39 lashes on his bare back and that the
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^{same} performed ~~which~~ being done it is ordered that the prisoner
be discharged

B. W. Blunt