in the report of the proceedings of the court to the executive that the court was unanimous in their opinion. Therefore it is ordered that the clerk immediately write to the executive & inclose the foregoing and that the court having the law before them at the trial could not have condemned the slave if there had been a dissenting voice — and that in the opinion of the court the intention of the legislature in passing a law inflicting the punishment of death was to deter the living from perpetrating the like offence, which intention in the present case is destroyed — the Court also further represent that this county is burthened with a considerable expence for guards &c which on like occasions the auditor has refused to pay — The Court are further informed ~~expected~~ that the condemned negro Lewy is pardoned upon information to the executive that he was an idiot or of unsound mind — Nothing like this appeared to the court of Ayr which was composed of 8 members; True it is that a motion was made to the Court to recommend him to ~~Rely~~ a proper person for pardon & something said about his youth & weak intellects but after inquiry of those who knew the man the motion was unanimously rejected

The court also request the Executive not to grant any further suspension unless they ~~—~~ receive certain information which requires ~~this~~ interference

Saml Downey & wife to Miles Cary deed & comm ackd by him & with the Comm. of the exon thereof is O R

Martha Kirby orphan of Jno. Kirby chose Saml Downey for her guard. who gave bond &c

On the pet. of Wm Newton to have a road on his land &c it is ordered that Lay. Cook Saml Edmunds Jas Gee & James Wilkinson or any 3 of them view the ~~a~~ convenience &c inconvenience of having the S road & report

On the motion of Moses Foster ser. for Jos. Fort dep. sheriff for G. Gurley former sheriff of this county for an inj. to stay the proceedings of a judgment at law agst him & granted on giving bond secy. & pfts his bill

Ordered that Saml Calvert Moody Collier Charles Biggs & Wm Simmons or any 3 settle Jas Bell adm. of his admor on the est. of Jno Kirby decd dispatch

On mot of Wm Clark it is ordered that Jno Gwaltney exor of James Lancaster be summoned to appear at Feby Court to render an acct of his testators admon on the estate of Jno Clark decd

A writing purporting to be the ~~last will~~ Nuncupative will of John Browne was proved by Ab Browne a witness thereto & ordered for further proof