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At a court held for the county of Southampton the 19 day of February 1801 for the trial of examination of Peter Whitehead ^{the property of Saml Doe} who has a suit now depending for his freedom Abraham Browne free negro Peter Doe free negro Saml Doe free negro Cumminell Scott free negro Amos Ricks free negro on suspicion of plotting and conspiring with others to murder the white people of this county

Present Wm Edwards James Millar
Saml Calvert Josiah Vick
J Chas Briggs

The above named Peter Whitehead Abraham Browne Peter Doe Saml Doe Cumminell Scott Amos Ricks free negroes and charged with the plotting and conspiring aforesaid - men brought into the court & sufficient evidence not appearing of the prisoners the court on consideration thereof and the circumstances of the case are of opinion that they ought not to be tried for the said offence whereupon this is ordered that they be discharged

Wm Edwards

At a court of assize and terminer held for the county of Southampton the 19 day of February 1801 for the trial of Austin a negro man slave the property of Wm Evans of the said county charged with others of plotting and conspiring the murder of of the white people of this county

Just Wm Edwards Saml Calvert
Josiah Vick James Millar
J Chas Briggs

The court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to the bar of this county and charged with the felony plotting and conspiring aforesaid to which he plead not guilty and heard by counsel in his defence and divers witnesses being examined ^{the court} on consideration thereof and the circumstances of the case are of opinion that the prisoner is not guilty and it is ordered that the Sheriff forthwith ^{set him} at liberty

Wm Edwards