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At a court held for the county of Sampson the 10 day of Aug.  
1802 the Court was called by the Sheriff.

Pres<sup>t</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Miquelant. Lewis Fort<sup>r</sup>  
 Charles Briggs. H<sup>on</sup> G<sup>en</sup>l. } Gent.

Taylor and wife to ~~Thorp~~ Deed at wife's age

All notices given to day are com<sup>d</sup>

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It appearing to the court that Frans Wren stands charged with two  
 for the year 1800 & 1801  
 Duties in Super, therefore it is ordered that he be exempted from  
 the paym<sup>t</sup> of the same in this county

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Lewis Fork

At a Court of oyer and terminer held for the county of Sampson on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1802 for the trial of Rob<sup>t</sup> a negro man slave the property of Absalom Joiner of this county charged with having on Saturday evening the 24 of July last at the house of James Gardner Jr in the County murdered a negro man slave ~~him~~ the property of said Joiner

Present Lewis Fort Saml. Hunt  
John McQuhant Charles Briggs  
Mills Ervitt & Geo. Lynley Junr.

The court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to the bar by the Sheriff of this county, and charged with the murder aforesaid to which he plead not guilty and was heard by counsel in his own defence and James Garrison of full age being sworn says that on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July last being the same day on which Tom was killed he left home at 1<sup>o</sup> Clock when the prisoner was at the bar and Tom was at work in his employ-ment and that he left no person at home but the prisoner was at the bar. On the day a negro woman and two small children that when the day then app<sup>r</sup> will testify - that he did not return home till abt 1 1/2 hours in the night of the same day that he went into the house and lay down on the bed and his wife went into the

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