

In conformity to a conditional writ of mandamus to us directed
 was the Justices of Southampton court in that writ mentioned to
 the honourable James Semple, one of the Judges of the General
 court and Judge of the 2nd circuit assigned to hold a Superior
 court of Law in and for the county of Ston as most humbly
 certify on the day and place in that writ mentioned, that it
 appears to the court from the records of July court 1811 that
 James Millan, Samuel Blunt and Jacob Darden Gentlemen
 were by the court recommended as fit persons to be ~~sheriffs~~
 execute the office of Sheriff of this county for the ensuing year
 and that recommendation was forwarded to the executives
 and it also appearing to the court from the testimony of
 Samuel Kello, clerk of this court which was entered of record
 at Southampton March court 1812 & admitted as evidence
 that same time in the month of October 1811 as he believes
 he received an envelope directed to him covering a commission
 appointing said James Millan Sheriff which he placed &
 kept in his office in a conspicuous place for two months
 from the date of the said commission, that some time in
 December two months having elapsed from the date of said
 James Millan, commission, he certified to the Executives the
 failure of the said James Millan to give bond and security
 according to law, that some time in the same month Dec^r
 he the said Samuel Kello, received another envelope directed
 to him covering a commission appointing Samuel Blunt
 to be Sheriff of this county, which said commission was
 dated the 23rd Dec^r 1811 that that commission also was