

At a Court Summoned and held for the county of Southampton on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1879 for the examination of Martin P. Stephenson late of the parish of Allensham in the county of Suffolk <sup>who stood charged with</sup> ~~planter & laborer~~ <sup>for having</sup> feloniously & falsely made forged and counterfeited a certain obligation, otherwise called a promissory note, otherwise called a single bill otherwise called a bond ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> been executed by one Jeremiah Kings, for the sum of \$12.67 payable the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1878, bearing date the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1874 & said to have been witnessed by one Eli Coker -

Present Jeremiah Cobb, Benj<sup>n</sup> Cobb, Benj<sup>n</sup> M. Johnston  
Thomas Pattison and Wm<sup>d</sup> L. Everett Sent.

The said Martin P. Stephenson was set to the bar by the Sheriff of Southampton county into whose custody he was heretofore committed and charged with the felony aforesaid, and thereupon overy witnesses were sworn and examined on behalf of the Commonwealth touching the premises to wit, Eli Coker, Jesse Bailey, ~~John~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Seabrook~~ & Judewell Guattney, - and the prisoner being fully heard by counsel, the court after hearing the testimony and viewing all the circumstances of the case are of opinion that the prisoner ought to be tried for said offence at the next Superior court to be holden for this county and thereupon it is ordered that he be remanded to jail -

Eli Coker, Jesse Bailey, ~~John Seabrook~~ & Judewell Guattney have in court acknowledged themselves indebted unto his Excellency James P. Preston Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor or chief magistrate of this commd. and his Successors in office for the time being in the sum of \$333.33 1/3 cents each to be levied of their respective goods & chattels land and tenements and to the said Governor for the Commd. rendered - Set upon this condition that if they and each of them shall personally appear before the Judge of the <sup>next</sup> Superior court to be holden for this county at the courthouse on the first day of next Superior court to be holden for this county by ten o'clock of that day and shall not depart thence without leave of the court then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue -

Be it remembered that Martin P. Stephenson with <sup>James Lane</sup> ~~Mrs. E. Daugherty~~ his Securities entered into & acknowledged themselves indebted unto his Excellency James P. Preston Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor or chief magistrate of this commd. and his Successors in office for the time being the said Martin P. Stephenson in the sum of Two thousand dollars and the said <sup>James Lane</sup> ~~Mrs. E. Daugherty~~ and his Securities in the sum of \$1000 each to be levied of their respective goods and chattels land & tenements & to the said Governor for the use of the commd. rendered - Set upon this