

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer summoned and held for the County of Southampton at the Courthouse on the 31st day of August 1831 for the trial of Daniel a negro man slave the property of Richard Porter, Sack the property of Everett Bryant, Moss the property of Thomas Barron, Tom late the property of Katy Whitehead, Sack late the property of Katy Whitehead, Andrew late the property of Katy Whitehead, Dany late the property of Elizabeth Turner, Stephen the property of Thomas Ridley, and Curtis the property of Thomas Ridley, charged with feloniously consulting, advising & conspiring with each other and divers other slaves to rebel and make insurrection and making insurrection and taking the lives of divers free white persons of this Commonwealth - Present. Jeremiah Cobb, James D. Mapentburg, Alexander Pate James Truant and Orvis A. Brorne. Gent. Justice

Merewether B. Brodnax attorney for the Commonwealth filed an Information against the prisoners above named. ~~and the Court doth assign~~ ~~William Le Parker Esq. Attorney at Law to defend the prisoners.~~ And thereupon Daniel a negro man slave the property of Richard Porter in the said Information mentioned was brought into Court and set to the Bar in and the Court doth assign William Le Parker Esq. ^{the prisoner} also to defend the prisoner Custody of the Jailor of this County, and being duly arraigned of the prisoner pleaded not guilty to the Information, and Levi Waller a witness on behalf of the Commonwealth was sworn and deposed as follows That on Monday the 22^d August 1831 a number of negroes, say between 40 and 50, came to the house of the witness mounted on horse back and armed with guns ^{and swords} and other weapons - The ~~witness~~ ^{the witness} and all his family attempted to make their escape - and the ~~prisoner~~ ^{witness} did make his escape but did not proceed far from his house before he hid himself in sight of the house where he could see nearly all things that transpired at the house. - That the witness saw the prisoner Daniel & two other negroes go into a log house, where the witness wife had attempted to secrete themselves ^{and a small girl} he saw the negroes come out of the house and the prisoner Daniel had his ^{by the witness when made for a swamp near farther from the house and was pursued by the witness wife, Deppon Cham in his hand.} after the negroes had left the witness house, the witness returned to the house and found his wife & the small girl were ~~murdered~~ ^{murdered} as well as many other members of his family murdered and an infant child mortally wounded who died the Wednesday evening following.

Nathaniel Francis also a witness for the Commonwealth was sworn and deposed to the following facts. - That a number say between 50 & 60 free white persons were ^{on} murdered Sunday night the 21st & Monday morning the 22^d day of August 1831. by a number of negroes, and

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