

place of execution and there to be hanged by the neck until he be dead. 8)
And the Court doth value the said slave Davy to the sum of four hundred
and fifty dollars -

Absent. James Ingham, James W. Parker and Alexander F. Peete Gent.

Present. Jeremiah Lebb, Leam Worrens & William B. Goodwyn - Gent.

Record kept at
by Esq. Sept. 4th
1834.

Curles a slave the property of Thomas Ridley was set to the bar in custody of
the Sheriff of this County. and the Court with William Le Parker Esq. Counsel for the
prisoner in his defence. and the said Curles being arraigned of the premises pleaded not
guilty to the informations - and John Le Turner a witness for the Commonwealth was
sworn and examined says that at 8 or 9 O'clock Tuesday morning 23rd August 1834
he met the prisoner and another near Dick Dardens mounted on mules - prisoner
admitted that he lived at Major Ridley's quarter. That he was with the in-
surgents at that place Monday night - that he had been with the party that
visited Capt. Harris the second time - that he was on his way home - witness states
that the place where he met prisoner he was in the opposite direction from his
home - that he the witness took him to the Cross Keys where the prisoner ad-
mitted that the leader of the insurgents told him to go to Newsums and
Allens quarters to get other negroes to join them and that he was on the way
for that purpose - that the prisoner seemed to have been drinking - and he
told the witness that the insurgents gave him drink - that the prisoner and the
other negro gave the same confession - that no promises or threats ^{were} made to
them - That the prisoner made no effort to escape and that if they had they
could easily have been shot as witness and his party were well mounted &
armed - witness asked the prisoner how he expected to get to Mr. Newsums
prisoner answered that Nat (the head of the insurgents) had told him the
white people were too much alarmed to interrupt them

Scipio a slave sworn on behalf of the prisoner - says that he was at home
when the insurgents came up - They took Curles with them and he did not
appear to go willingly. That Curles the prisoner could not have escaped because
the insurgents surrounded him.

The Court after hearing the testimony and all the circumstances of the case are
unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty in manner and form as in
the information against them is set forth and it being demanded of the
prisoner if anything for himself he had or knew to say why the Court there
should not proceed to pronounce judgment against him according to Law. And
nothing being offered or alleged in delay of judgment it is considered by the Court
that the prisoner be taken hence to the place from whence he came there
to be safely and securely kept until Monday the twelfth day of September
instant on which day between the hours of ten O'clock in the forenoon &
two O'clock in the afternoon of the prisoner is to be taken by the