

just before the insurgents arrived and believe the prisoner wished to ~~escape~~ ^{escape} ~~escape~~ home that he might be killed -
Cynthia a slave being charged and sworn as a witness states that on Monday the 22nd of August last the prisoner came home early in the morning, ^{seemingly} very sick. Went to his house, dropped himself very clean, while the negroes were in the yard, came into the kitchen asked for some meat took his ~~skiltope~~ ^{skiltope} meat out of the pot - Cut a piece off. Said "Cynthia you do not know me - I do not know when you will see me again - Stepped over the dead bodies without any manifestation of grief -

Stephen a slave being sworn and charged says he and Mr Edmund Drury went to Jacob Williams' on Monday the 22nd August last for corn while consulting about who should go for a corn measure. Mr. Drury said "Lord who is that coming" immediately the negroes rode up. Killed Mr. Drury, Mr. Williams' wife and children - told Nelson to go with them he seemed unwilling to go - but insisted upon dropping before he went - was forced to go with them. lagged behind when he was guarded - went to Mrs. Claughans. but did not participate in the murder - that the prisoner drank with them and had his tickler filled by his own request

The Court after hearing the testimony and from all the circumstances of the case are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty in manner and form as in the information against him is set forth and it being demanded of him of any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court 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 jail from whence he came where he is to be securely confined until Friday the ninth day of September next. on which day between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon ^{he} be taken by the Sheriff to the usual place of execution and there be hanged by the neck until he be dead. - And the Court values the said slave Nelson to the sum of four hundred dollars -

Davy a negro man slave the property of Levi Waller was then set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and the Court with adjournment William D. Bayle counsel for the prisoner in law appeared, and the said prisoner Davy being arraigned of the premises pleaded not guilty to the Information and Levi Waller being sworn as a witness, says that on Monday the 22nd of August 1831 a band of negroes came to his house, killed all his family but that Davy the prisoner was not at the house - he came up while the negroes were there dropped himself clean - drank with them, rode his master's

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