

informed of the murder of Mr. Whitehead's family by one of Mr. Whitehead's negroes

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 the prisoner if 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 place from whence he came there to be safely confined until Monday the 12th day of September instant. on which day between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon ~~he is to be taken~~ by the Sheriff to the usual place of execution and there to be hanged by the ~~hand~~ neck until he be dead: and the Court doth value the said place to the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars. And the Court, from all the circumstances of the case doth recommend to the Governor to commute the punishment of the prisoner to transportation -

The Court doth allow to Thomas R. Gray, Esq., the sum of ten dollars as fee for defending Jack a negro slave belonging to the estate of William Reese and to William C. Parker the sum of ten dollars as a fee for defending Nat belonging to Edmund Reese ^{Jr.} Esq.

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At a Court of Oyer and Terminer Summoned and held for the County of Southampton on the 5th day of September 1831 for the trial of David a negro man Slave the property of Nathaniel Francis of this County for making insurrection and for conspiring the lives of sundry free white persons of this Commonwealth

Present, Levi Borrows, James D. Mapenbury, Benjamin Griffin, Oris

A. Brown and James Ingraham. Sent -

The Court being thus constituted afterwards B. Brodmore attorney prosecuting for the Commonwealth filed an information against the above named David, and thereupon the said David was set to the bar in custody of the County and being arraigned of the premises pleaded not guilty to the information and Levi Waller of full age being sworn as a witness - states that the prisoner was one of the insurgents who came to his house on Monday 22nd August 1831 and killed his family - witness was near him and knew him well - prisoner was mounted armed with a gun or rifle - witness saw not know which witness cannot be mistaken in his person and prisoner rode up on one

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