

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer continued by adjournment and held for the County of Southampton on the 6th day of September 1831 for the trial of Hardy and Isham negro men slaves the property of Benjamin Edwards for consulting, advising and conspiring to make insurrection and commit murder.

Present William B. Anderson, James D. Mapenberg, James Freeman, Alexander S. Fiske and Joseph T. Claud. Gent.

The Court being thus constituted M. B. Anderson Attorney prosecuting for the Commonwealth filed an information against the prisoners and thereupon the prisoner Hardy was set to the bar in custody of the jailor of this County and the Court doth assign James S. French Counsel for the prisoners in his defense. and the prisoners being arraigned of the premises pleaded not guilty to the information and the Court for good cause shown doth suspend further proceedings in this cause for the present.

Isham a negro man slave was set to the bar in custody of the jailor of this County. And for good cause shown this Court is adjourned till tomorrow morning nine o'clock.

Wm. B. Goodwyn

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer continued by adjournment and held for the County of Southampton on the 7th day of September 1831 for the trial of Hardy and Isham negro men slaves the property of Benjamin Edwards for consulting, advising and conspiring to make insurrection & murder.

Present. Circuit Court. Carr Bowers, Robert Goodwin, Orms A. Brown and Joseph T. Claud. Gent.

Hardy a negro man slave belonging to Benjamin Edwards was again set to the bar in custody of the Jailor of this County. and

Henry a slave being sworn as a witness for the Commonwealth says that on Saturday preceding insurrection Isham told witness that Genl. Nat was going to rise and murder all the whites and that witness must join them or that if he did not they would kill him if they caught him. Witness went to new ground Monday morning found the prisoners & Berry Newsum. Berry stated that the damid Rascal, meaning witness's master, has been there and that they would get him before night. Prisoner was lying down at some distance asleep. Witness went about a quarter of a mile to Mr. Jones to get some water. heard at Mr. Jones that the Englishmen were in the County killing the white people. that he told the prisoner & Berry Newsum. prisoner made light of it and said it was nothing it might be done long ago. that the negroes had been punished long enough.

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