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August 22. about two hours by sun. Witness did not know when from
and said there was going to be a war and that witness would see -
About an hour after the prisoner made these remarks Mr. Barnes came
by and said the negroes are behind killing the white people. Ben (the
prisoner) as soon as Mr Barnes had passed said ah! did not I tell
you there would be war - how did I know. -

Drewy Little was sworn & examined as a witness. and says that he
is the owner of the slave. ^{that he was from home when the insurrection}
broke out - he went home - hid his family. left his negroes to guard them -
he went off - returned - & carried his family off and left his negroes at
home and directed them not to go off on any account unless to run
from the negroes. -

Luke a negro man slave was charged & sworn as a witness. States
that on Tuesday morning, ^{August 23rd 1831.} ^{the wife of the prisoner,} Billy Artist, his wife came by - witness
asked Artist the news & Artist asked witness to go with him -
but witness refused. Artist said nothing to prisoner but prisoner
went off with him. Artist returned about 3 or 4 o'clock in the
evening with the prisoner. and Thomas Hawthorn & 3 boys with him,
said he would cut their way, he would kill & cripple as he went.
they were so far off that witness did not hear them except when
they spoke loud and Artist flourished his hatred when he spoke of
killing &

Charlotte a negro woman slave - being charged & sworn. Says that
about three hours by sun in the morning of Tuesday Natham, the
brother of the prisoner came to her masters. Peter Edwards and told
prisoner his, Natham's, money was in the field - Ben made no reply
and in a short time Natham, Billy Artist & his wife & Ben the prisoner
& two other boys went off together

Cherry a negro woman slave was charged & sworn - States that
she lives at Mr. Francis's, that about 12 o'clock Tuesday 23rd August
last the prisoner & ^{Billy Artist his wife.} Natham & the two boys came to the house of
Mr. Francis; Ben the prisoner stood in the yard but the others
went into the house they brought out a bundle of clothes and asked
the prisoner to carry some of them and he said he would.

The evidence being closed and the prisoner being fully heard in
his defence by Robert Birchett esq: his Counsel. 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 &
form as in the Information against him is alleged and it

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