

At Court summoned and held for the County of Southampton on the 9th day of April 1836, for the examination of Willis Cooke, Burton Taylor and James Turner charged with feloniously beating and cruelly whipping Jack Hobbs a man of color in the month of February last past in this County of which said felonious beating and cruelty whistling the said Jack Hobbs died.

Present. Benjamin Dewey, James D. Haysburg, Samuel B. Davis, Joseph T. Holmes
and William A. Spark. Gent.

The Court being thus constituted the prisoners were set to the bar in custody of the jailor of this County and Sunday witnesses were sworn and examined and the prisoners by their counsel fully heard. The Court after hearing the Testimony and upon mature deliberation thereof are of opinion just do accordingly order that the prisoners be discharged from further prosecution for the said supposed offense. And whereas it is ordered that they be discharged from custody—

Benj. Dewey

At a Court summoned and held for the County of Southampton on the 12th day of April 1836 for the examination of Willis Johnson of this County charged with having wilfully, maliciously & feloniously stabbing Richard Edwards at Crooksville in this County on or about the 25th day of February 1836 with an intent in so doing to maim disfigure disable or kill the said Edwards.

Present. Benjamin Dewey, James D. Haysburg, Samuel B. Davis, William A. Spark &
Nicholas M. Debull. Gent.

The Court being thus constituted the said Willis Johnson was set to the bar in custody of the jailor of this County. Whereupon for reasons appearing to the Court the examination of the said Willis Johnson is adjourned for the next Court to be held for this County. And whereas he is remanded to jail.

Be it remembered that Richard Edwards has on Court acknowledged himself indebted to William Robinson Esq. Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the sum of One hundred dollars. of the hands of his agent John C. Shattock to be levied and to the said Lieutenant Governor and his successor in Office for the use of the Commonwealth rendered. Not upon the condition of the said Richard Edwards shall personally appear before the Justice of the Peace for this County or the Court house on the first day of the next Court and give such evidence as he may be called upon to give in the common cause against Willis Johnson who stands charged with felony and shall not depart from without leave of the said Court then this recognizance to be void or due to remain in full force

Benj. Dewey