

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer Summoned and held at the Court house of Southampton County on the eighth day of February 1839 for the trial of Jeff. a negro man slave belonging to Nancy James of this County, charged with ravishing Polly a white female person of this County on the public highway on the evening of the 31st day of January last past near the Farmers bridge in this County.

Present.

Jeremiah Cobb James Clayton Samuel B. Hens. Nicholas M. Seibell & William H. Nicholson - Gent.

The Court being thus constituted the said Jeff. was set to the bar in custody of the sheriff and being arraigned pleaded not guilty, and thereupon sundry witnesses were sworn and examined and the prisoner fully heard by James P. Fernald his counsel assigned him by the Court. The Court after hearing the evidence and upon due consideration and of all the circumstances of the case, are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the felony aforesaid of which he stands charged, and it being demanded of the prisoner if any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court should not now pronounce judgment against him, and nothing being offered or alleged in delay of judgment it is considered by the Court that he be hanged by the neck until he be dead, and that execution of this judgment be made and done upon him the said Jeff. by the Sheriff of this County on Wednesday the 13th day of March next between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two in the afternoon of the same day at the usual place of execution - And thereupon the said Jeff. is remanded to jail - And the Court value the said slave Jeff. to the sum of Eight hundred dollars.

See last

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer Summoned and held at the Court house of Southampton County on the 8th day of February 1839 for the trial of Frank a negro man slave belonging to Samuel T. James of this County, for feloniously aiding and abetting Jeff. a negro man slave in committing a rape upon the body of Polly a white female person of this County aforesaid on the public highway in said County on the evening of the 31st day of January last past.

Present.

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The Court being thus constituted the said Frank was set to the bar in custody of the jailor and being arraigned pleaded not guilty, and sundry witnesses were sworn and examined and the prisoner fully heard by James P. Fernald his counsel assigned him by the Court. The Court after hearing the evidence and upon due consideration and of all the circumstances of the case, are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the felony aforesaid of which he stands charged, and it being demanded of the prisoner if any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court should not now pronounce judgment against him, and nothing being offered or alleged in delay of judgment it is considered by the Court that he be hanged by the neck until he be dead, and that execution of this judgment be made and done upon him the said Frank by the Sheriff of this County on Wednesday the 13th day of March next between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two in the afternoon of the same day at the usual place of execution - And thereupon the said Frank is remanded to jail -