

at \$300 making the average value \$350-

James a negro man slave belonging to the estate of Roger Atkinson dec'd of Charlotte County charged with having feloniously advising and plotting rebellion & insurrection at Barrett's meeting house on Sunday the 23rd day of August 1840 in this County was set to the bar in custody of the keeper of the jail of this County. (The Court summoned for his trial having failed to attend) and thereupon being duly sworn & examined and the prisoner fully heard by Robt Collier esq. his counsel appeared here in his defense. After hearing the testimony the Court are of opinion that the prisoner is not guilty as in pleading he had alleged. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the prisoner be acquitted & discharged of the offence aforesaid and thereupon he is discharged from custody.

Robert Joseph T. Cland. Present. Jeremiah Cobb.

Davy a slave belonging to Mr. Francis Parker charged with having on the 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord 1840. at Barrett's meeting house in this County feloniously advised, conspired & advised conspired to rebel and make insurrection ^{and} was set to the bar in custody of the keeper of this County (the Court summoned for his examination having failed to attend) ^{and being duly sworn & examined} ^{and} thereupon being duly sworn & examined. To wit Davy a negro man being duly charged & sworn Testifies that he was at Barrett's meeting house on the 23rd of August last and saw the prisoner that he did not hear him say anything relative to the charge against him.

Walter a negro man being duly charged & sworn Testifies he was at the meeting house & he holds who was yesterday connected asked Davy the prisoner if he would join, having previously said he was going to kill the white people, the prisoner said he would if the British come through this County he would join them but he would not go away to join them - and he did not say what he would do after he joined them.

The testimony being closed and the prisoner being fully heard by Samuel J. Douglas esq. his counsel appeared here in his defense. The Court after mature deliberation thereon and of all the circumstances of the case unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the offence aforesaid of which he stands charged and it being deemed of him if anything for himself he had or knew to say why the Court should not now 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 hanged by the neck with the bar be dead. And that the Sheriff do that the judgment on Tuesday the 20th day of October next at the usual place of execution between the hours of 10 O'clock in the morning and 3 O'clock in the evening of the same day. And thereupon the prisoner is recommended to jail. And the Court from all the circumstances of the case recommended to the Governor to commute the punishment of the prisoner to transportation. And the members of the Court value the said Davy as follows. Jeremiah Cobb at \$150. William C. Spruill at \$225. James Clayton at \$200. Thomas Ridley at \$200. & Nathaniel J. Williams at \$150 making the average value \$187.

Or Ordered that Mr. Francis Parker pay Samuel J. Douglas twenty five dollars for defending the slave Davy charged with felony.