

At a Court summoned and held at the Courthouse of Southampton County on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1840. for the examination of Matthew Drake charged with the murder of James Scott. Ann Prollon. Sarah LeProllon. Lydia Mingo a free woman of colour & Seth Mingo a coloured infant at the house of the aforesaid Scott in this County.

Present. James D Mappenburg. James Maget. William A Sparks. Edwin B. Claus & William H. Nicholas - Gentl.

The Court being thus constituted the said Matthew Drake was set to the bar in custody of the Keeper of the Jail of this County and thereupon sundry witnesses to wit Jesse Drayton. Charles Bullock & Thomas Le Jones were sworn & examined and the prisoner he and on his defence by Counsel. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said Matthew Drake ought to be tried for the offence aforesaid of which he stands charged at the next Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for this County - and thereupon he is remanded to Jail.

J. D. Mappenburg