

At a special session of the County Court of Southampton, summoned & held at the Courthouse thereof, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of November 1853, pursuant to a warrant issued by William Roberts, a Justice of the peace of the said County of Southampton, for the examination of Edward Madden for a felony by him committed in the said County of Southampton and within the jurisdiction of this Court, in this, that he did on the 27th day of October 1853, in the said County, feloniously advise and conspire with one Jordan Stuart, a free negro, of the said County in order to induce the slaves of the said Commonwealth to rebel and make insurrection against the Laws and Government of this Commonwealth.

Present, Benjamin Drury, Presiding Justice, Joseph C. Gillett, Elijah Joyner, John H. Bishop, and Wm. C. Gay, Justices.

The said Edward Madden was this day at the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and the Court having heard the evidence are of opinion that a felony has been committed and that there is probable cause to charge the said Edward Madden therewith, do remand him for trial in the Circuit Court of this County at its next Term. And the said Edward Madden is remanded to jail.

Be it remembered that Nathaniel T. Livercy & Edwin Drake here in Court acknowledge themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of three hundred dollars each to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements and for the use of the Commonwealth rendered. Yst upon this condition that if the said Nathaniel T. Livercy & Edwin Drake shall each personally appear ^{before} the Judge of the Circuit Court for this County on the first day of the next term to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against Edward Madden and shall not depart thence without the leave of the said Court, then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Ordered that the Court be now adjourned

B. Drury per Justice