

A vacancy existing in this County in the Surveyorship by reason of the failure of Thomas B. McNeill to qualify as Surveyor. It is ordered that a writ of election be issued directed to the Commissioners of Conductors appointed at the last term of this Court, to hold an election on the fourth Thursday in this month to supply said vacancy.

Ordered that Francis S. Birley, Lewis Sharp, of Sand Drury being sworn for the purpose do appraise all the goods or chattels of Henry S. Rittle dec'd that may be produced to them & make due return of the same.

The Commissioners appointed to let to the lowest undertaker the repairs of the long bridge at Mafserburgs Mill & receive the same when completed make report to Court, this day made their report, which is ordered to be filed.

A writing bearing date the 13th day of April 1854, purporting to be the last will & testament of H. S. Rittle dec'd was produced in Court for probat. and it appearing to the Court, that the said writing was not signed by the said Rittle nor by any one for him, the Court refused to admit the said writing to record as the last will & testament of the said H. S. Rittle dec'd.

Ordered that the estate of J. Francis Pope dec'd be committed to the hands of Saml. Kello, Sheriff of this County to be administered according to law.

On the application of W^m R. Stephenson, C. D. Bacham, Richard. Paunt & Saml. Drury who severally produced the Sheriffs receipt for the tax imposed by law, a license is granted each of them to keep private entertainments at their respective houses in this County until the next May term of this Court. It being the opinion of the Court that each of them is sober and of good character and will probably keep a house orderly, useful and such as the law requires.

On the motion of the President & directors of the Seaboard & Beanoke Rail Road Company. which motion was defended by the Commonwealth it is ordered that the sum of one hundred & eighty five dollars be returned to the said applicants, being the amount with which they have been erroneously charged in the Commissioners books for taxes for the year 1853. the same having been paid by the applicants to the Sheriff of Southampton County (and by him paid into the public Treasury.

Memorandum: - On the trial of this motion the attorney for the Commonwealth excepted to the opinion of the Court and tendered his bill of exceptions, which was reviewed, signed & sealed by the Court and ordered to be made a part of the record in the said motion.

On the motion of Jennina Crocker to cancel the indentures binding Georgianna Crocker to Joseph Davis. For reasons appearing to the Court this motion is postponed until the next term.