The Court doth assign Spikes Beale guardian of Nancy Beale orphan of Silas Beale dec^d. Whereupon he gave bond and security according to law.

Jos. E. Gillette a justice of the peace of this County this day returned a certificate of the qualification of Wm. B. Westbrook as a Justice of the peace in the following words & figures, to wit:

"Southampton County, to wit:

This day William B. Westbrook, who has been commissioned a justice of the peace, for the 1st District in said County to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Howell Vaiss to continue in office until the 1st day of August 1850, by the Governor of Virginia, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and qualified as a justice aforesaid by taking the several oaths prescribed by law. Given under my hand this the 3rd day of May, A.D. 1854

Jos. E. Gillette J.P."

The proceedings in specialties No. 34 ——— this day returned their report, which is ordered to be recorded.

Present, James E. Peters, Wm H. Nicholson, Wm B. Westbrook, James Holmes, Irin Griffin, Edward Beaton, Ro. G. Edwards, John Cobb, James Ma Jett, Joseph E. Gillette, Patrick Doles, Wm E. Gay, Elijah Joyner, Seth H. Bishop, Ro. S. Jones, Saml. B. Bello, & Jos. W. Cheloe, Justices.

On the motion of Pope & Munroe, James R. Joyner & Co., Neverson Joyner, Richard J. Darden, William Lancaster, Monroe Gray, Jesse S. Barham, Elijah Joyner, Edward Beaton, & Wm P. Moore merchants in this County who desire their license to include permission to sell by retail wine, ardent spirits or a mixture thereof, at their respective stores, and who produced the Sheriffs receipts for the tax imposed by law. The Court doth certify that they are persons of good character and see no objection to granting such permission.

Absent all the justices except Benjamin Drewry, presiding justice, Wm Bowers, Peter J. Holmes, & Wm. B. Westbrook.

On the motion of Harrison D. Moore to alter the road leading from Jerusalem to Joyner's Bridge through his lands. The commissioners appointed to view the way proposed for altering the said road this day made their report, upon consideration whereof the Court doth order that the said Harrison D. Moore have leave to alter said road as proposed at his own costs, and that Wm W. Briggs, M. D. Sumner & Richard J. Darden be appointed commissioners to receive the said road when completed & put in good repair and report the same to Court.

Ordered that the Sheriff summon all the acting justices of this County to the next term of this Court to determine whether any, and if any, which of the proposals shall be accepted for the re

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