

Ordered that Messrs. R. Conell, Saml. S. Darden, Lewis Bryant and Robt. S. Barnes or any three of them bring down for the purpose do appraise all the goods or chattels of Alexander Mearns dec'd that may be produced to them & make the return of the same.

* The Court doth appoint Augustus J. Stephenson guardian of Tobias C. Stephenson, orphan of Allen Stephenson dec'd. Whereupon he together with John P. Rykin, Harrison L. Stephenson & Levi Stephenson his securities, (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned according to Law.

The Court doth appoint John R. Bryant guardian of John W. Stephenson orphan of Allen Stephenson dec'd. Whereupon he together with Augustus J. Stephenson, Harrison L. Stephenson and Levi Stephenson his securities, who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned according to Law.

The last Will and testament of Patrick H. Hollings dec'd. was proved by the oaths of W. V. Hick and Benja. Johnson, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded.

Mary a Slave, the property of William Drake whose funds charged with a felony by him committed in this County and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that she did on the eighth day of December in the year 1858, one Sackey or Susan Boon a free person of color unlawfully, feloniously and of her malice aforethought kill and murder was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and the said Slave Mary being thereupon, pleaded not guilty and the Court having heard the evidence are unanimously of opinion that the said Slave Mary is not guilty of the offence with which she stands charged. Therefore it is considered by the Court that she be acquitted and discharged of the offence with which she stands charged. And the Court doth affix the fee of her Counsel at twenty dollars.

On the petition of James W. Musie, William W. Lawrence Richard Barrett & Eliza A. Owen. The Commissioner in this cause, this day made his report.

Joseph Beale, who stands charged with a felony by him committed in this County and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this that the said Joseph Beale did on the 24th day of January in the year 1859, unlawfully and maliciously shoot with a gun loaded with powder and shot and leaden balls in the County of Southampton and did thereby wound one Nancy Beale with intent to maim, disfigure, disable and kill the said Nancy Beale was this day set to 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 accused therewith and doth remove him for trial for the said offence before the Circuit Court of this land at the next term thereof. The said Joseph Beale moved the Court to be allowed to enter into recognizance with security for his appearance before the said Circuit Court which motion the Court entertained and allowed the said Joseph Beale to make