On the motion of Richard L. Boyd who made oath and together with Robert S. Barnes and David Bowers his sureties (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Six hundred dollars conditioned according to law, certificate to issue to them for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Penny Bowers late of this county.

Ordered that Arthur Cottrell, Geo. Cooper & Robt. S. Barnes be appointed for the purpose to appraise all the goods & chattels of Penny Bowers dec'd and return the appraisement under their hands to the clerk of this Court.

A writing bearing date the 26th July 1856 purporting the last Will and Testament of Wilson Williams dec'd was produced in Court and the Henry Williams subscribing witness thereto. Being duly sworn deposeth and says he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Wilson Williams dec'd and verily believes that the said writing and signature thereto are wholly in the hand writing of the said Wilson Williams dec'd. Whereupon it is ordered that the said writing be recorded as for the last Will and Testament of the said Wilson Williams dec'd.

The last Will and Testament of John Hewes dec'd was proved by the oaths of Benjamin H. Jones & George T. Travis the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Whereas the deeds of Trust having been executed by Thomas M. Bailey, the date whereof not recollected, as the same with the other records of this County of Northampton having been removed in consequence of the proximity of the public enemy) conveying certain property real & personal to S. T. W. Tunnell trustee for the benefit of Ann Tucker & others and whereas the said S. T. W. Tunnell being dead, the Court appoints Henry L. Bailey in the place of the said Tunnell to execute the said trust. And the surviving & not the parties concerning their interest under the present condition of public affairs, require immediate action, did approach Samuel M. Holmes trustee named in the premises whereupon the said Holmes did proceed to sell the said property in the deeds of trust mentioned, as will appear by his account of sales herewith filed & ordered to be entered herein and pay the debt due to Tucker as will also appear by his bond bearing by said deed also entered herewith filed. And it appearing that Thomas Bailey, Joseph Bailey, Elijah Bailey & Thomas Bailey who being minors are entitled to with Thomas M. Bailey Jr. & Henry L. Bailey the two last named to the balance in the hands of the said Samuel M. Holmes trustee, the Court feeling on behalf of said minors being of opinion that the exigency of the times, and the condition of the parties (the minor parties being actually suffering for food) intended immediate action, the adult parties being present therein, did hereby ratify the appointment of the said Holmes as trustee & doth appoint them and the Court doth further ratify and confirm the sale made by him, and doth authorize him to execute all deeds & papers that may be necessary to convey title to the property sold. And the Court doth further adjourn, order and decree that a commissioner of this Court, settle the transactions of said trustee in the premises & ascertain the amounts severally due to the parties & report to Court, with the said balance remaining in the hands of the said trustee and make report to Court, with such other matters as may be required by the parties to be stated, or as he may deem pertinent.

On the motion of Thomas Dix who made oath and together with Robert S. Barnes & David H. Joyner his sureties (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Wilson Williams dec'd with the will annexed in due form.

Ordered that Lemuel L. Doles, David H. Joyner, Wm. H. Barnes & Emanuel Joyner