

At a Court convened and held for the County of Southampton on Friday July the 24th 1863.
for &c &c

Thomas Vaughan, John Poston & Thomas J. Weston Justices
+ John P. Dwyer Justice

William W. Briggs having been elected only Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton on the 25th day of June 1863. to fill the vacancy occasioned by death of George W. Vick to give bond and qualify within the time provided by law. And it appearing to the Court that a complaint signed by twenty seven of the qualified voters of said County and sworn to according to law of the said election of the said William W. Briggs to the office aforesaid was filed in the Clerk's Office of the Court within ten days after the said election, and that a copy of the said complaint was also a notice that the said election would be contested by Samuel Wells, was served upon the said Briggs within the time and in the manner provided by law. the Court proceeded to enquire into and determine concerning the said election and after hearing the evidence adduced is of opinion and so it therefore deems that Samuel Wells is a majority of the votes legally polled at the election and is therefore elected Sheriff of the County. It is ordered that he fill the vacancy occasioned by death of the father of George W. Vick to qualify and that he is entitled to qualify.

Samuel Wells who was elected Sheriff of Southampton County to supply the vacancy occasioned by death of the father of George W. Vick to give bond and qualify within the time provided by law together with John B. Griffin, John B. Vick, William D. Butler + John M. Spaulding his Sureties (who qualified on oath and their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledges a bond in the penalty of fifty five thousand dollars conditions according to law which bond is ordered to be recorded and thereupon the said Wells took the several oaths required by law.

Vacancies having occurred in District N^o 2. by the death of John P. Dwyer + William A. Thomas. It is ordered that the commissioners + conductors of election in said District cause an election to be held on the 15th day of August next to supply the said vacancies.

A vacancy having occurred in District N^o 3 in the number of Justice to which said District is entitled by reason of the resignation of John W. Murfee. It is ordered that the commissioners and conductors of election of said District cause an election to be held on the 15th day of August next to supply the said vacancy.

A vacancy having occurred in District N^o 4 in the number of Justice to which said District is entitled by reason of the death of Henry W. Smith. It is ordered that the commissioners and conductors of election in said District cause an election to be held on the 15th day of August next to supply the said vacancy.

Ordered that the bonds be returned till the first day of the next Term.

Thos. Vaughan, Justice