

Ordered that James Gandy, Wm. B. Saunders & Egall Atkins being first duly sworn before us Justice of the Peace for the purpose to appear at the said Court to give account under their hands to the Clerk of this Court -

Bellin Reid a negro who stands charged with a felony by him committed in this County and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this town, that he the said Bellin Reid did on the first day of October 1863 in the said County unlawfully and feloniously advise and assist and abet John and Jacob Slave of Abram P. Pope and Bill or William Slave of Wm. A. Pope to run away, escape and abscond from their said masters and the said Bellin Reid was in this conspiracy to the attempt to escape and abscond from his said masters of said slaves was the day again set to the last in custody of the Sheriff of this County, thereof arraigned, pleaded not guilty and thereon after hearing the evidence it is found that the said Bellin Reid is not guilty of the offence of which he stands charged.

Bellin Reid a negro who stands charged with a felony by him committed in this County and within the jurisdiction of this Court in this town, that the said Bellin Reid did on the first day of October 1863 in the said County and within the jurisdiction of the Court unlawfully and feloniously steal take & carry away three shirts and one cotton shirt the property of John Clegg of the value of forty dollars, and this day again set to the last in custody of the Sheriff of this County And it appearing to the Court that a single Justice has jurisdiction of the case it is ordered that the said Bellin Reid be taken by the Sheriff before a Justice of the Peace for this County to be dealt with according to law.

Thomas J. Proctor who was appointed an agent at the last Term of this Court to purchase bonds and bonds at the expense and on account of the County declining to act, the Court doth appoint Elliott L. Story agent in the room of the said Proctor. And the said Story is hereby vested with the same power and authority and is to discharge the same duties as was the said Proctor.

But the said Story is not to proceed to act until he shall enter into bond in the Clerk's Office of this Court in the sum of twenty thousand dollars conditioned faithfully to discharge the duties of his trust.

Ordered that bonds to the amount of thirty thousand dollars in sums of one thousand dollars each dated January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864, bearing six percent interest from date payable annually on the first day of January thereafter, the principal and interest of said bonds to be due and demandable on the first day of January 1865, and three others on each successive first day of January thereafter till the whole are paid be issued and signed by the Presiding Justice and Clerk of this Court, affixing the seal of the Court thereto, and sold to the highest bidder for cash in Confederate money, at public auction, at the Court house, on next January County Court day. For the prompt payment of the principal and interest of these bonds as they may fall due, the faith and honor, all the property, real and personal, of the County are pledged, by virtue of an Act of Assembly of the State passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1863 intituled "An act for the relief of the invalid soldiers and sailors of the State of Virginia who have been or may be disabled in the Military Service, and the widow's and minor children of Soldiers and Sailors who have died or may hereafter die in said service, and of the indigent families of those now in service." But the bonds may be thus paid and redeemed by the County in whatever money may be current from hand to hand in this state at the time the said bonds may respectively fall due.

The said Presiding Justice and Clerk are hereby authorized to have prepared at the expense of the County bonds in four forms as above ordered and to advertise the sale thereof in the Publishing Office and Register Office weekly for at least Weeks previous to the day of sale.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till to morrow morning ten o'clock  
J. H. Stello, Jr. Justice