

At a quarterly Term of the County Court of Southampton County held
 at the Court House thereon, on Monday, the 21st day of August 1865.
 Edward Braden, Mills L. Gray, John A. Bishop, James
 H. Hines, William Griffin, James B. Jones, Francis
 J. Ridley, Robt M. Dolan, John C. Griffin, William
 Wigham, Benjamin Devany, James B. Wigham, J.
 D. Britton, George C. Pope, Wm. S. Francis,
 Alfred Stephenson, John Britton, Joseph S. Crump,
 Geo. Murgas Linn, Justices

William R. Edwards, who was on the 3rd day of August 1865,
 duly elected clerk of the County Court of Southampton County, Plas-
 ced to a writ of election issued by the Governor to fill the
 vacancy created by a proclamation of the Governor for the unex-
 pired term, term, until the 1st day of July 1870 and until his
 successor is qualified. This day appeared in Court and together
 with R. J. Darden, Wm. W. Hobbs, Joseph H. Prince, & John J.
 Kinder, his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in
 the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned faithfully
 to discharge the duties of his office according to law,
 which bond is ordered to be recorded. And thereupon the
 said William R. Edwards took the several oaths prescrib-
 ed by law.

A certificate of the qualification of certain justices of the peace
 elected in this County on the 3rd day of August 1865, was this
 day returned and is in these words and figures following to-wit:

Virginia
 Southampton County } Sd.

I, James W. Barker, acting under the authority of the Executive of the
 Commonwealth, do hereby certify that: Reuben Devany, James Hines,
 Wm. Wigham, J. D. Britton, A. S. Stephenson, J. Linn, R. M.
 Dolan, J. B. Jones, J. D. Britton, J. B. Wigham, J. C. Griffin,
 J. S. Crumpler, Wm. Griffin, J. A. Bishop, Edw. Braden, Geo.
 C. Pope, Mills Gray, Wm. S. Francis, Geo. F. Ridley, elected on
 the 3rd inst as Justices of the Peace in & for said County, &
 duly commissioned by the Governor personally appeared before
 me, sworn duly qualified as such, by taking the oaths of
 Allegiance & Office as required by the United States
 Authority, as well as those prescribed by the Commonwealth
 Given under my hand this 21st day of August 1865.
 James W. Barker, Comm.

A majority of the acting justices of the County being present, the
 Court proceeded to elect a presiding Justice of the County,
 and the vote being taken thereon, Wm. R. Hobbs was
 unanimously elected.