

At a quarterly Term of the County Court of Southampton County, continued and held for said County on Tuesday the 28th day of August 1866.

Present

Thurgood Lane, Edward Bickins, James Holmes
O. C. Magob. & A. P. Stephenson. } Justs

Ordered that Goodwin E. Johnson, Leal C. Vaughan, & James R. Garrison keep private commitments to act the engagements with Commissioners appointed by the County to be out to do law and maintain, either privately or publicly, as they may deem best, the keeping of a ferry across Black Water River, at New South Quay for the free boats of the inhabitants of the Counties of Brunswick & Southampton for the term of one or more years, not exceeding three, and that they make report to Court.

William J. Bailey is appointed Surveyor of the Road beginning at Benjamin Bickins and ending at Seacock bridge near John Crumple's, in name of Henry Bailey and the usual bonds with them.

On motion of Jas. H. Smith on behalf of Moody Smith, It is ordered that Jacobus Bickins, Wm. H. Haysburg, Gilliam Edwards, & Warren Edwards, any three of whom may act, are appointed Commissioners to sign a deed to Mrs. Nancy Smith in her estate which her late husband Moody Smith died seized & make report to Court.

On motion of Jackson Jones guardian of Edith, Hal & Ellen Branch It is ordered that George Branch be summoned to appear here on the first day of the next term to show cause if any he can why the order made at July Court last dissolving the said Edith, Hal & Ellen be affirmed to him should not be rescinded?

The Report of Commissioners Howard, made on behalf of Jas. J. Davidson County of M-T North ad. appearing before us, to be paid him by debtors. It has as such been filed & applied to paying for the bonds, & then it is ordered that the same be paid to the said Jas. J. Davidson as provided for by the act of the General Assembly of W. passed the 2nd day of March 1866, entitled "an act relating to the collection of debts &c." a certified copy having been filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court for one month & no exception having been filed thereto, the said report is approved & confirmed by the Court, and it is ordered that the said report be entered of record by the Clerk of this Court for such further proceedings therein as may be proper and it is ordered that due notice be given among the debtors & credtors.

James Artis a colored person, who stands committed to the jail of this County charged with felony by him committed in this, that he did in the day time on the 17th of July 1866 in the said County, break and enter the store house of Joseph R. Morris with intent there to commit larceny was this day set to trial in custody of the Sheriff of the County (Edward Bickins one of the members of this Court was the committing Justice of the Peace with the consent of the prisoner) and the Court having heard all evidence in support of the said James Artis ought to be tried for the said offense of which he stands charged before the Court of this County. The said James Artis now desires to be allowed to enter into a recognizance with security for his appearance before the Court which order the Court will grant, and allows the said James Artis to enter into such recognizance himself in the sum of \$200, with sufficient security in the Court.