

446, Ordered that the court be adjourned till the Court commences

J. Gray

At the Court house of Southampton on Thursday the 14th of
February, 1754

A Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Return for the trial
of Kate a negro woman slave belonging to Joshua Dawson of the
said county for murder was returned and read whereupon pursuant
Hinds Hornall Esquire gent. had the usual oaths to his Majesty's
person and Government administered to him as also the oath of a
justice of Oyer and Terminer by Allredgton Jones and Thomas T. Jones
and then the said Hornall demands all the said oaths to Benjamin
Terminers the said Jones and Williamson and John Person gent.

The Court being thus constituted

Present the said Justices

The prisoner being set to the bar by the sheriff to whose custody for
the cause aforesaid she was heretofore committed and arraigned of
the murder aforesaid she said she was not guilty and for that
put herself on god and the court and dower intrapies being
and examined and the prisoner heard in her defence It is the
opinion of the court that the said Kate is guilty of the murder
aforesaid and it being demanded if she had any thing to say
why the court should not proceed to pronounce sentence of
death she said she had nothing but what she had already said
Therefore it is considered that the said said slave Kate be
hanged by the neck until she be dead And It is said to the
sheriff that he cause execution hereof to be done on the first
day of March next

It is moreover the court valued the said slave to fifty
pounds

The records of these proceedings were signed
R. H. H. Hornall Esquire

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