

William Cooper John Counsel Benjamin Bynum Simon Pope
John Clayton and Arthur Washington appeared and were sworn
inspectors of beef tar Pork &c for this county & ordered that
Simon Pope and John Clayton be summoned to appear at the next
to be sworn inspectors Beef pork tar &c

James Ridley Peter Butts and Thomas Williamson Gent are
by the court recommended to the honorable the Lieutenant
governor as fit and able persons to serve as sheriffs the ensuing
year -

On the motion of John Perfon adm^r of Thomas Perfon ordered
that James Ridley William Taylor and Henry Taylor or any two
of them do examine state and scale his account of his admⁿ
on the Estate of the said Thomas Perfon & make report thereof to the Court

Ordered that the court be adjourned till the court in future

Edmunds

Memorandum That at the courthouse of Southampton county on the 23^d
day of August 1700 his majestys commission (under the seal of the colony)
to hear and determine all treasons petit treasons or misprision thereof
felonies murder or other offences or crimes whatsoever committed or
perpetrated within the county committed by Tom a negro man slave
belonging to W^m Dunn of this county and Ned a negro man slave
belonging to W^m Jones of this county was openly read together with
his majestys deimus protestatum for administering the oaths whereupon
pursuant to the said deimus protestatum Joseph Gray had the oaths
appointed by act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of
allegiance and supremacy the abjuration oath and test administered to
him by John Perfon and Samuel Blon and took and subscribed
the last mention'd oath as also the test and took the oath of a
justice of Oyer and terminer which was administered to him by
the said John Perfon and Samuel Blon and then the s^d Joseph
Gray administered all the said oaths to Howell Edmunds Jesse
Brown John Perfon Samuel Blon and Nicholas Maget when
they took and severally subscribed the abjuration oath & the test

The court being thus constituted The attorney for our lord the king who
for our lord the king in this behalf prosecutes comes into court in
his proper person and gives the court to understand & he informed
that Tom a negro man slave belonging to Will Dunn of the s^d County
hath been guilty of the felonious breaking and entering the house
and stealing thereout sundry articles