

At a court held for the county of Southampton the
14th July 1774

Present

James Ridley
Clerk of the Court

Henry Taitton
Benjⁿ Ruffin

Samuel Blyth Kellor produced a commission from Will^m Neilson Esq^r deputy Secretary of this colony to be clerk of this county during pleasure which was read and thereupon the said Kellor having first taken the usual oaths to his Majesty's person and government and taken and subscribed the abjuration oath and test was sworn clerk of this court accordingly

David Commins as a Captain Howell Edmunds Lieut^t and David Hines Esq^r severally took the oaths appointed to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy and took and subscribed the abjuration oath and subscribed the Test.

Deed with and Testament of Matthew Allcom was presented in court by William Simmons before herein named and proved by the oaths of Samuel Henry Jun^r and Elizabeth Henry two of the witnesses therein named and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the said Allcom who made oath according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof giving security Whereupon the said William Simmons with Richard Kellor his security entered into and acknowledge their Bond in the penalty of Two hundred pounds for the due and faithful administration of the decedents estate and performance of his will

Ordered that Thomas Butts Benjamin Cleton Samuel Scarborough and Benjamin Beum or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of peace do appraise in current money the slaves if any and personal estate of Matthew Allcom and return the appraisement to court

An Indenture of copartnership between Groves Shape of the one part and David Hines of the other part was acknowledged by the said Groves Shape and ordered to be recorded

An Indenture of copartnership between Thomas Chapple and Mary his wife of the one part and Charles Briggs of the other part and the Memorandum of Servy and Seign thereon in law's was proved by the oaths of James Chapple a witness thereto And at a court held for the