

Ordered that Benjamin Ruffin's Charles Briggs John Cobb & Richard Wren or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace do appraise in current money the slaves if any and personal estate of Thomas Davis and return the appraisement to the next Court.

✓ John Cobb is by the Court appointed surveyor of the highway on the town of Benjamin Laum who is discharged.

Ordered that Murren Toler & his negroes Simon Jack & Jenny be added to Henry Taylor's list of tithables.

Edwin Gray, Thomas Blunt, & W. Blunt Gent. are by the Court recommended to his excellency the Governor as fit and able persons to execute the Office of Sheriff for the ensuing Year.

Ordered that the Churchwardens of the parish of Little bind out Children & any orphan of Richard Avery according to Law.

James Ridley and Benjamin Ruffin's Gent. are recommended to his excellency the Governor as fit & able persons to execute the Office of Coroner for this County.

Ordered that John Wilkinson, William Blunt, John Blunt & John Rayson or any two of them do examine state and settle Every Turnover account of the guardianship of the orphan of John Little dead & make report thereof to the Court.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till the Court on Tuesday

A. Jones

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on Friday the 22^d day of Nov^r 1776 for the ^{prosecution} of John Meeson on Suspicion of Murders of Charlotte a negro child belonging to the said Meeson.

Present	Abridglen Jones	Henry Taylor
	James Ridley	Nicholas Magaw
		& Elias Herring
		Gent.

The above named John Meeson being committed to the goal of this County charged with the Murders aforesaid was led to the bar. Whereupon divers witnesses appeared to wit Thomas Meeson Benjamin Stewart & James Harding who were sworn & examined touching the premises & the prisoner heard in his own defence. On Consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the 3^d persons ought to be tried for the 1st offence at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer (or general Court as the case may be) & thereupon he is remanded to Goal.

It is remembred that Thomas Meeson, Benjamin Stewart & James Harding of the County of Southampton came into Court & personally acknowledged