

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 14th day of February 1782

Present: Nicholas Maget Henry Browne
Benjamin Ruffin & John Rogers } Gentlemen.

Elias Herring gentleman produced a commission from his Excellency the governor to be sheriff of this county which was read, whereupon the said Elias Herring with William Hines and William Urquhart, his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Fifteen hundred pounds for the said Elias Herring's due and faithful performance of his duty as sheriff of this county in all things appertaining thereto according to law, and having taken the oath of office ~~according to law~~ was sworn sheriff accordingly. On the motion of Elias Herring gentleman high sheriff of this county William Hines, John Simmons and Joshua Fort were sworn his undersheriffs.

On the petition of Samuel Browne it is ordered that Jesse Whitehead, John Whiteheads, William Gwallany and John Bishop (or any three of them) being first sworn before a justice of the peace impartially to perform the service in the conveniences and inconveniences attending the turning of a road near his house and make report thereof to this court.

Elias Herring gentleman sheriff of this county informed the court that the prisons of this county is out of repair and insufficient for the confinement of prisoners.

Ordered that John Thomas Blon, William Edwards and Richard Edwards or any two of them let the repairs of the prisons of this county to the lowest undertaker and make report thereof to this court.

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of William Grosvont dead was returned and ordered to be recorded.

The last will and testament of John Garner dead was presented in court by Jesse Garner, of the executors therein named, liberty being reserved for the other, proved by the oaths of Henry Love, Elias Love and Williams Gray the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executor who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving security. Whereupon the said Jesse Garner with Joshua Garner his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Two thousand pounds for the said Jesse's due and faithful administration on the estate of the said decedent and performance of his will.

Ordered that Lewis Joyner jun^r, James Vick, Joseph Vick and Samuel Wade or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace do appraise in current money the slaves and personal estate of John Garner dead and return the appraisement to the next court.