

John Rogers Esq. this day produced a commission from his Excellency the Governor to be sheriff of this county and offered to qualify thereto, but the court not having the act of assembly concerning sheriffs and some difficulties arising in the construction of the law it is postponed till the next court.

On the motion of Samuel Stanscock a witness for Arthur Washington against Benjamin Holliman it is ordered that the said Arthur Washington pay him Fifty pounds of tobacco for two days attendance on this court according to law.

On the motion of William Gwaltney a witness for William Nellson against Moses McHenry it is ordered that the said William Nellson pay him Eight hundred pounds of tobacco for thirty two days attendance on this court according to law.

On the motions of Edwin Gray a witness for James Gray against Jeremiah Tyler it is ordered that the said James Gray pay him Fifty pounds of tobacco for two days attendance on this court according to law.

Ordered that the court be adjourned till court in course.

The minutes of these proceedings were signed by

Teste
J. D. Hausmann Clerk
Wm. Blunt

At a court held for the county of Southampton on the 8th day of September 1798

Present Nicholas Maget John Rogers
William Blunt & John Simmons } Gentlemen

An indenture of bargain and sale between James Morris and Christian his wife of the one part and Edward Wooten of the other part having been before proved by the witnesses as to James Morris, was this day with a commission for the jury examination of the said Christian and certificate of the execution thereof, returned and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that the treasurer of this county pay Elizabeth Taylor Four pounds eighteen shillings for the repairs of the Angellier bridge, the persons appointed to view them having reported that they were completed according to agreement and account thereof with the court.

The last will and testament of John Thorpe, dead, was presented in court by Richard Wren one of the executors therein named, proved by the solemn affirmation of William Wren (one of the people called quakers) one of the witnesses thereto and continued for further proof. And on the motion of the said executor (Susannah Thorpe the executrix therein mentioned refusing to take upon herself the burden of the execution thereof) who made solemn affirmation (being one of the people called quakers) according to law certificates is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security. Whereupon the said Richard Wren with Sampson Stanton his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of one hundred pounds for the said Richard's due and faithful administration on the estate of the said decedent and performance of his will.

Ordered that John Cobb, Joel Davis, Henry Davis and Philip Davis or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace of this county do appraise in current money the slaves (if any) and personal estate of John Thorpe dead, and return the appraisement to the next court.

An Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Benjamin Gurn dead was returned and ordered to be recorded.