At a court of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Southampton the 8th. day of December 1785 for the trial of Ben a slave belonging to Miles Cary on suspicion of felonious by breaking and entering the store of John Wright and stealing therout sundry goods to the amount of Seven or Eight pounds on the 25th. day of June last.

Present Micajah Holliman, Thomas Turner, John Simmons, David Barrow } Gentlemen.

The prisoner being set to the bar and charged with the felony aforesaid pleaded not guilty whereupon divers witnesses were examined and the prisoner heard in his own defence, on consideration whereof and the circumstances of the case it is the opinion of the court that the prisoner is not guilty of the felony wherewith he stands charged and it is ordered that he be forthwith discharged out of custody.

These proceedings were signed by

M. Holliman

Teste

Jno. D. Kaufmann Dep. Clk.

At a court held for the county of Southampton on the 8th. day of December 1785.

Present Micajah Holliman, Thomas Turner, John Simmons, David Barrow } Gentlemen.

John Rogers Gentleman this day qualified as high sheriff of this county having given bonds and security according to law at a former court.

The last will and testament of Thomas Clements jr decd. having been at December court 1784 proved by the oath of William Edwards one of the witnesses thereto was this day further proved by the oath of Arthur Sinclair and it ordered to be recorded.

On the motion of John Rogers Gentl. high sheriff of this county James Harris, Robert Goodwyn and Thomas C. Patrick were sworn his deputies.

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Thorpe decd. was returned and ordered to be recorded.

An inventory of the estate of Osborne Branch decd. was returned and ordered to be recorded.

An indenture of bargain and sale between William Barrett and Mary his wife of the one part and Micajah Griffin of the other part, was acknowledged by the said William Barrett and ordered to be recorded.

An indenture of bargain and sale between Henry Taylor and Susannah his wife of the one part and John Boykin of the other part was acknowledged by the said Henry Taylor and Susannah his wife she being first privily examined as the law directs and ordered to be recorded.

An indenture of bargain and sale between Jesse Bools and Lydia his wife of the one part and Pass Turner of the other part was acknowledged by the said Jesse Bools and Lydia his wife she being first privily examined as the law directs and ordered to be recorded.

The last will and testament of Samuel Westbrooke decd. was presented in court by Burwell Westbrooke one of the executors therein named (the other being dead) proved by the oaths of Arthur Foster, Henry Collier Foster and James Foster 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 probat thereof in due form giving security. Whereupon the said Burwell Westbrooke with William Vaughan his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Five thousand pounds for the said Burwell's due and faithful administration on the estate of the said decedent and performance of his will.