

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 10th day of
August 1802 -
Present John Murguast Lewis Fort
Charles Briggs George Gundry Esqrs

Happening to the court that Evans Shaw stands charged with
two lites in Supra for the year 1801 and 1802 Therefore it is
ordered that he be exempted from the payment of the same
in this county -

Ordered that the court be adjourned till court in course
The minutes of these proceedings were signed by
Lewis Fort

At a court of oyer and terminer held for the county of Southampton
in the 10th day of August 1802 for the trial of Robt a negro
man slave the property of Absalom Sumner of this county charge
with having on Saturday evening the 24th of July last at the
house of James Gardner jr in the said county murdered a negro
man Slave Jim the property of the said Sumner

Present Lewis Fort Samuel Blunt
John Murguast Charles Briggs
Mills Bonitt & George Gundry Esqrs

The court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to the bar by
the Sheriff of this county and charged with the murder of Robt
to which he plead not guilty and was heard by counsel in his own
defense and James Gardner of full age being sworn says that on
Saturday the 24th of July last being the same day in which Jim
was killed he left home about 12 o'clock when the prisoner was at
the bar and Jim was at work in his employment and that he left
in person at home but the prisoner now at the bar and Jim the wife
a negro woman and two small children that Jim the accused
then appeared with and deny that he did not at home