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Whereupon it is ordered and ordained that the report made by the
Master Commissioner be firm stable and binding between the parties
and that the same be equally borne among them.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock
The minutes of these proceedings were signed by

Teste *Sam'l. Hallett* Robt. Mably

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 31st day of
August 1804 for the examination of Edmund Curtis a free black
man who stands charged with having stolen three Shifts and
various other goods to the value of ten dollars the property of
Franklin Clark of this County

Present Josiah Nick Lumsden Clerk
Carr Brown Esq^r Edmund & *Gentlemen*
Charles A. Birdsong. . . .

The above named Edmund Curtis having been committed to the jail of
this County and charged with the offence aforesaid was brought into
Court and examined before the Court and witness on behalf of the
Commonwealth touching the premises (to wit Franklin Clark Mr.
Clark and Theodore Powell) and the prisoners he was in his care
deponed to the Court on consideration whereof and all the circumstances
of the case are of opinion that the prisoner ought to be tried
at the next Session of the Court to be held in Suffolk

The minutes of these proceedings were signed by

Teste *Sam'l. Hallett* Josiah Nick

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