

At a Court held for the county of Sampson on the 30th day of August 1864 for the examination of Jacob Drown a free black man charged with having stolen three shirts and sundry other goods of the value of ten dollars the property of Franklin Clark of this County

Present Josiah Nick Samuel Calvert
 Gers. Brown Ethel? Edmund and
 Charles M. Birdsang

Gentlemen

The above named Jacob Drown having been committed to the jail of this County and charged with the offence aforesaid was brought into Court and sworn witnesses examined on the part of the Commonwealth touching the premises the said Franklin Clark John Clark & Thaddeus Pruett and the prisoner heard in his own defence the Court on consideration thereof and all the circumstances of the case are of opinion that the prisoner ought to be tried at the next district Court to be held in Suffolk in October next

The minutes of these proceedings were signed by
 Josiah Nick
 Note Samuel Calvert

Be it remembered that Franklin Clark John Clark and Thaddeus Pruett of the county of Sampson came into Court and personally acknowledged themselves to be indebted to His Highness the Governor of Virginia and to his successors for the sum being in the sum of three hundred and thirty four dollars each of the respective laws and treatments good and chatties to be paid and to the said governor and his successors for the use of the Commonwealth to be rendered yet upon the condition that they and each of them do personally appear before the judges of the district Court at the Court house in the town of Suffolk on the first day of the next Court to be held there in the month of October next and there to give such evidence as they and each of them know against Edmund Ardis and Jacob Drown concerning the matters whereunto they are charged and that