

48. At about of Peter and Terminus held for the County of Southampton
on the 17th day of April 1808 for the trial of Davy an negro
Slave the property of Martha Bames of this County, and charged
with having feloniously with night of the eighth Instant about
11 o'clock of the same night entered the Innkeeper house of Martha
Bames of this County and thereout taking and carrying away
five pieces of linen the property of said Martha Bames to the
value of forty Shillings

Present Samuel Calvert George Serby
William Blor ^{of} Mr Blor & Charles Bickins ^{Sentinel}

The Court being then constituted the prisoner Davy
was set to the bar by the Sheriff of this County and charged with the
felony aforesaid to which he pleads not guilty by Counsel and answers
appeared to wit Thaddeus Leonard John Pope and John Amey
sworn to the purpose of Thomas Edwards and Martha Bames. and the
Court on consideration of ~~all the circumstances~~ and hearing what would be said
on either side are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is not guilty
of the Burglary whereunto he stands charged, but that he is guilty of
the Theft and the prisoner being asked why Sentence of Death
should be passed upon him claimed the benefit of Clergy - and the Court
said that he is in that view looking on his bare back will be
made it is ordered that the Sheriff do the same performed, and the same
having been done, it is ordered that the prisoner be forthwith discharged
out of County

The minutes of this proceeding were signed by Samuel Calvert
Robt. Lambell