

time in the month of October he received an envelope directed to him containing  
 a commission appointing him the said James Miller, Sheriff which was by  
 him placed in his office in a conspicuous place and there kept for two months  
 from the date of the said commission that some time in (or about) two  
 months having elapsed from the date of the said commission he  
 certifies to the spectators the failure of said James Miller to give bond  
 and security according to law, that some time in the same month (Oct)  
 he the said Samuel Kelle, received another envelope directed to him containing  
 a commission appointing Samuel Blunt to be Sheriff of this county  
 which said commission was dated on the twenty third day of December  
 1811 that that commission also was kept in the office in a conspicuous  
 place until the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 1812 when James Rockelle the deputy  
 of the said Samuel informs the said Samuel that Samuel Blunt  
 had applied for his commission and the said Samuel Kelle directs the  
 said James to deliver the said commission appointing the said Samuel  
 Blunt to be Sheriff to him the said Samuel that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of  
 the month of February 1812 the said Samuel Kelle certifies the  
 failure of the said Samuel Blunt to give bond and security  
 according to law, that it also appears to the court from the testimony  
 of James Rockelle (deputy) clerk of this court that on or about the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
 of this present month March James Miller handed to the said James  
 Rockelle an envelope directed to the clerk of Southampton county containing  
 a second commission appointing him the said James Miller, Sheriff  
 which commission bore date on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1812 which  
 commission the said James Rockelle delivered to the said James Miller  
 the court after hearing the testimony and all the circumstances of the  
 case and upon mature deliberation thereon had one of opinion  
 that the said commission appointing James Miller to be Sheriff of this  
 county had illegally and improvidently issued and is therefore void &  
 thereupon the court with refusal to admit the said James Miller to give  
 bond and security and qualify as Sheriff of this county and it is ordered  
 that the same be certified to the Governor and Council of this State