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At a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at the Courthouse in the County of Southampton on the 25th day of June 1821 for the trial of Belia a negro girl slave the property of the Estate of Henry Daughtry of the County of Ansonia who stands charged with feloniously murdering James Powell and America his wife of this County on the night of the 18th of this present month -

Present, Benjamin Cobb, James D. Mafordburg, Jacob Darden, William S. Everett and William C. Daughtry - Gent.

The Court being thus constituted the prisoner was set to the bar by the Sheriff of this County into whose custody he was heretofore committed and charged with the felony aforesaid, and being thereof arraigned pleaded not guilty and for her trial put herself upon God and the Court and whereupon seven witnesses were sworn and examined in behalf of the Commonwealth touching the premises, to wit, Samuel Gilbert, Thimor Murrell of first age being duly sworn, depose that the prisoner confessed in the presence and hearing of these pleaders that she murdered James Powell & America his wife by inflicting three blows on each with an axe - that she struck Mr. Powell on the breast with the eye of the axe and repeated the blow twice upon which Mrs. Powell called upon her husband to know what was the matter. that the prisoner then went immediately to her bed side inflicted three blows on her breast - they then both appeared to be slain and she then went into the other room where her accomplice the negro boy was, who told her it was best to save the infant of Mrs. Powell to prevent suspicion which she accordingly did by taking in from its mother's side and carrying it out of doors and that that her accomplice then set fire to the house with split lightwood of cedar, both above and below stairs and under the house. And the witness of Thimor Murrell & others as given in, in the case of Abel being admitted in this case, and the witness being thus closed on the part of the Commonwealth and the prisoner being fully heard by Counsel. The Court after hearing the testimony and all the circumstances of the case are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the murder whereof she stands charged and it being demanded of her if any thing for herself she had or knew to say why the Court should not proceed to pronounce judgment against her according to Law she said that she had nothing but what she had before said. Therefore it is considered by the Court that she be hanged by the neck until she be dead. But the said Belia alleging herself quick with child, and praying that execution of the judgment aforesaid may be respited, it is commanded the Sheriff of this County that he summon a Jury of matrons to meet here on the third Monday in July next being Court day, to try and examine whether the said Belia be quick with child or not. Whereupon the Court stands adjourned and it is hereby adjourned till the third Monday in July next being Court in course -

The foregoing proceedings were signed by "Benj. Cobb"