

Upon the petition of Thomas Williamson for leave to build a water, first mill and other machinery & a dam across the three creeks in this County. This day came the said petitioner by his attorney and the Sheriff returned an Inquest taken pursuant to a writ of ad quod damnum to him issued, which Inquest is in these words to wit: "Inquisition taken and returned at the place mentioned in a writ of ad quod damnum (the same being here annexed) issued from the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Southampton, at the petition of Thomas Williamson. We the subscribers having been first duly sworn, charged and qualified by the Sheriff have proceeded to take the several requisitions of the said writ into consideration, and report that we have not located or circumscribed by miles and bounds one acre of the land contiguous to the proposed abutment and intended therefor, nor have we the quantity of land which will be covered & overflowed by the waters thrown back by the dam, as proposed to be erected by the said Williamson nor the damages occasioned to the several proprietors thereof thereby, because in consulting we discovered that we could not agree, as to the annoyance occasioned to the health of one of the neighbours, even if we being of opinion that the health of Lewis Fort's family would be annoyed by the stagnation of the waters, and five of a contrary opinion. We further report that we are of opinion, that a mill erected as proposed by the petitioner would be of utility to the community at large. We are of the opinion that no mansion house or offices, cartilage or gardens thereto belonging will be overflowed. We are also of the opinion that fish of passage & ordinary navigation will not be obstructed. Given under our hands and seals this 11th day of October 1821. Lewis C. Stoughton deputy of George Stines Juff. Esq., Newt Harris Esq., Thomas Morris Esq., Joseph Pope Esq., Saml Parkman Esq., Abnerpton Jones Esq., Levi Waller Esq., Bolling B Barnes Esq., Edwin Turner Esq., Peter Edwards Esq., Edw. L. Day Esq., H. S. P. Matlock Esq., Benj. Applewhite Esq. Whereupon on the motion of the petitioner by his Attorney it is ordered that an alias writ of ad quod damnum be issued directed to the Sheriff of this County commanding him to summon and impanel twelve fit persons to meet upon the lands proposed for the abutment, on the day of _____ who shall be charged by the said Sheriff impartially and to the best of their skill and Judgment, to view the said lands so proposed for the abutment, and to locate and circumscribe by certain miles and bounds, one acre thereof, having due regard therein to the interest of both parties and to appraise the same according to its true value, to examine the lands above and below of the property of others which may probably be overflowed, and say to what damage it will be of to the several proprietors and whether the mansion house of any such proprietor, or the offices, cartilages or gardens thereto immediately belonging or orchards will be overflowed: to enquire whether and in what degree fish of passage or ordinary navigation will be obstructed, whether by any and by what means such obstruction may be prevented and whether in their opinion the health of the Neighbours will be annoyed by the stagnation of the waters. And that the inquest so to be made and sealed by the said jurors together with the said writ, be returned by the said Sheriff to the next Court.

Absent William B. Borden. Present John W. B. Borden.

Ordered that Sarnell Turner, Benjamin Turner, and David Newman or any two of them do let to the lowest undertaker the repairs of the Flat Swamp Bridge, and when completed according to contract that they receive the same and make report thereof to the Court.

On the motion of Benjamin Turner and Sarnell Turner who made oath and together with John A. Parsons, Edwin Turner and Drury Waller their securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of forty thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining letters of Administration on the Estate of Edmund Turner dec'd in due form.

Ordered that Newt Harris, Henry Porter, Samuel Turner, Willie Francis or any three of them being first duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace do appraise all the personal Estate of Edmund Turner dec'd and return the appraisement under their hands to Court.

On the motion of Richard C. Esq. of James Miller dec'd or his said Executors Estate.

Jacob Barnes this day gave order to be entered of record.

An Inventory of Appraisement and ordered to be recorded.

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Fanny Napier formerly her next friend.

against James Jones & Arthur Jones.

This cause came on for trial.

Counsel Whereupon the Court ordered their hands pay to the Plaintiff seventy seven dollars and till paid.

To Fanny Napier To Peggy Barratt the Plaintiff from the 31st day of April.

Ordered that Master of Guardianship of James.

Ordered that William the lowest undertaker when completed according to contract.

Present Jeremiah.

Sepe Bailey is by the 65th Regiment of the to be Lieutenant in said Company in said Company. Lewis A. Branch is to the 2^d Battalion and Richard A. Smith.

David Newman is by Bridge near John Newman male labouring by the the same an good report.

Absent Jeremiah.

Beowell Williams, to answer a Complaint of the said recognizance.

Absent John W. B. Borden.

Ordered that above Auditor of Public Accounts.