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Court according to the condition of his recognizance and thereupon the said recognizance
appeared from their recognizance and undertaking in the behalf are discharged
and the said Matthew Gardner was committed to the custody of the Sheriff of this
County and being set at the bar was charged with the felony aforesaid and
thereupon divers witnesses were sworn and examined on behalf of the Commonwealth
testifying the premises to wit, Hardy Rawls, Tyler Edwards, Polly Barnes, Rebecca
Hartfield, John Blythe, and the prisoner being fully heard in his own defence.
The Court after hearing the testimony and all the circumstances of the case are con-
sistently of opinion that the prisoner ought to be tried for the said offence at the next
Superior Court of Law to be holden for this County and thereupon the prisoner is
committed to jail.

Memorandum, That on the examination of Matthew Gardner the prisoner at the
Bar he confessed that he had at three times, had his gun loaded, cocked and
had taken aim at Prissy, who he is accused of murdering, in order to shoot her
but thought there was a more mild or better manner of disposing of her and
not disgraced himself and son, and at the same time confessed that it was to
prevent her frequenting his barn for the purpose of cohabiting with his the
prisoner son - That he had ordered her a moderate whipping, and that he had
said he had \$200 that he would give \$20 for each time he received information
of her being in the neighbourhood till he had given her one hundred lashes.

And it is remembered that Hardy Rawls, Tyler Edwards, Polly Barnes, Rebecca Hartfield
and John Blythe here in court acknowledged themselves indebted to his Excellency
Thomas M Randolph Governor or Chief Magistrate of this Commonwealth and his
Successors in Office for the time being in the sum of \$333. 33 1/3 cents each to be paid
of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and to the said Governor and
his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth rendered.

Set upon this condition that if they and each of them shall personally appear before
the Judge of the Superior Court of Law of Southampton County at the Court house on
the first day of the next Term of said Court by ten o'clock of that day then and
there to give such evidence as they and each of them know on behalf of the Com-
monwealth against Matthew Gardner who stands charged with murder & shall
not depart thence without leave of the Court then this recognizance to be void or
else to remain in full force -

The foregoing proceedings were signed by J. R. Felt

Teste James Rockelle Clk