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At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 17th day of February 1823.
Present, James C. Webb, James D. Haysburg, Lawrence Cook and
Peter Booth - Clerk.

The persons appointed by an order of Court made at January Court last to view the way proposed by Benjamin Broster to alter the road leading through his plantation this day made the following report: "Pursuant to the annual order bearing date January Court 1821. We the undersigned Commissioners have been on the lands of Benjamin Broster and have viewed the conveniences and inconveniences which will result as well to the public as to individuals by turning the said road. After due consideration we are of opinion that the conveniences to said Broster will be considerable as it will leave all his houses on one side of the road whereas in the present situation the old road it divides his houses and we think that the inconveniences which will result to the public will be nothing more than it will make the distance about sixty yards further. Given under our hands this 15th day of February 1823. Allen Edwards
Jost Council. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Broster have leave to alter the said road agreeably to the report and that the present road be discontinued.

On the motion of Abraham L. Gardner it is ordered that he be exempt from the payment of taxes and levies in future for his negro boy Isaac he being infirm and subject to fits.

Shadrack Gardner who stands charged on oath by Matilda Birdsong a free single woman of this County with being the father of her bastard child this day appeared in Court according to his recognizance. and thereupon the said Matilda Birdsong being sworn and examined and the said Shadrack Gardner fully heard. This Court from all the circumstances of the case doth adjudge the said Shadrack Gardner to be the father of the said bastard child and that the said child is likely to become chargeable to the County. Therefore it is ordered that the said Shadrack Gardner be charged with the annual payment of ten dollars to the Overseers of the Poor of the said County for the space of seven years from the birth of the said child to wit the 29th day of October 1822 in case the said child shall live so long and that the said Shadrack Gardner pay the same to them accordingly at the end of every year until the expiration of the said seven years. And thereupon the said Shadrack Gardner being unable to give security for his performing the above order of the Court made against him, heretofore in open Court subscribed and delivered in a schedule of his estate and made oath thereof according to Law. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Shadrack Gardner be discharged from custody if he be detained from other cause.

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