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Ordered that the Sheriff of this County, out of any contingent moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated pay to Edward Watts Ten dollars for keeping the lantern of this County and account with the Court -

The last will and testament of Benjamin B Hancock deceased was proved by the oath of Jesse Atkins, Lewis A Branch, and George B Atkins the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Mary Hancock the executrix therein named refused to take upon herself the burden of the execution thereof on the motion of Peter Booth who made oath according to Law and together with John Booth and William Manigge his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars conditioned according to Law, certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of the said Benjamin B Hancock with his will aforesaid annexed in due form -

Ordered that Lewis A Branch, Samuel Bailey, Charles Bailey, & Orson Branch or any three of them being first duly sworn according to Law do appraise all the personal estate of Benjamin B Hancock dec. and return the appraisement under their hand to Court -

Henry Gardner who was bound by recognizance for his appearance here this day appeared accordingly, and thereupon his securities from their recognizance in this behalf entered into is discharged and the prosecution in this case being solemnly called and not appearing it is ordered that the said defendant be forthwith discharged from further prosecution in this behalf -

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> of June. The minutes of the foregoing proceedings were signed by Ben Griffin

Teste James Rachelle Clk

At a Court of quarter Session held for the County of Southampton on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1823 -

Present, Jeremiah Cobb, Clerk Doves

Benjamin Griffin & Peter Booth } Just. Judges

A Deed of Emancipation from John Urquhart and Joshua Fort Executors of Joseph Ruffin to Charles a slave was acknowledged by the said John Urquhart and ordered to be recorded -

James Mellickin assignee of John M Jeffries

against

John T Richardson

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Giles Rice the appearance bail for the defendant in this suit comes into Court

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