



At a court continued and held for the county of Southampton on the 16th of January 1827.
 Pres^t: Peter Sumner, Benjⁿ. Griffin, Peter Booth, Wm. Ricks & Benjⁿ. S. Davis Gent.
 + Broome & wife as James Lefly Decree as filed by committee
 An order of Henry Moore adm^r of Mrs. Ramsey dec^d. It is ordered that Jacob Ramsey adm^r
 an account current of his guardianship of said Mrs. Ramsey dec^d.
 + Ordered that Benjⁿ. Turner adm^r of Edm^d. Turner dec^d. deliver to Henry Moore adm^r of Edm^d.
 + Greary dec^d a bond executed by ~~Charles~~ Greary dec^d and now in his possession for the benefit of
 Charles Greary
 + Fitch & wife as James Lefly Decree amended as filed by committee
 + Whitehead as Whitehead & Lefly Decree as filed by committee
 + Washington & as Washington & Lefly Decree as filed by committee
 + Wm. Whitehead, will fully prove & R
 + Reese & as Reese & Lefly Decree amended as filed by committee
 + adm^r on Stephen ~~Brant~~ is granted Washington Smith who gave bond & security & qualified self
 + ordered that Emma Vick, Job Vick, Josiah Vick & Mrs. Butler or any 2 appraise said estate
 + Adam Peter Booth Gent.
 + Phoebe Jones is by the court appointed guardian to James Howell Jones, Mary Ann Jones, Nathan
 + Mary Jones & Louisa Reese Jones nephews of Nathan Jones dec^d. who gave bond & security according to law
 + George S. Hanley Gent produces to the court the Sheriff's receipt for the ^{proportion of the} Tax imposed by law on
 Ordinary keepers therefore it is ordered that he have leave to keep an ordinary at the house lately oc-
 + upies by Henry Hanley in the Town of Jerusalem till the first day of May next on his giving bond
 Security as the law directs which is accordingly done, It appearing to the satisfaction of the court
 that said George Hanley is a man of good character and not addicted to drunkenness or gaming
 + Kelly a negro woman slave the property of John Shields of this county who stands charged with
 feloniously and maliciously murdering one Sally Shields of this county on the 24th day of Nov^r. last
 was this day again set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this county into whose custody she
 was heretofore committed and being thereof arraigned and upon her arraignment pleaded not gui-
 -ilty and for her trial pleaded not guilty and for her trial put herself upon god & this court
 and thereupon seven witnesses were sworn and examined on behalf of the comm^r. Touching the
 premises to wit, William Shields of the ^{full age} years being first sworn on the holy evangelist
 of almighty God, depose and said that he came home on Friday evening from school and at
 the prisoner where his mother was, she the prisoner answered that she was gone washing, and
 and that she would not return until she had finished. The respondent then went away
 and returned about one hour in the night, the prisoner with him, he then demanded to go in
 the house and go to bed, the prisoner refused unless the witness would permit her to go in too, he
 this respondent refused to go in unless by himself and asked her to make a fire in the kitchen, so
 the prisoner said she was a maid, this respondent then went away - The husband of the dec^d.
 has gone to Norfolk and there was no person on the premises except the decedent, the prisoner and
 a child of three years old & further this respondent said not -
 + William Davis of full age being first sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty God depose &
 said that he with others after understanding that Mr. Shields was ~~murdered~~ missing, went in
 search of her, that they went in the house of John Shields the husband of the dec^d. and found the
 floor bloody, with lime thereon over it, and after searching some time discovered the sign of some
 thing being dragged which extended from near the home to the spot where the body of the dec^d.
 was found, buried under some logs and further this respondent said not

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