

to be loved and to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth rendered. Yet upon this condition that of the said Robert Drury shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour towards all the citizens of this Commonwealth more especially towards Jason Rowe for the space of twelve months from this day when this recognizance be void. And the said Jason Rowe with Patrick Dole and William J. Stephenson his securities here in Court severally acknowledged themselves to be indebted to William J. Stephenson Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia that is to say the said Jason Rowe in the sum of One hundred dollars and the said Patrick Dole and William J. Stephenson in the sum of fifty dollars each of their respective bonds and securities goods and chattels to be loved and to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth rendered. Yet upon this condition that if the said Jason Rowe shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour towards all the citizens of this Commonwealth more especially towards Robert Drury for the space of twelve months from this day then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force.

It being represented to the Court that the navigation of Black Water river is obstructed by reason of the erection of a dam across the same at or near a place called Franklin, because there is no draw-arch therein so as to admit of the passage of vessels through the same. And it being also represented that the erection of a draw-arch in the said bridge is rendered necessary by the great internal improvements which have been already made and others which are being made, and it being manifest that all obstructions in our rivers should be removed when practicable, and it being deemed a matter of vast importance to the citizens of this County as well as the citizens of State of Virginia that a remedy should be speedily applied to the present obstructions created by the manner in which the said bridge is built, this Court taking the subject into consideration doth order that Ezra Brown Jacob Williams Robert Murray and William Lawrence or any three of them who are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose, provided to confer with and act with Commissioners to be appointed by the County Court of State of Virginia, and enquire and decide whether the obstructions aforesaid can be best removed by the addition of a draw-arch at the said bridge or by the removal of the present bridge to set on the said river beyond which the navigation will not be obstructed, and make report of their proceedings to this Court.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till the first day of the next Term.

The minutes of the foregoing proceedings were signed by J. C. Cobb

Teste L. R. Edwards Clk