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the representation that made that a right and proper that the alterations in our Roads of the present character should be speedily commenced. On due consideration the Court order that James D. Mapenbury, James Moore, William A. Sparks and Joseph Parker or any three of them who are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose proceed to act with Commissioners already appointed by the County Court of Hampshire, and enquire whether the draw-bridge in the bridge at South Quay across Black River can be so enlarged or constructed as to admit the passage of Steam boats and other Vessels navigating the said River through the said bridge, and to ascertain the extent of such enlargement and the probable expenses which will necessarily be incurred in accomplishing the object in contemplation. And make report of their proceedings to Court.

On the motion of Benjamin Deering Sheriff of this County Thomas C. Jones is permitted to qualify as his deputy during his pleasure. The Court being of opinion that the said Jones is a man of honesty, probity and good demeanor. And therefore the said Jones took the oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, the oath against Duelling and the oath of Office.

On the motion of Robert T. Musgrave for leave to alter the Road running near his house, the viewers appointed to view the way proposed for running said Road this day made their report which is ordered to be recorded and is in the following words to wit: "To the Honorable the County Court of Southampton County. We the undersigned appointed by the annexed order to view the proposed alterations to be made in the way by Robert T. Musgrave, being duly sworn, have proceeded to discharge the duties assigned by said order, and respectfully submit the following report. The proposed to turn the road commencing at the head of the present road about two hundred yards East of Stuart Drews fence thence along the Northward margin of what is commonly called Mells meadow, nearly in a straight line to the corner tree in the line between said Musgrave and Burnell Musfus, thence along the said line or nearly so (to pass said Musgraves line and also Burnell Musfus line) to another corner in said Musgrave and Musfus line at said Musfus present new ground, thence along said line into the present road. We are of opinion that the contemplated change will be productive of no public inconvenience whatever, but the road will be somewhat straighter and shorter. And as it will interfere with the lands of no other person than those of said Musgrave it can be of no individual inconvenience to others. The tract is capable of being made as good as the other after a little use. That part of the proposed new road lying west of S. Musgraves line has been worked and is now in passable condition, the remaining part lying East of the above point has not yet been opened. All of which is respectfully submitted. Given under our hands this 18 day of December 1835. Peter Edwards, Jos. A. Claude, Jas. Drury. And it is ordered that the said Musgrave have leave to open the said road as proposed, and that the old road be discontinued as soon as the new road be opened and put in good repair."

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

The minutes of the foregoing proceedings were signed by

Benj. Griffin

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L. R. Edwards, Clerk

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