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On the petition of James M. Murfee who produced the Sheriff's receipt for the tax imposed by Law and entered into bond with Simon Murfee his security in the penalty of one hundred and fifty dollar conditioned according to Law, a license is granted him to keep an ordinary at his house in this County until the next May Term of this Court, the Court being satisfied that the said James M. Murfee is a man of good character and not addicted to drunkenness or gaming.

Bennett F. Stephenson who is charged on oath by Priscilla Bray a single woman of this County with being the father of her bastard child, this day appeared in Court in discharge of his Recognizance and thereupon the said Priscilla Bray being sworn and examined, the Court with adjudge the said Bennett F. Stephenson 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 he be charged with the annual payment of twenty dollars and space of seven years from the birth of the said child to wit the 25 day of June last past; and that he pay the cost of these proceedings. And thereupon the said Bennett F. Stephenson together with John Warren & John A. Hill his securities here in Court severally acknowledged themselves to be indebted to Abraham Robertson Lieutenant Governor (and acting as Governor) of the Commonwealth of Virginia, that is to say the said Stephenson in the sum of one hundred and forty dollars, & the said Warren & Hill in the sum of twenty dollars each, of their respective Lands & Tenements goods & chattels to be levied and to the said Governor and his Successors for the use of the overseers of the Poor of this County: And upon this condition that if the said Bennett F. Stephenson shall or his by performs the above order of the Court made against him, then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Present— Jeremiah Cobb, Jacob Barnes, Robert T. Masgrave, William A. Speake, James Clayton, Samuel Locory, Joseph T.eland, James D. Hapenberg, James Magel, Carr } Just.
Bowers and Jesse Barker.

For reasons appearing to the Court, it is ordered that the time in which the Prisoner were allowed to prosecution the Law in this County be extended to the first day of December Court.

Ordered that master Commissioner Cobb examine, state and settle Nancy James Guardianship of the orphans of John James dead and report the same to this Court with any matters specially stated seem pertinent by himself or which he may be required to state.

For reasons appearing ordered that Seth H. Bishop be summoned to the next Court to show cause if any why the indentures transferred to him by Rolling & B. Barrett binding Lemuel, Julia, Amos & Mary Aris free negroes, should not be received.

Ordered that the Sheriff summon all the acting Justices of this County to the first day of June Court to lay and sweep the County way.

The Court with appoint Alfred Hicks, William D. Wood Henry B. Vaughan William A. Nicholson and Thomas B. Powell Road Commissioners for the County and it is ordered