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Absent - Thomas Ridley Present Henning J. Smith. June 435

A Deed of Release from John Moore & James Scott to Thomas Johnson was acknowledged by the said Moore and ordered to be recorded as to him.

An Indenture between between John R. Waller of the first part, William Prince Jr of the second part and P. S. Drowry of the third part was acknowledged by John R. Waller & Samuel Drowry two of the parties thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

On the petitions of Hannah, Richard, Mary Jane and Margaret Ann allidging that they are illegally detained in slavery by Nicholas Edmunds of this County, they are allowed to sue their said master in forma pauperis and James F. French and Archibald Atkinson Esqrs. are assigned their Counsel to prosecute the said suit. And it is ordered that their said master do not presume to beat or misuse them upon this account, but suffer them to come to the Clerks Office of this County for Subpoenas for their witnesses and to attend their examination and the trial. And it is ordered that the petitioners be taken by the Sheriff of this County into his custody, until the said Nicholas Edmunds shall give bond with security either in this Court or with the Clerk in the penalty of five thousand dollars payable to the Governor of this Commonwealth and his Successors to have the petitioners forthcoming to answer the judgment of the Court in the premises.

The Commissioners appointed to let to the lowest undertaker the rebuilding of a bridge across the Rappahannock River at Jerusalem this day made their report which is ordered to be recorded and is in these words to wit. "In virtue of the annexed order (after advertising in the usual manner) the Commissioners therein named or a majority of them (Thos. Ridley and Lewis Morrell) proceeded to let to the lowest undertaker, the rebuilding of the bridge across the River at Jerusalem, upon the following terms. The timbers to be of heart pine or Cypress & of the usual dimensions of timbers for bridges of like description. It to be completed by or before December Court day last, 1837, Bldg. Stephen Muddough became the undertaker for the sum of five hundred and eighty nine dollars. And the undersigned regret that a sense of duty to the public for whom in this matter they have acted, constrains them to say to your Honorships that the terms of the contract have not been complied with, a bond for the faithful performance of which, is hereto annexed - Respectfully Submitted to the Court. James H. Parker, Thos. Ridley, Lewis Morrell. 18th June 1838. P.S. The bridge was offered for the reception or rejection of the Commrs. & was not completed until, six months after the period named in the contract." And thereupon the Commissioners and undertaker being fully heard it is the opinion of the Court (Stephen Muddough the undertaker being in Court affirming thereto) that the said Muddough execute bond with good and sufficient security payable to the Governor and his Successors as the law directs in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned for the said Muddoughs keeping the said bridge in good repair for the space of five years from this day - and upon the said bond being executed the sum for which the bridge was undertaken shall be paid him.

The Commissioners appointed to let to the lowest undertaker the rebuilding of the lower Appamunock bridge this day made their report which is ordered to be recorded and is in these words to wit. "To the Honorable Court of Southampton. We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the said Court, to let to the lowest bidder the rebuilding of the lower Appamunock Bridge, according to order, after giving legal notice of the time and place of letting - offered the rebuilding of said bridge to the lowest undertaker, John