

513

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer Summoned and held at the Courthouse of Southampton County on the eighth day of February 1839 for the trial of Jeff a negro man slave belonging to Nancy James of this County, charged with ravishing Polly Oney a white female person of this County on the public highway on the evening of the 31st day of January last past near the Farmersbridge in this County.

Present, Jeremiah Cobb, James Clayton, Samuel B. Hines,

Nicholas M. Gebble & William H. Nicholson } Gent

The Court being thus constituted the said Jeff was set to the bar in custody of the keeper of the Jail and being arraigned pleaded not guilty and thereupon sundry witnesses Towns Polly Oney, Sally Kitchen, Eliza DeLoach, Edwards Butts and Thomas C. Jones were sworn and examined and the prisoner fully heard by James P. French his Counsel assigned him by the Court. The Court after hearing the evidence and upon due consideration thereof and of all the circumstances of the case are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the felony aforesaid of which he stands charged. And it being demanded of the prisoner if any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court should not now proceed to pronounce judgment against him, and nothing being offered or alleged in delay of judgment. It is considered by the Court that he be hanged by the neck until he be dead. And that execution of this judgment be made and done upon him the said Jeff by the Sheriff of this County on Wednesday the 10th day of March next between the hours of Ten O'clock in the forenoon and Two O'clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution. And the Court value the said slave Jeff to the sum of Eight hundred dollars.

(Signed) Jer. Cobb

Teste J. R. Edwards Secy

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer Summoned and held at the Courthouse of Southampton County on the eighth day of February 1839 for the trial of Frank a negro man slave belonging to Samuel J. James of this County, for feloniously aiding and abetting Jeff a negro man slave in committing a rape upon the body of Polly Oney a white female person of this County aforesaid on the public highway in said County on the evening of the 31st day of January last past.

Present, Jeremiah Cobb, James Clayton, Samuel B. Hines,

Nicholas M. Gebble & William H. Nicholson } Gent

The Court being thus constituted the said Frank was set to the bar in custody of the keeper of the Jail and being arraigned pleaded not guilty and sundry witnesses were sworn and examined Towns Polly Oney, Sally Kitchen, Eliza DeLoach and Thomas C. Jones, and the prisoner was fully heard by James P. French his Counsel assigned him by the Court. The Court after hearing the evidence and upon due consideration thereof and of all the circumstances of this case are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the felony aforesaid of which he stands charged. and it being demanded of the prisoner if any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court should not now proceed to pronounce judgment against him according to law, and nothing being offered or alleged in delay of judgment. It is considered by the Court that the prisoner be hanged by the neck until he be dead. And that execution of this judgment be made and done upon him the said Frank by the Sheriff of this County on Wednesday the 10th day of March next between the hours of Ten O'clock in the forenoon and Two O'clock in the afternoon of the same day at the usual place of execution. And thereupon the said Frank is remanded to Jail. And application being made that the Court would recommend that the Executive commute the punishment of the prisoner to transportation, and the Court unanimously overruled the said application. And the Court value the said slave Frank to the sum of Eight hundred dollars.

(Signed) Jer. Cobb

Teste J. R. Edwards Secy