

Prothon Sheriff take the estate of the said John Mercer into his hands and administer the same according to law.

Ordered that John Brown, Samuel H. Holmes, John Dwyler Jr. and Bartholomew Womers or any three of them being first duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace for that purpose do appraise all the personal estate of John Mercer dec<sup>d</sup> and return the appraisement under their hands to Court.

On the motion of Matthew R. Pope who made oath and together with William H. Nicholas and Richard Barrett his co-counsel entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of William R. Pope deceased in due form.

Ordered that Nathan Pope, Mills Pope, Richard Jordan and Simon Pope or any three of them being first duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace for that purpose do appraise all the personal estate of William Pope dec<sup>d</sup> and return the appraisement under their hands to Court.

On the motion of Matthew R. Pope who made oath and together with William H. Nicholas and Mills Pope his co-counsel entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Esther Joyner dec<sup>d</sup> with her Will heretofore proved and recorded in this Court annexed in due form.

Nicholas a slave belonging to the estate of Nathaniel Bevingell dec<sup>d</sup> who stands charged with having on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1848 at Randall's meeting house in this County feloniously assaulted, advised and conspired to rebel and make insurrection was this day set to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County (the Court summoned for his trial having failed to meet) and being arraigned pleaded not guilty and thereupon perjury interrogatories were sworn and examined. Viz. • Whereof a negro defendant to do about 10 or 12 years of age, being duly charged and sworn testifies, that, at Randall's meeting house in this County on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August last, where there was a collection of both black and white people, she heard the prisoner at the bar, who with another negro from Petersburg and several other negroes were standing together, say he was going to rise and kill all the white people on the next Saturday night or Wednesday night thereafter and asked the other negro from Petersburg if he would join him - he said he would - and Nicholas the prisoner said he would join him - the conversation lasted about half an hour - She first saw the prisoner between the meeting house and well going along with oats under his arm, when she next saw him it was at the place where the conversation above referred to was held - Upon being cross-examined the witness said the other negro from Petersburg asked Nicholas the prisoner first if he would join him - Nicholas said he would - and the other negro said he would join Nicholas to kill all the white people - two of the negroes present at the conversation were named Deary & Liza, she did not know the others - Witness says she did not hear Nicholas the prisoner or the other negro from Petersburg ask any other negro present if they would join them - Witness was standing about ten steps from Nicholas when the conversation was going on and heard it distinctly - She the witness speaks of the conversation to her Master Black the day after it occurred, who related it to her Mistress (who said she did know it some time) and that her husband who spoke to the witness about it in two or three days thereafter. • Felony negro cannot bring duty.