

Nelson a slave the property of the estate of Peter Northen who stands charged with having on the 23^d day of August in the year 1840 at Danells meeting house in this County feloniously killed, advised and conspired to rebel and make insurrection, was put to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County (the Court summoned for his trial having failed to meet) and being duly arraigned pleaded not guilty. And thereupon sundry witnesses were sworn and examined to wit, A Narcissa a negro girl supposed to be about 18 or 19 years of age being first duly charged and sworn Testifies that she was at Danells meeting house in this County on the 23^d day of August last where there was a considerable collection of persons both white and black, that she does not know the prisoner at the bar and does not know that she saw him there.

Polly a negro being duly charged and sworn Testifies that she was at the meeting house above named on the day aforesaid, that she does not know the prisoner at the bar and does not recollect seeing him there.

Harry a negro man being duly charged and sworn Testifies that he is acquainted with the prisoner, that he saw him at Danells meeting house on the 23^d day of August last, but he heard him say nothing or take any part in the conversation with Nicholas - who was yesterday convicted - with other negroes who were conspiring, consulting & advising to rebel and make insurrection.

Reuben a negro man being duly charged and sworn Testifies that he is acquainted with the prisoner at the bar, that he saw him at Danells meeting house in this County on the day above mentioned (the 23^d of August 1840) that he the prisoner, was present at the conversation held by Nicholas Cuthbert yesterday twice convicted) and other negroes who were consulting, advising and conspiring to rebel and make insurrection, that he the prisoner, was asked to be admitted if he would join him, the prisoner said he would if they would come there, but he would not go away to join them.

The evidence being closed and the prisoner being fully heard by Samuel J. Douglas esq. his Counsel signed him by the Court in his defence. The Court after maturely considering the evidence and all the circumstances of the case are unanimously of opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the offences aforesaid of which he stands charged. And it being demanded of him if any thing in 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 defence of judgment, It is considered by the Court that the prisoner be charged by the writ until he be dead and that the Sheriff do execution of this judgment on Tuesday the 28th day of October next at the usual place of execution between the hours of ten O'clock in the morning and 3 O'clock in the evening of that day. And therefore the prisoner is committed to jail. And the Court under all the circumstances of the case recommend to the Governor to commute the punishment of the prisoner to transportation.

The Court value the said Nelson as follows. four of the Justices value James Blanton, George Blanton, Thomas Rellay and Nathaniel Williams value him at the sum of \$500 and the two Justices Lewis Williams & Garrett value him at the sum of \$200 making the average value \$420 dollars.

Ordered that Nicholas J. Washburn pay unto Samuel J. Douglas twenty five dollars to defending Nelson a Slave belonging to estate of Peter Northen on the foregoing of the Court.