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A few comments on these abstracts –

– Pale yellow highlighting spotlights items of more than common interest, such as criminal cases or court orders directing that wives and widows of poor soldiers receive financial support.

– The rampant inflation experienced during these years of the Revolutionary War is best illustrated by a list child support payments the court required from fathers of illegitimate children:

February 1778	£4:00:00 per year
July 1778	£12:00:00 per year
January 1779	£25:00:00 per year
October 1779	£36:00:00 per year
January 1780	£80:00:00 per year
February 1780	£150:00:00 per year

– The bastardy rate itself also surged during the war. The four years between 1773 and 1777, saw twenty-six illegitimate children mentioned in the court orders, which represented only a slight increase from the twenty-one born during the previous four years. The present volume covers a little less than three years, but in its pages are orders dealing with more than seventy illegitimate births. A cursory count of the bastardy cases would make the number seem even larger; it should be borne in mind that several cases were dealt with more than once as the court tried to ensure the support payments kept pace with inflation.

– Because this volume has no traditional index, the “find” feature of your browser must be used to search for a name. Please bear in mind that all names are spelled as they appear in the court orders and therefore vary according to the whims of the writer. Also remember that first names were often abbreviated in unusual ways. An exhaustive search will employ every possible variant. A few examples of creative spelling in this volume include Arvitrader for Armitrader, Undril for Underhill, Medcalf for Metcalf and Scarbrough for Scarborough.

– Occasionally, the *Virginia Gazette* reported on a person mentioned in the Accomack records. These comments and sources are included in footnotes. The *Virginia Gazette* may be browsed and/or searched at <http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary/va-gazettes/>

– This volume was abstracted from a microfilm copy of the original handwritten court order book; the original paging appears in brackets within the text of this volume. The twenty-seven volumes of Accomack County’s colonial court orders (from 1663 through early 1777) have been published and are available in on-line bookstores or in various libraries, including the Eastern Shore Public Library: *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, by JoAnn Riley McKey, published by Heritage Books.

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Accomack County Court – 27 May 1777

Present: Isaac Smith, Henry Fletcher, Thomas Teackle, William Parramore (p. 1)

Ordered that the following individuals take the lists of tithables:

- George Stewart, from the Maryland line on the Sea Side of Wallop's Road to Assawaman Branch
- William Williams, from the Maryland line on the Bay Side of Wallop's Road to the "Post going down to Pocomoke" and to the line between John Sandford and W^m Holden
- Henry Fletcher from there on the Bay Side to the line of the parishes
- James Arbuckle from Assawaman Branch on the Sea Side of Wallop's Road to the line of the parishes and from there to Allen's Branch
- Thomas Bayly from the parish line on the Bay Side of Wallop's Road to the head of Checonessex Creek
- John Smith from the head of Checonessex Creek on the Bay Side of the Middle Road to Revel's Branch
- Thomas Teackle from Revell's Branch on the Bay Side of the Middle Road to the Northampton County line
- William Parramore from Allen's Branch on the [Sea] Side of Middle Road to the Northampton County line.

John M^cMeth petitioned that he had no outlet from his plantation and requested that a road be laid off. Ordered that Anthony West, John West, John Custis and Smith Snead view the area of the proposed road and report next court.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Benjamin West (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 1]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Isaac Riggs (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of George Churn (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Isaac Riggs audit and settle William Young's administration of the same.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of George Churn audit and settle William Young Jr's administration of the same.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Daniel Welburn (deceased) was submitted.

Thomas Kellam with wife Elizabeth acknowledged a deed to William Coward.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Teackle Taylor (deceased) was submitted.

Shadrach Aimes acknowledged a deed to Levy Aimes.

Ordered that the churchwardens of St George's Parish bind out orphan Ismay Kellam to Jonas Benson till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

The above churchwardens were to bind out orphan Samuel Kellam to Edmund Bayly to learn the occupation of a farmer.

The same churchwardens were to bind out orphan Parker Miles to Richard Cutlar till lawful age to learn the trade of blacksmith.

A deed from Shadrack Fisher to Robert Small was proved by witnesses.

A deed from George Hope to Jacob Bonewell was proved by witnesses.

John Mills gave security and was granted administration of the estate of Joseph Baldwin (deceased). **[End p. 2]** Ordered that George Stewart, Eyres Gillet, Thomas Marshall and Ezekiel Delastatus appraise the estate.

The grand jury was sworn with Abraham Outten as foreman:

Elijah Bird	John Burton	Southy Lucas	Scarburgh Tunnall
Oliver Bell	Joseph Blake	James Duncan	William Young Jr
Stephen Bloxom	Solomon Reid	John Poolman	John Parker (Matompkin)
Joseph Moore	Selby Simpson	William Bell	John Edmunds
Henry Davis	Robert Coleburn	Augustine Lecatte	Major Hornsby

The will of Solomon Kellam (deceased) was presented for proof; Andrew Stewart, who swore he was well acquainted with the decedent's handwriting, said the signature was Kellam's. The court was also satisfied with the writing of witnesses Littleton Scarburgh Major and Levin Green, who were both also deceased. Matilda Kellam (security: Thomas Kellam and Andrew Stewart) was sworn and granted a certificate for probate. Appraisers were appointed: Americus Scarburgh, Henry Gaskins, Thomas Jacob and Argol Kellam.

Thomas Kellam acknowledged a deed to Edward Ker.

A deed poll from John Groton to Anne and Custis Groton was proved by witnesses,.

Thorogood Smith (security: Littleton Savage) was granted administration of the estate of Patrick Gault (deceased). Ordered that John Neil, George Parker, Clement Parker and William **[end p. 3]** Townsend appraise the estate of Doctor Patrick Gault.

Orphan Benjamin West chose Richard Bundick as guardian (security: John Drumond).

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Isaac Smith.

Accomack County Court – 28 May 1777

Present: Isaac Smith, Henry Fletcher, Thomas Teackle, William Parramore (p. 4)

George Corbin acknowledged a deed to Abel Taylor.

John Rodgers, Casanda Rodgers and Elizabeth Rodgers (minors represented by Patience Milby) brought action against Daniel Rodgers, heir at law of James Rodgers (decd). Ordered that Thomas Teackle, John Walker and George Hack divide the Negroes (Ezekiel, Kate, Atta, Sabra, George, Caleb and Amos) along with the personal estate of the decedent and report next court for the final decree.

Smith Snead petitioned that he owned land on one side of Merry Branch convenient for a water grist mill which he intended to build; **[end p. 4]** he asked that an acre of land be laid off and condemned on the opposite side for that use. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to view the land in the area and make report next court.

Yesterday's grand jury made the following presentments and indictments:

- The overseer of the road by Benjamin Turlington's, presented for not keeping the road in repair
- John Kelly, presented for swearing one profane oath
- George Poulson, overseer of the road, presented for not keeping it in repair
- John Sherlock, indicted for assault and battery on Violette Window, a true bill
- James Cox, indicted for assault and battery on Ruben Joine, a true bill
- Kendall Kellam, indicted for assault and battery on Custis Rayfield, a true bill
- Nathaniel Kellam, for assault and battery on Custis Rayfield, a true bill
- Michael Bonewell, indicted for assault and battery on Ruben Warrington, a true bill
- John M^cMeth, indicted for assault and battery on Laban Chandler, a true bill
- Edmund Rodgers, presented for dealing with a man slave belonging to William Bell and receiving from him nine handfuls of flax valued at one shilling, a true bill
- Henry Sherwood, indicted for assault and battery on Levin Gray, a true bill
- Elizabeth Benson, indicted for feloniously stealing from Elizabeth Richardson one linen apron valued at six pence, a true bill
- John Pettigrew, indicted for assault and battery on Sarah Johnson, a true bill
- Thomas Russell, indicted for assault and battery on Sarah Johnson, a true bill **[End p. 5]**
- Archibald Armitrader, indicted for trespass on the land of Jn^o Houten and carrying away fifty fence rails, a true bill
- George Northam, indicted for the same as above, a true bill
- Elijah Nock, presented for not keeping up the bridge over George Abbott's Mill Branch
- The overseers of the road, presented for not keeping Wallop's Bridge in repair
- The overseers of the road from Guilford Branch to Back Creek, presented for not keeping up the bridges
- John Teackle, presented for swearing one profane oath

- Jn^o Johnson Riley (son of William), presented for swearing one profane oath
- John Lawrence, indicted for felony on information provided by John Sturges, no true bill; the informer was to pay all costs occasioned by the indictment
- Ordered that process issue against the above persons.

Jn^o Johnson Riley (son of William), who was presented for swearing one profane oath, submitted himself to the judgment of the court, which fined him five shillings to be paid to the churchwardens of St George's Parish for the use of the poor.

Ordered that the following changes be made in the surveyors of the roads :

- Elijah Stockly to replace James Berry
- Southy White to replace William Downing
- Jacob Broadwater to replace Kendall Stockly
- Edmund Leatherberry to replace Abraham Outten
- William Savage to replace Jacob Mason. **[End p. 6]**

The will of William Black Bunting was proved by Isaac Smith and Spencer Bagwell, who swore the handwriting was that of the decedent.

Joshua Watson brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

James Berry brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

Robert James brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

Robert Evans brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

Jenifer Marshall brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

Ezekiel Delastatus brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

William Laws brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

Charles West brought action of attachment against Archibald Jackson, for whom James Duncan became special bail. The matter was continued till next court.

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith. [End p. 7]

Accomack County Court – 28 May 1777

A court held for the trial of Cato, a Negro man slave belonging to John Custis, for feloniously entering the dwelling house of Anne Toby during the night of 18 March, and stealing three women's gowns valued at five shillings each, a shift valued at two shillings, a red quilt valued at three shillings and two handkerchiefs valued at six pence each.

Present: Isaac Smith, Henry Fletcher, Thomas Teackle, William Parramore (p. 8)

Arraigned for the above offenses, Cato pled not guilty. After examining the witnesses and hearing Cato's defense, it was the court's opinion that he was guilty. Ordered that Cato "be carried from here to the Place from whence he Came &c, from thence to the Place of Execution and there to be hanged by the Neck untill he be Dead." The execution was to be carried out on Tuesday the 17th of June. It was certified that Cato was valued at £85:00:00. The proceedings were signed by Isaac Smith. [*Beneath this entry it was noted that:*] "Said Cato received a Pardon." [End p. 8]

Accomack County Court – 17 June 1777

A court held for the examination of Nicholas Potter, suspected of breaking and entering the dwelling house of Anne Toby and feloniously stealing on the 26th of April, one calimanco petticoat, a Holland apron and a skein of cotton valued at twenty shillings.

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, Thomas Teackle, Thomas Bayly, William Parramore (p. 9)

Arraigned at the bar, Nicholas Potter pled not guilty. After examining various witnesses, it was the court's opinion that he was guilty and that the goods were to be valued at ten pence. Ordered that he post a £100:00:00 bond with security to ensure his personal appearance at the next grand jury court to be held the last Tuesday of November, when he would be required to answer what would be objected against him. He was not to "depart the court" without permission and was to be on his good behavior. Thomas Bayly became his security. Anne Toby, M^cKeil Bonewell, Spencer Coleburn (for his wife) and Levy Nock (for his wife) each posted £20:00:00 to ensure their appearance as witnesses against Nicholas Potter. The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. [End p. 9]

Accomack County Court – 29 July 1777

The Governor commissioned Covington Corbin, Isaac Smith, Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, William Selby, Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher, William Williams, John Smith, Thomas Teackle, George Stewart, Edward Ker, Thomas Bayly and William Parramore. Teackle and Stewart administered the oath of a justice and the oath of allegiance to Isaac Smith, who then administered the same to Simpson, Teackle, Stewart, Wise, John Smith and Arbuckle.

Present: Isaac Smith, Tully Robinson Wise, Thomas Teackle, George Stewart (p. 10)

Thomas Marshall, Savage Cowdry, Sacker Parker, John More and William Silverthorn, who had been commissioned officers in the county militia, appeared and took the oath required by law.

Thomas Teackle was appointed guardian to the orphan of John Read (deceased) to contest the proof to the will; as they had no objections the will was proved by John Rowles and Robert Hutchenson. Executors Elizabeth Read and Solomon Read were sworn (security: Bartholmew Taylor and James Broadwater). Zorrobabel Rodgers, Augustine Lecatte, John Arlington and George Hack were to appraise the estate.

Charles Bagwell acknowledged a deed to Selathiel Fitchet. **[End p. 10]**

A deed from Margaret Teackle to Thomas Teackle was proved by William Smith, John Arrington and James Turlington.

Ordered that George Poulson be recommended as a fit person to act as an ensign in the county militia.

Edmund Poulson with wife Anne acknowledged a deed to Edward Ker.

Ordered that Edward Ker, Thomas Teackle and Zorrobabel Rodgers audit and settle Patience Milby's administration accounts on the estate of James Rodgers (decd).

John Richardson acknowledged a deed to William Stockly.

Custis Rodgers with wife Sarah acknowledged a deed to John Taylor (bricklayer).

The will of Solomon Groten (deceased) was proved by Henry Davis; a codicil was proved by Leah Taylor.

John Taylor with wife Sophia acknowledged a deed to Custis Rodgers.

Anne Hall (security: George Corbin and Ralph Corbin) was granted administration of the estate of Asa Hall (deceased). Ordered that Henry Fletcher, John Silverthron, Southy Northam and Spencer Drumond appraise the estate. **[End p. 11]**

Ordered that the following be recommended to the Governor as fit persons to be commissioned as officers in the county militia: Joseph Mathews (1st lieutenant), Southy White (2nd lieutenant), George Marshall (2nd lieutenant), Thomas Copes (2nd Lieutenant) and William Snead (captain); also recommended were William Selby (as lieutenant colonel) and Selby Simpson (as major) of the First Battalion, and Clement Parker (as colonel) and William Parramore (as lieutenant colonel) of the Second Battalion of the county militia.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Ezekiel Badger was submitted.

Court justice John Smith entered court.

John Kendall acknowledged a deed to Rebecca Watts.

Rebecca Watts acknowledged a deed to James Berry.

Rebecca Watts acknowledged a deed to William Downing.

Rebecca Watts acknowledged a deed to George Corbin.

George Corbin acknowledged a deed to William Watts and Rebecca Watts.

George Corbin acknowledged a deed to John Burton.

The commonwealth brought action against Zerobabel Watson, charging him with being the putative father of a bastard child born to Mary Martin. Watson, who did not deny paternity, was to post £100:00:00 security to save St George's Parish **[end p. 12]** from supporting the child. He was to pay the mother £4:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for five years commencing on the day of the birth of the child.

The will of John Beavans (deceased) was proved by Betty Abbott, a witness who swore that she also saw John Abbott (a deceased witness) sign the document. Executor Nathaniel Beavans was sworn (security: George Corbin). Ordered that William Williams, John Teackle, John Burton and William Downing appraise the estate and also audit/settle Nathaniel Beavans' administration accounts.

Catherine Middleton (security: John Custis from the Sea Side and Cornelius Ironmonger) was granted administration of the estate of George Middleton (deceased). Ordered that Elijah Lillestone, George Melson, Smith Melson and Major Ironmonger appraise the estate.

Orphan Samuel Medcalf chose John Kellam as guardian (security: Spencer Bagwell).

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of George Latchum (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Henry Bayly (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 13]**

A deed from Joshua Riggs to Richard Taylor was proved by William Young, George Young Sr and Susannah Riggs.

Leah Custis, the widow of Levin Custis, refused to abide by the will and relinquished all legacies bequeathed to her [*in favor of what was allowed her by law*]. The will of Levin Custis was proved by Levin Stewart. Executor Thomas Custis was sworn (security: Levin Stewart). Ordered that John Smith, James Henry, John Custis and Robert Bell appraise the estate.

Jenny Jackson (security: William Young) was granted administration of the estate of Archibald Jackson (deceased). Ordered that William Young Sr, Ralph Justice, Solomon Johnson and Thomas Kelly appraise the estate.

Ordered that John Cord replace John Johnson as surveyor of the highways.

Ordered that John Smith, Zorrobabel Rodgers and Levin Window audit/settle the administration accounts of the estate of John Revell (deceased).

Ordered that a citation issue against William Broadwater for failing to execute his duty as a constable.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Tully Robinson Wise. **[End p. 14]**

Accomack County Court – 30 July 1777

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, Southy Simpson, John Smith, Thomas Teackle (p. 15)

Appointed vestrymen of St George's Parish, George Hack and George Cutlar appeared and were qualified.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Bennet Scarborough (deceased) was proved by the oath of John Kendall.

The will (except for the interlineations) of Abner Burton (deceased) was proved by Ezekiel Ross and Jacob Ross. The named executor being absent, Susannah Burton (security: Robert Guy and John Riley) was granted administration of the estate during the executor's absence. Henry Fletcher, Solomon Johnson, James Benson and William Bloxom were to appraise the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Thomas Wilkerson was submitted.

John Watson, Caleb Watson, Benjamin Watson, Peter Watson and Sally Watson (minor children & devisees of Peter Watson, deceased) brought action for equity against Zorrobabel Watson. Those appointed to divide Peter Watson's slaves reported they had sold the slaves on six months credit with bond and security to carry the interest from 8 July 1776. **[End p. 15]**

- Jacob was sold to Zorrobabel Watson for £78:12:06
 - Pegg was sold to John Beach for £23:00:00
 - Nell was sold to Zorrobabel Watson for £43:05:00
 - Patience was sold to John Hutchenson for £68:00:00
 - Judy was sold to George Ashby for £36:00:00
 - various fees were deducted: £02:07:06
 - the sale amounted to: £246:10:00
 - Zorrobabel, John, Caleb, Benjamin, Peter and Sally Watson each were to receive £41:01:08.
- Signed 8 July 1776, by Edward Ker and William Bandfield Walker.

– The same day, Zorrobabel signed a note, witnessed by Isaac Waterfeild, acknowledging that he had received his proportional part of the slaves left by his deceased father to be equally divided between Zorrobabel, his four brothers and his sister Sally.

– The following individuals were mentioned in connection with bonds for:

John Watson – Zorrobabel Watson, Zorrobabel Rodgers, Edw^d Ker

Caleb Watson – Barth^o Taylor, Jn^o Rodgers, Meshack Watson, W^m Ward, Isaac Waterfeild,
Edmund Bayly **[end p. 16]**

Benjamin Watson – George and Jn^o Ashby, Jn^o Rodgers, Barth^o Taylor, Jn^o Rowles

Peter Watson – Jn^o Beach, John Walker, Jn^o Ashby, Geo Ashby

Sally Watson – Zorrobabel Watson, Zorrobabel Rodgers

All the bonds were dated 8 July 1776 and were made payable to the different children or their guardians. Signed, Edward Ker.

– On 13 January 1777, John Watson acknowledged receiving from Edward Ker, Zorrobabel Watson and Zorrobabel Rodgers a bond for £39:14:02 and the sum of £1:07:06 in money, which was John's share of his father's Negroes.

The following were recommended to the Governor to be commissioned officers of the county militia:

Charles Marshall (captain)	William Parker (captain)	Robinson Custis (lieutenant)
Thomas Slocomb (lieutenant)	Southy Copes (lieutenant)	Ismael Andrews (lieutenant)
Francis Savage (lieutenant)	Zorrobabel Watson (lieutenant)	Thomas Young (lieutenant)
Solomon Smith (lieutenant)	George Justice (lieutenant)	John Dix Jr (2 nd lieutenant)
Joseph Kelly (2 nd lieutenant)	Thomas Lillistone (ensign)	Stephen Marshall (ensign)
George Truet Taylor (ensign)		

The following had been commissioned and were now sworn in: William Selby (lieutenant colonel) and Selby Simpson (major) of the 1st Battalion; Clement Parker (colonel) and Henry Custis (major) of the 2nd Battalion.

William Parramore, who had been named in the commission of the justices of the peace, came into court, was qualified and took the oath of allegiance. **[End p. 17]**

Commissioned as officers of the county militia, the following were sworn in: William Parker, Solomon Smith, Joseph Kelly, George Justice, George Truet Taylor, Ismael Andrews, Francis Savage, Thomas Young, Zorrobabel Watson, John Dix and Southy Copes.

Edward Gunter with wife Rachel acknowledged a deed to John Bull.

A deed from William Rowley to John Riley was proved by witness William Townsend.

Orphan William Black Bunting chose Thomas Bayly Jr as guardian (security: Abraham Outten and George Cutlar).

The will of William Savage (deceased) was proved by witnesses. Executor George Cutlar was sworn (security: Thomas Bayly and Edm^d Gunter). Ordered that John Warrington, Nathaniel Badger, Clement Parker and Jn^o Aimes appraise the estate.

Justice William Parramore entered court.

A deed from William Savage with wife Sarah to John Warrington was proved by George Cutlar and Zorrobabel Edwards.

The Commonwealth brought action against Abigail Belotte “for beating and Dangerously Wounding” Widow Adra Gunter. **[End p. 18]** After hearing the witnesses, it was the court’s opinion that Abigail post a £25:00:00 behavior bond herself with her security posting another bond of the same amount to ensure that she keep the peace to everyone but especially to Adrah Gunter for six months. Abigail posted the bonds with Obednego Gunter and Ruben Warrington; her court costs amounted to 251 lbs tobacco.

Ordered that the following administer the oath of allegiance to companies of militia :

- George Stewart – to the companies under the command of Captains Thomas and Charles Marshall, Downing and Tunnell
- James Arbuckle – to the companies under Captains William Parker, Young, Pettigrew and Burton
- Southy Simpson – to the companies under Captains Dickerson, Stockly and Nock
- Thomas Teackle – to the companies under Captains Hack, Savage, Lecatt and Revell
- Isaac Smith – to the companies under Captains Snead and John Parker
- Tully Robinson Wise – to the companies under Captains Arbuckle, Custis and Riley
- William Parramore – to the company under Captain Polk and the company lately commanded by himself
- John Smith – to all not on the muster roll between Onanock and Pongoteague on the Bay Side.

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. **[End p. 19]**

Accomack County Court – 26 August 1777

Present: Isaac Smith, Tully R Wise, Southy Simpson, John Smith, Tho^s Teackle

Guardian Robert James swore to his account against orphan Delight James.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Robinson Savage (deceased) was submitted.

Guardian Henry Gascoyne swore to his account against orphan Elizabeth Gascoyne.

Ordered that each magistrate in the county enquire after and provide for “such poor Objects whose Husbands or Children are now in the service of the Continental States & thereby rendered unable to support themselves, According to a late Act of Assembly, & make report thereof to the Court.”

Clement Parker with wife Rosey acknowledged a deed to Benjamin Peck.

John Wise, who had been appointed constable, was sworn in.

A deed from Daniel Welburn to George Corbin was proved by witnesses W^m Broadwater, [*illegible*] Feddiman and Caleb ? [*illegible*].

A deed from Charles Vannelion (sic) to George Corbin was proved by witnesses.

The will of Robert Jenkinson (deceased) was proved when George Corbin and Kendal Stokely swore that they believed the signature was Jenkinson's. Leah Brittham, the sole witness, swore she saw Robert sign the will. **[End p. 20]** Heir Custis Jenkinson had no objections; administrator Mary Ann Jenkinson was sworn (security: Jonathan Bunting and John Riley Parker). George Corbin, Kendal Stokely, Jacob Broadwater and Henry Fletcher were to appraise the estate.

The will of Solomon Groten was proved by Will^m B Walker. Executors Ann Groten and Custis Groten were sworn (security: Will^m B Walker and Argol Kellam). John Taylor (cordwainer), William Garrison, Levy Kellam and Arthur Roberts were to appraise the estate.

Edmund Core, John Spiers, Thomas Hickman, Major Ironmonger, Argol Kellam, John Drummond and John Wise were sworn as constables.

The deed from John Merchant with wife to Will^m Broadwater was proved by George Stewart, Jacob Broadwater and Robert Pitt.

Attorneys James Henry and George Corbin along with Littleton Savage, the court clerk, took the oath of allegiance to the state. **[End p. 21]**

James Henry, the executor of Will^m Drummond (who was guardian to orphans Richard Drummond and Ann Drummond) rendered and swore to two accounts left by William against the orphans.

The will of Sabrough (sic) Bell (deceased) was proved by the oath of George Stewart. George Smith (security: George Stewart) was granted administration of the estate. Major Guy, William Bell, Bowdoin Robins and Savage Cowdry were to appraise the estate of Scarbrough Bell.

The will of Thomas Elliot (deceased) was proved by Major Ironmunger, Jenny Harden and Margaret Doe. Executors Golden Fox and Major Ironmunger were sworn (security: Thomas Lewis). Jacob Bird, George Cutlar, John Edwards and John Kelly were to appraise the estate.

The will of Solomon Russel (deceased) was proved by Richard Young, Jonathan Willit and Rachel Parks. Executor George Russell was sworn (security: Jonathan Willet and Nicholas Powel). **[End p. 22]** William Young, Richard Young, John Lewis and Solomon Cowell were to appraise the estate.

Ordered that the following be recommended to the governor as fit to continue in their respective offices: Robert Coleburn (captain), George Ashby (1st lieutenant), George Garrison (2nd lieutenant) and John Custis (ensign).

The will of Robert Parker (deceased) was proved by Clement Parker and Wise Middleton. Executor Betty Parker was sworn (security: Clement Parker). John Edmunds, George Cutlar, Richard Bull and John Bull were to appraise the estate.

A deed from Severn Guttridge with wife to William [B----- illegible] was proved by Will^m Arbuckle.

The following were recommended to the Governor as fit to be commissioned as officers in the county militia:

Reuben Joynes (lieutenant)	Michael Bonewell (ensign)	Joseph Hatens (lieutenant)
Elijah Fitzgerald (captain)	Cornelius Ironmonger (1 st lieutenant)	Smith Millener (2 nd lieutenant)
Benj ⁿ Peck (ensign)	John Walker (captain)	Levin Window (captain)
Thomas Russel (lieutenant)	Andrew Russell (ensign)	

George Parker was appointed surveyor of the road in place of John Wise, constable; Will Bell replaced George Stewart. **[End p. 23]**

The will of Teackle Waltham (deceased) was proved by Thomas Jacob and Edward Kerr. Executor John Waltham was sworn (security: John Smith from the Sea Side and Edmund Bailey). Will^m Scarbrough, John Mears, Henry Gascoyne and Edmund Scarbrough were to appraise the estate.

John Smith was sworn as a member of the vestry of St George's Parish.

The following qualified and took the oath of allegiance:

Andrew Russel (ensign)	Thomas Russel (lieutenant)	Joseph Hatten (lieutenant)
Robert Coleburn (captain)	George Garrison (lieutenant)	Michael Bonewel (ensign)
Elijah Fitzgerald (captain)	Cornelius Ironmonger (lieutenant)	Peter Savage (ensign)

Ordered that the justices of the peace be summoned to attend next court to recommend magistrates to the Governor.

James Cox acknowledged a deed to Edward Ker.

Ordered that orphan Richard Garrison be bound out to Michael R Tatham till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. **[End p. 24]**

Accomack County Court – 16 September 1777

A court held for the examination of Reuben Warrington, who was suspected of aiding and assisting Stephen Mister's escape from jail on Monday the fifteenth of September; Mister, who had been charged with high treason against the state of Virginia, was a prisoner in the custody of the sheriff.

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, Thomas Teackle, William Parramore (p. 25)

Reuben Warrington pled not guilty; after the court examined various witnesses, they believed he was guilty and was triable at Williamsburg the first Tuesday of November. Warrington was ordered back to the county jail; he was then to be sent to Williamsburg. Esther Gunter (security: George Poulson), Solomon West (security: Rob^t Snead), Thomas Copes (security: David Bowman), John Riley Parker (security: John Powel) and John Cox each posted £10:00:00 to ensure their appearance at Williamsburg to serve as witnesses against Reuben Warrington.¹

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. [End p. 25]

Accomack County Court – 31 September 1777

Present: Isaac Smith, Tully Robinson Wise, Southy Simpson, John Smith, William Parramore (p. 26)

Southy Simpson added his tithables to the list: himself, John Simpson, Southy Simpson Jr, Jacob, Tom, Shadrach, Okoo, Sunter, Rose, Lucy and Nan along with 339 acres of land and two chairs [carriages].

John Kitson added his tithables to the list: himself, Jack, Toney, Simon, Daniel, Dinah, Margaret and Leah along with 623 ½ acres of land and one chair [*carriage*].

Esther Crippen added her tithables to the list: Zadock Shepherd and Levy.

John Young added his tithables to the list: himself and Dall.

Samuel Davis added himself to the list of tithables.

Samuel Warren added himself to the list of tithables.

Justices James Arbuckle and George Stewart entered court.

¹ “At a court of Oyer and Terminer held the 4th, 5th, and 6th instants [November 1777]. . . . Reuben Warrington, from Accomack, for treason: Discharged, no evidence appearing against him to support a prosecution.” *Virginia Gazette*, Purdie: November 14, 1777, pg. 2, column 2. Accessed 23 January 2017. http://research.history.org/CWDLImages/VA_GAZET/Images/P/1777/0250hi.jpg

The will of Benjamin Kipp was proved by William Kellam and Zephaniah Bradford. Executor Edmund Bailey was sworn (security: Edmund Scarbrough and Elijah Meers). Ordered that William Scarbrough, Americus Scarbrough, Thomas Jacob and Major Colony appraise the estate.

William Williams, Henry Fletcher and Thomas Bailey were sworn as magistrates. **[End p. 26]**

Salathiel Fitchet and his wife acknowledged a deed to Joseph Kelly.

Ordered that George Stewart, Ayres Gilley and Robert Evans audit/settle the administration accounts of Robert Watson and his wife on the estate of John Marshal (deceased).

Guardian Susannah Barns swore to her account against orphan Susanna Barns.

Ordered that George Stewart, Ayres Gillet and Skinner Wallop audit/settle Philoclear Marshal's administration accounts on the estate of Daniel Marshal (deceased).

John Townsend was appointed guardian to orphan Nany Watts (security: Sackar Parker).

Justices Henry Fletcher, William Williams and Tho^s Bailey entered court.

Dixon Hall added his tithables to the list: himself, Peter, James and Phebe.

Elizabeth Colony (security: John Custis and John Parker of Matt[*apon*]y) was granted administration of the estate of John Colony (deceased). Ordered that Reuben Joines, Will^m Smith Sr, John Smith (of Pungot[*eague*]) and John Arlington appraise the estate as well as audit Elizabeth's administration accounts.

Guardian John Melson swore to his account against orphans Euphamy Melson and Ann Melson. **[End p. 27]**

The will of Bagwell Custis (deceased) was proved by Willlm Riley, who swore to the decedent's handwriting. Executor William Custis was sworn (security: John Custis from the Sea Side). Ordered that William Riley, John Custis (Bay Side), Thomas Bayley and Custis Rodgers appraise the estate.

Ordered that Clement Parker, Nathaniel Beavans, William Riley Jr and John Custis (Bay Side) be recommended as county commissioners of the peace.

Ordered that the sheriff take the estate of "John Taylor Merch" [*which also could be interpreted as John Taylor, Merch(ant)*] (deceased) into his custody till further orders from the court.

The will of Shadrack Fisher (deceased) was proved by Solomon Johnson and Elijah Bird. Salathiel Fitchet (security: Joseph Kelly) was granted administration with will annexed. Ordered that Solomon Johnson, Elijah Bird, Solomon Bird and James Duncan appraise the estate.

Ordered that the following individuals be recommended to the Governor as commissioned officers of the county militia: Parker Barns (captain), Abel West (lieutenant), **[end p. 28]** Thomas Sandford (lieutenant) and Solomon Johnson (ensign).

Ordered that 1421 acres of land belonging to the heirs of William Drummond (deceased) be added to the list [*of tithables*].

John Taylor (bricklayer) petitioned that he owned land on one side of a branch of a creek convenient for building a water grist mill; he asked that an acre of land on the opposite side be laid off for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to go upon the land to view and value it as well as assess the damage that might be done to adjacent lands.

Ordered that Thomas Bailey, Willlm Riley and John Custis audit/settle Elizabeth Melson's administration accounts on the estate of Solomon Melson (deceased).

The following qualified as commissioned officers of the county militia; Thomas Copes (captain), Parker Barns (lieutenant), Abel West (lieutenant), Thomas Sandford (lieutenant), Elijah Stokely (lieutenant) and Solomon Johnson (ensign).

Guardian Solomon Meers swore to two years of his accounts against orphan Custis Willis.

Guardian Levi Dix swore to his account against orphan Esther Pettit.

Guardian Tully Lilliston swore to his account against orphan Salley Watson.

Guardian Jacob Bird swore to his accounts against orphans Will^m Mason, Bennet Mason and Nelly Mason.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson. **[End p. 29]**

Accomack County Court – 1 October 1777

**Present: Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, Southy Simpson, William Williams
John Smith, Thomas Bailey, William Parramore (p. 30)**

Thomas Burton, who was ordered to replace John Custis (who refused to act as an ensign), appeared and qualified. John West (son of Jonathan), who was recommended as a lieutenant, also qualified.

The following, who were recommended to the Governor as officers of the county militia, appeared and qualified: Major Colony (lieutenant) Isaac Lewis (captain) and John Turnal (lieutenant).

Ordered that Jonathan Harding be allowed £7:10:00 for his care and trouble in attending Capt. Taylor in his last illness and an additional £4:05:00 for his expenses in burying him.

The will of John Groten (deceased) was proved by William Parramore. Executor Margery Groten was sworn (security: Tully Robinson Wise and John West, the son of Jonathan). Ordered that Charles Snead, Johannes Wise, Richard Parker and John Wise (constable) appraise the estate. **[End p. 30]**

The Commonwealth brought action against John M^cMeth, who was indicted for assault and battery on Laban Chandler. After witnesses were heard, M^cMeth was fined five shillings to be used by the poor of St George's Parish. Tully Robinson Wise became security for M^cMeth's court costs, which amounted to 411 lbs tobacco. M^cMeth was also to pay witnesses Laban Chandler and Elizabeth Rodgers, who each attended court for eight days. [*The standard rate was 25 lbs tobacco/day.*]

The Commonwealth brought action against John M^cMeth, who had been presented by the grand jury for not listing himself as a tithable. The court heard M^cMeth's "allegation" and discharged him after he paid the tax to the sheriff and court costs, for which Tully Robinson Wise became security.

Attalanta Guttery came into court and refused to abide by the will of her late husband and relinquished all legacies [*in favor what was allowed her by law*]; she also relinquished executorship.

The Commonwealth brought action against Betty Benson, who had been presented by the grand jury for feloniously stealing a linen apron worth six pence from Elizabeth Richardson. Betty pled not guilty. The following jury –

Thomas Burton	Spencer Bagwell	Robert James	Rob ^t Drummond
John Wise	John Walker	John Walker Jr	John West
Tho ^s Copes [end p. 31]	William Snead	Robert Guy	John Dix

– heard the evidence and found Betty guilty; she was to receive seven lashes on her bare back well laid on. In addition to 516 lbs tobacco in court costs, Betty was to pay witnesses Major Ironmonger for nine days and Nancy Parker for eight days. [*The standard rate was 25 lbs tobacco/day.*]

James Henry and David Bowman (executors of Solomon Guthery) acknowledged separate deeds to Edward Ker and to Patience Montgomery.

The Commonwealth brought action against Henry Sherwood, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Levin Gray. The following jury –

Henry Custis	John Aimes	Isaac Lewis	Major Ironmonger
John Custis	Clement Cutler	Southy Grinalds	Scarbrough Bloxom
George Poulson	Thomas Lewis	John Custis	John Riley

– found Sherwood guilty; he was fined five shillings and was to pay court costs (366 lbs tobacco) or be arrested. He was also to pay witness Nancy Millener for attending eight days. [*The standard rate was 25 lbs tobacco/day.*] **[End p. 32]**

The Commonwealth vs John Kelly, who had been presented for swearing a profane oath, was continued.

The Commonwealth vs John Sherlock, who had been indicted for assault and battery, was continued.

The presentment against George Poulson for not keeping the road in repair was dismissed.

Ordered that David Edwards be surveyor of the road in the place of George Poulson.

The Commonwealth vs James Cox, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Reuben Joines was continued.

Ordered that John Baggs be surveyor of the road in the place of Argol Kellam.

Guardian John Meers swore to his account against orphan Custis Willis.

The Commonwealth brought action against Michael Bonewell, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Reuben Warrington. Bonewell, who said he would not contend with the Commonwealth, was fined one penny plus court costs (256 lbs tobacco). **[End p. 33]**

The Commonwealth's actions against the following individuals were continued:

- John Pettigrew, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Sarah Johnson
- Thomas Russel, who had been indicted
- Archibald Armitrader, who had been indicted
- George Northam, who had been indicted.

Ordered that Charles Tunnel be surveyor of the road in the place of John Meers.

Ordered that John Mears (constable) be overseer of Wallop's Bridge and work on it with Wallop's hands.

John Teackle, who was presented for swearing one profane oath, said he would not contend with the Commonwealth; he was fined five shillings plus the cost of his prosecution.

Guardian John Dix swore to his account against orphan John Parker.

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. **[End p. 34]**

Accomack County Court – 25 November 1777

**Present: Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, Southy Simpson, John Smith,
William Parramore (p. 35)**

Abel Joyne's tithables were added to the list: himself, Will and Esther.

Robert Hutson was added to the list of tithables.

A commission of the peace was directed to: Covington Corbin, Isaac Smith, Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, William Selby, Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher, William Williams, John Smith, Thomas Teackle, George Stewart, Edward Ker, Thomas Bayley, William Parramore, Clement Parker, Nathaniel Beavans, William Riley Jr and John Custis. Williams and John Smith administered the oaths to Wise, who then administered them to Arbuckle, Williams, John Smith, Ker, Bayley, Beavans and Custis.

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, John Smith, William Williams, Thomas Bayley, Nathaniel Beavans and John Custis (p. 35)

Ordered that a grand jury be summoned.

John Teackle added his tithables to the list: himself, George Harman, Joshua Harman, Shadrack Isaac, Abel, Sarah, Tabby, Vinah, Darky and Leah.

John Spires added his tithables to the list: himself, James Spiers, Thomas Coleburn, Jacob and Mathew.

An inventory of the estate of Will^m Warrington (deceased) was submitted, **[end p. 35]** as was the administration account of his estate.

Guardian Woodman Bloxom swore to his account against orphan John Bloxom.

Lucretia Nock (security: John Teackle) was granted administration of the estate of John Nock (deceased). Ordered that John Kitson, Thomas Crippen, Charles Bagwell and Rob^t James appraise and divide the estate.

John Arlington's tithables were added to the list: himself, Molly, Tabby, Selby, Mary and George.

Thomas Bayley Jr (security: Will^m Young and W^m Downing) was granted administration of the estate of Will^m Black Bunting (deceased); the executor refused to qualify. Ordered that John Custis (Sea Side), Ezekiel Young, Willet Lilleston and Philip West appraise, audit and divide the estate. **[End p. 36]**

The grand jury was sworn and retired:

John Riley, foreman	Abel Joyne	John Ames	George Garrison
Willet Lilleston	Charles Leatherbury	Isaiah Evans	John Walker Sr
Zorobabel Kellum	John Beach	Nath ^l Badger	John Kendal
Kendal Stokely	George Savage	Richard Justice	Solomon Young
Salathiel Fitchet	Will ^m Vessels	Jacob Taylor	Will ^m Young Jr
Ezekiel Tatham	John Nicholas	John Taylor	

The will of Nathaniel Fosque was proved by Bayley Harmon and William Harmon with the consent of the heir at law. Executors Ann Fosque and John Smith were sworn (security: George Garrison and

Thomas Custis). Ordered that John West Sr, Peter Savage, Jonathan Garrison and Joshua Wyatt appraise the estate.

The will of William Groten (deceased) was proved by John Watson and Robert Andrews with the consent of the heir's guardian. Executor Benjamin Hutchinson was sworn (security: Will^m Bandfield Walker and John Hutchinson). Ordered that Edw Ker, Augustine Lecatt, Isaac Waterfield and John Reed appraise the estate.

The will of Will^m Coward (deceased) was proved by Margaret Joyne and John West. **[End p. 37]** Executor Margaret Edward was sworn (security: Thomas Teackle and John Walker). Thomas Teackle, who was appointed guardian to the heir had no objections. Ordered that John West, Abel West, Edmund Bayley and Abel Savage appraise the estate.

An inventory of the estate of Major Groten (deceased) was submitted.

Will Bull with wife Bridget acknowledged a deed to Elijah Bird.

Bonds were entered by Jabez Pit (£500:00:00), Thomas Bayley (£250:00:00) and John Custis (£250:00:00) to ensure that Jabez “conduct himself as a True & Loyal subject to the State during the war.”

Ordered that Caleb Aimes be surveyor of the road in the place of Zorobabel Aimes.

Zorobabel Roders (sic) was recommended to the Governor as captain in the place of Edward Revil, who had resigned.

Ordered that John Custis (Bay Side) be recommended as captain in the place of William Riley. **[End p. 38]**

Ordered that John Riley be recommended as lieutenant in the place of Ramond Riley.

Will^m Mapp and his wife Esther acknowledged a deed to James Robertson.

Guardian Ann Rodgers swore to her accounts against orphans Sarah, Ann and John Rodgers.

George Collins with wife Rachel acknowledged a deed to John Bloxom.

After considering the viewers' report on Will^m Tisaker's petition for a road, it was ordered that the new road be established.

Jabez Pitt qualified as an attorney.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. William Williams.

Accomack County Court – 26 November 1777**Present: Tully Robinson Wise, John Smith, Thomas Bayley, Nathaniel Beavans (p. 39)**

An inventory of the estate of Archibald Jackson (deceased) was submitted.

Southy Simpson qualified as magistrate.

Ordered that Southy Simpson and Thomas Bayley hire someone to repair the prison.

Ordered that Southy Warrington be surveyor of the roads in the place of John Shae. **[End p. 39]**

Ordered that John Taylor be surveyor of Wallop's Road from opposite his plantation to Gargathy muster field, including part of the warehouse road.

Robert Bradford was appointed guardian to Edmund Kellum, orphan of Edmund Kellum.

Ordered that the rates of liquors in the county be stipulated as follows:

– Good West India rum by the gill	£ 0:01:06
– Virginia brandy or French or New England rum	0:01:03
– Oats by the gallon	0:00:07 ½
– Stableage and fodder per night	0:01:00
– Breakfast	0:02:06
– Dinner	0:04:00
– Lodging	0:01:03
– Cider by the gallon	0:02:06
– Whiskey by the gill	0:01:00
– Toddy per quart	0:02:06
– Punch per quart	0:03:09
– Madeira, Fyall and Tenerife wine per quart	0:10:00
– Claret of best Bordeaux	0:12:06
– Common Bordeaux	0:10:00

Guardian Benjⁿ West swore to his account against orphan Benjamin West.

A deed from Elizabeth Moore to John Moore was proved by the oaths of witnesses Ezek^l MDougal, Sam^l and Agnes Moore.

The will of Will^m Fitzhugh was proved by Major Bayley and Susanna Hornsby. Executor Jacob Bird was sworn (security: James Arbuckle). **[End p. 40]** Ordered that Levi Bird, John Bull, Major Bayley and Southy Bull appraise the estate.

Zorobabel Chandler was appointed guardian to John Window orphan of John Window.

Zorobal (sic) Rodgers and John Custis were recommended to the Governor as captains of the militia; they now appeared and qualified.

Ordered that Tully Wise be recommended as a 2nd lieutenant.

Ordered that Esther Bunting, wife of Ritchie Bunting, “a poor Soldier now in the service of the Continental States” be allowed £0:12:06 per month from the first day of last June till now for her support.

Ordered that Agnes Hogshire, wife of Rob^t Hogshire, a poor soldier now in service, be allowed 30 shillings per month from the 5th day of last May till now for the support of herself and her three children.

Ordered that Comfort Bloxom, widow of Charles Bloxom, a poor soldier, be allowed £0:12:06 per month from the middle of last June to the middle of September for the support of herself and child.

Ordered that Zachariah Kellam, a Mulatto boy, be bound out to Levin Aimes till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

Guardian Elijah Booth swore to his account against orphans Mitchel Thornman, Will^m Thornman and Obediah Thornman. **[End p. 41]**

The grand jury made the following indictments and presentments:

- Levi Nock, indicted for assault and battery on Littleton Wyat, a true bill [*this entry was repeated*]
- William Bennit, indicted for assault and battery on Benjⁿ Tho^s Watson, a true bill
- Samuel Henderson, indicted for an assault and battery on George Armitrader, a true bill
- Margaret Dolby, indicted for an assault and battery on Sarah Jones, a true bill
- Nicholas Poter, indicted for feloniously [*stealing*] a calimanco petticoat, a holland apron and skein of cotton valued at £0:20:00, a true bill
- Jonathan Kellam, presented for blocking the market road running through his plantation on the first day of November
- William Trader, presented for not listing his Negro wench Sara
- James Twiford, presented for not listing his carriage
- Alice Dunton, presented for not listing her carriage
- Ann Holden, presented for not listing her carriage
- John Chandler, presented for not listing his carriage
- James Broughton was presented for not listing his carriage
- Savage Cowdry, presented for not listing his carriage
- Jacob Broadwater, presented for not listing his Negro Pegg
- William Worner, presented for not listing his Negro Duke
- Ezekiel Holloway, presented for not listing his Negro Dick
- James Bosewel, presented for not listing William Bunting
- Arthur Vessels, presented for not listing William Ewell

- John Biquert, presented for swearing two profane oaths [end p. 42]
 - David Edwards, presented for letting dead trees stand within 60 feet of the public road (fine paid)
 - Elijah Nock Sr, presented for not keeping the road in his precinct in repair
 - John Shea, presented for not keeping the road in his precinct in repair
 - Jonathan Meers, presented for not keeping the road in his precinct in repair
- The grand jury, which had nothing further to present, was discharged; process was to issue against those who were indicted and presented.

John Riley qualified as a lieutenant in the militia by taking the oath of fidelity to the state.

William Vessels qualified as an ensign in the militia by taking the oath of fidelity.

Ordered that John Riley be surveyor of the road from the Courthouse to Hunting Creek.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Tully Robinson Wise. [End p. 43]

Accomack County Court – 27 November 1777

A court held for the examination of Robert Parker (by his consent), who was suspected of “being guilty of speaking & uttering sundry words thereby maintaining & defending the authority & Jurisdiction of the King & Parliament of Great Britain & that he had narrowly Escaped from the Rebels meaning the Leige subjects of this Commonwealth.”

**Present: James Arbuckle, Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley, Nathal Beavans,
John Custis (p. 44)**

Robert Parker pled not guilty. The following jury –

Thomas Copes	Thomas Bailey	Spencer Coleburn	John Poolman
Jacob Showard	Joseph Fitzgerald	Willit Lilliston	John Taylor
Smith Millener	Anthony West	Henry Custis	Selby Simpson

– heard the evidence and found Parker guilty as alleged, and “that for such his Offence he be imprisoned the space of five years.” The court confirmed the verdict and ordered the sheriff to take Parker into custody.

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson. [End p. 44]

Accomack County Court – 8 December 1777

A court held for laying the county levy.

**Present: Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, John Smith, Southy Simpson,
Nathaniel Beavans, John Custis (p. 45)**

Due from Accomack County (in lbs tobacco) to:

– The clerk of the court for his salary	1248
– The sheriff for his salary	1248
– The attorney of the Common Wealth for his salary	1500

– The clerk for attending a called court for the trial of Cato, a Negro man slave belonging to John Custis, for felony	200
– The sheriff for summoning and attending the above court	200
– The sheriff for the commitment of the above criminal and 20 days' imprisonment	120
– The clerk for attending a called court for the examination of Nicholas Potter for felony	200
– The sheriff for summoning and attending the above court	200
– The Secretary for two commissions of the peace and two of oyer and terminer	520
– The clerk for attending a called court for the examination of Reuben Warrington, who was suspected of aiding and assisting Stephen Mister (charged with high treason against the state) to escape from the custody of the sheriff	200
– The sheriff for summoning and attending the above court	200
– The sheriff for committing the above prisoner and for 13 days' imprisonment	35
– The clerk for attending a called court for the examination of Robert Parker, who was suspected of being an enemy of the state	200
– The sheriff for summoning and attending the above court	200
– The sheriff for committing the above prisoner	20
– The clerk for attending a called court for the examination of Custis Jenkinson, who was suspected of felony	200
– The sheriff for summoning and attending the above court	200
– The attorney for prosecuting Cato, Warrington, Parker and Jenkins (sic)	800
– John Powel and Luther Martin for prosecuting Nicholas Potter, 100 lbs tobacco each	200
subtotal	7741 lbs tobacco [End p. 45]
– John Johnson Riley, George Young Sr, John Russel, Salatiel Baker (sic), Solomon Young, Joshua Bell, Isaiah Baker and John Abbot for guarding Reuben Warrington in jail for 13 days at 4 shillings each	£20:16:00
– Bagwell Bull, Tho ^s Lewis, Leaven Melson, John Poolman, Major Hornsby, William Bunting, Laban Chandler and Southy Bull for guarding Cato in jail for 7 days at 4 shillings each	£11:04:00
– William Bell, Garret Slover, Levin Prewit and Whitmore Prelue for guarding Cato in jail for 6 days at 4 shillings each	£04:16:00
– Littleton Savage for one record book	£03:15:00
– Major Bayley, Levi Bird, Jacob Bell, and Southy Bloxom for guarding Rob ^t Parker in jail for 4 days at 4 shillings each	£03:96:00
– Levi Dix, Jacob Wright, George Middleton and Elijah Vessels for guarding Rob ^t Parker in jail for 7 days at 4 shillings each	£05:12:00
– The sheriff for a pair of irons	£00:06:00
subtotal	£49:15:00
Tobacco brought over	7741
– The sheriff for conveying Warrington to Williamsburg and for ferries	800
– The sheriff for summoning five witnesses against Warrington	50
– The sheriff for summoning three witnesses against Littleton Ward	30
– The sheriff for summoning a court for the examination of Nancy Andrews (suspected of felony), who escaped out of jail	200

– The sheriff for summoning a court for the examination of Stephen Mister (suspected of treason against the state) who escaped the morning he was to be examined	200
– The clerk for attending the above court	200
subtotal	9221 [End p. 46]
– The sheriff for summoning 7 witnesses against Mister	70
– The sheriff for summoning 14 witnesses against Cato	140
– Tobacco to be levied and sold for cash to pay the public cash debts	3980
– The sheriff for collecting the taxes	906
– A depositum in the sheriff's hands	795
total	15,112
Each of 3778 tithables was to pay 4 lbs tobacco, to total	15,112
Last year's depositum amounted to 858 lbs tobacco	
Ordered that the sheriff give security for collecting the levy, that he accept cash at three pence per pound of tobacco, and "that he be on oath to pay all Tobacco & Cash he receives." Signed, Tully Robinson Wise.	

Accomack County Court – 8 December 1777

A court held for the examination of Custis Jenkinson, who was suspected of "being guilty of Feloniously & Traitorously levying war against this Common Wealth."

Present: James Arbuckle, Southy Simpson, John Smith, Thomas Bayley, Nathaniel Beavans, John Custis (p. 47)

Custis Jenkinson pled not guilty; he and various witnesses were heard. It was the opinion of the court that Jenkinson was not guilty, so he was acquitted and declared innocent.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle. [End p. 47]

Accomack County Court – 27 January 1778

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, John Smith, Southy Simpson, Tho^s Bailey (p. 48)

A deed from Nicholas Shield to Richard Roders (sic) was proved by witnesses Levi Nock, William Coleburn and William Spiers.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of William Fitzhugh (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Elesha Bunting (deceased) was submitted.

The will of Bartholomew Meers (deceased) was proved by Mary Meers and Reuben Kellam. Executor John Meers Jr was sworn (security: John Meers, minor, and Elijah Meers). Ordered that Zorobabel Layler, Jonathan Kellam, John Meers Sr and John Folio appraise the estate.

Justice Nath^l Beavans entered court; John Smith left.

Ralph Corbin acknowledged a deed to George Bonewel Corbin. **[End p. 48]**

Solomon Bird Sr acknowledged a deed to Nathaniel Bird Jr.

Solomon Bird Sr acknowledged a deed to Jacob Bird (Muddy Creek).

Edward Thornton and his wife Rachel acknowledged a deed to Charles Tumnel.

“Ordered that the several Magistrates in this county do make inquiry what Women (the Widows of poor Soldiers killed or died in the Service of the United States &c) come under the act of the last session of the Assembly for making provision for them &c and make report thereof to the next court.”

Ordered that Elijah Nock be surveyor of the road from Kickotank Branch to Milly=chops (sic) Branch.

The deeds from Jonathan Killam to James Dorman and from James Dorman to Jonathan Killam and Francis Belloat were acknowledged at last August’s court, but they were afterwards struck out because the parties had not taken the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the state. Now that the oaths were taken, the deeds were ordered recorded.

Elizabeth Aimes (security: Edmund Bulson and Leavan Aimes) was granted administration of the estate of Joseph Aimes. Ordered that John Taylor, Caleb Aimes, Levi Aimes and Tho^s Aimes appraise the estate. **[End p. 49]**

Abner Hyslop was bound to William Polk till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

Benjⁿ Peck and his wife Sarah acknowledged a deed to Selby Simpson.

John Hyslop, orphan of John Hyslop, was bound to Meshack Watson till lawful age to learn the trade of blacksmith.

Keziah Davis (security: John Ashby and Rowland Savage) was granted administration of the estate of Henry Davis (deceased). Ordered that John Kellam, James Dorman, John Spiers and Robert Spiers appraise the estate.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound Custis Kellam to John Mears till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

Justice John Custis entered court; Nath^l Beavans left. **[End p. 50]**

Charles Bagwell petitioned that he owned land on one side of Back Creek (also called Timber Creek) convenient for building a water grist mill; he asked that an acre of land on the opposite side

belonging to William Ewel be laid off and condemned for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the vicinity to go upon the acre to view and value it together with the adjacent land that might be affected.

The will of William Riley (deceased) was proved by Thomas Lilliston and John Riley. Executors Elizabeth Riley and Zorobabel Rodgers were sworn (security: Thomas Teackle and John Smith). Ordered that Thomas Bayley, Elijah Grinalds, Ezekiel Young and John Riley appraise the estate.

Joseph Kelly and his wife Elizabeth acknowledged a deed to Jonathan Meers.

A deed from Reuben Taylor Shield and his wife Tabitha to John Smith was proved by Thomas Teackle and Thomas Custis. **[End p. 51]**

Jacob Lurton, orphan of Jacob Lurton, chose George Garrison as his guardian (security: John Smith from the Sea Side).

Nath^l Fosque, orphan of Nath^l Fosque, chose Ann Fosque as his guardian (security: Zorobabel Rodgers).

Tabitha Milby, orphan of John Milby, chose Peter Savage as her guardian (security: Zorobabel Rodgers); Tabitha's former guardian voluntarily relinquished his guardianship.

A deed from Leavan Thomas to Danl Marshal was proved by witnesses Nath^l Beavans, Edmund Core and George Stewart.

A deed from Daniel Marshal and his wife Sophia to Leavan Thomas was proved by witnesses Nath^l Beavans, Edmund Core and George Stewart.

Elizabeth Riley and Zorobabel Rodgers (executors of Will^m Riley, deceased) brought action of equity against Michael Bonewel, guardian of Nanny Budd (orphan of Zorobabel Budd). Ordered that the Negro mentioned in the bill be sold and that the money be divided between the parties. [*One line of this entry is illegible.*] **[End p. 52]**

A deed from Keziah Flood (alias Berry) to Major Bailey was acknowledged by Keziah.

Solomon Ewell (security: George Hope Ewell) was granted administration of the estate of James Ewell (deceased). Ordered that Thomas Riley, Richard Bundwick, William Young Sr and William Shrieves appraise the estate.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Babel Window, orphan of John Window, to Rob^t Twiford till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

Thomas Hickman (security: George Hickman) was granted administration of the estate of Thomas Evans (deceased). Ordered that Charles Bagwell, Charles West, Thomas Crippen and William White appraise the estate.

Ordered that Thomas Bayley, John Custis (Bay Side) and John Riley audit/settle the estate of Rob^t Corrudus (deceased).

William Pitts was bound to William Welch till lawful age. [End p. 53]

James Taylor Moore was bound to Caleb Chandler till lawful age.

William Gibb was recommended to Mr. Secretary Nelson as a fit person to be deputy clerk of this county.

Littleton Trayder, orphan of Israel Trader, chose William Young as guardian (security: Edmund Core).

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise.

Accomack County Court – 24 February 1778

A court held for the trial of Phyllis, a Negro woman slave belonging to Jonathan Laws, for feloniously stealing a five dollar bill and a four dollar bill from Joshua Harmon.

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, John Smith, Nath^l Beavans, John Custis (p. 54)

Phyllis pled not guilty; various witnesses were sworn and examined, as was the prisoner. It was the court's opinion that Phyllis was not guilty and she was discharged.

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. [End p. 54]

Accomack County Court – 24 February 1778

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, John Smith, Nath^l Beavans, John Custis (p. 55)

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of John Hinmon (deceased) was submitted.

John March and his wife Martha acknowledged a deed to William Paradise.

James Bosewell's presentment for not listing Will^m Bunting as a tithable, was dismissed.

The will of Francis Litchfield (deceased) was proved by Solomon Johnson and Betty Boston with the consent of George Corbin, who had been appointed guardian to the heir. William Young Jr (security: Richard Justice) was granted administration on the estate with will annexed; Eliz^a Litchfield, who was named executor, relinquished the executorship. Ordered that Henry Fletcher Sr, Southy Northam, Solm Johnson and Richard Kelly appraise the estate. [End p. 55]

James Broughton with his wife Ann acknowledged a deed to Will^m B Walker.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Edmund Watson (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that the churchwardens of St George's Parish take the estate of Andrew Lee into their possession and sell it for the benefit of his wife and children.

The Common Wealth brought action against Richard Sturgis, who was charged with being the father of Mary Powell's bastard child. Sturgis did not deny the fact and posted a bond of £50:00:00, with his securities Nath^l Bell and Laban Mapp posting another £25:00:00 each to save St George's Parish from supporting the child. Sturgis was to pay the mother £4:00:00 per year in quarterly payments until the child was able to support itself.

A deed from Solomon Mears to West Kellam was proved by John Mears, William Mears and Levi Beauchamp. **[End p. 56]**

George Oldham acknowledged a deed to George Garrison.

Ordered that Amy Belloat (widow of William Belloat, a late soldier in the Continental Army) be allowed £0:12:06 per month for the support of herself and her children.

A deed from Jonathan Kellam to Frederick Kellam was proved by Upsher Colony and Comfort Kellam.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Samuel Doe was submitted.

Ordered that Betty M^cColleston (widow of Daniel M^cColleston, a late soldier in the Continental Army) be allowed £0:12:06 per month for the support of herself and her three children.

William Parramore and Clement Parker came into court, took the required oaths and qualified as magistrates of the county.

Justice Clement Parker entered court; Nath^l Beavans left.

Guardian William Ward swore to his account against orphan George Kellam.

Zorobabel Chandler with his wife Ann acknowledged a deed to Hancock Belloat.

Justice William Parramore entered court; Tully R Wise left.

St George's Parish bound Nath^l Jackson (orphan of John Jackson) to William Hyslop till lawful age to learn the trade of plasterer. **[End p. 57]**

Michael Rickerts Tatham was cited to appear next court to show why he refused to take Richard Garrison as an apprentice as ordered by the court.

Guardian John Meers swore to his account against orphan Danl Meers.

The will of Hezekiah White (deceased) was proved by John Riley and Spencer Drummond with the consent of James Taylor, who had been appointed guardian to the heir. Tho^s Hickman was sworn (security: John Taylor and William Young). Ordered that Charles Bagwell, Charles West, Thomas Crippen and Will^m White appraise the estate.

Justice Tully Robinson Wise entered court; Will^m Paramore left.

The will of Mathias Phillips (deceased) was proved by John Spiers. Will^m Paramore (security: George Corbin) was granted administration of the estate with will annexed. [End p. 58] Ordered that Caleb Upsher, Rob^t Coleburn, Tho^s Burton and Richard Abbot appraise, audit and settle the estate.

Hezekiah Holoway, who had been presented for not listing his tithables, was discharged after paying the tax and the costs of prosecution (236 lbs tobacco).

Ann Parker, orphan of Edward Parker, chose Henry Custis as guardian (security: John Parker, sheriff).

Edward Widgen, orphan of Edward Widgen, chose Zorobabel Henderson as guardian (security: Zorobabel Core).

Upon the complaint of orphan James Walker, his guardian Major Cole was cited to show why he did not rent out the orphan's land to the best advantage.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Edw^d Budd (orphan of Tho^s Budd) to Peter Rowell till lawful age.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Tully Robinson Wise. [End p. 59]

Accomack County Court – 25 February 1778

A court held for the examination of George America, a free Negro, suspected of attempting to break open a house; George was also said to have stolen goods in his possession.

Present: John Smith, John Custis, William Parramore, Clement Parker (p. 60)

George America pled not guilty, and as no evidence appeared against him, he was discharged.

Accomack County Court – 25 February 1778

Present: John Smith, John Custis, Clement Parker, Will^m Parramore (p. 60)

Thomas Mason acknowledged a deed to Severn East.

Thomas Burton (security: John Parker and Levi Nock) was granted administration of the estate of Joshua Burton (deceased). Ordered that Will^m Paramore, Rob^t Coleburn, John Spiers and Caleb Upshur appraise [end p. 60] audit and settle the estate.

Ordered that the court clerk “bring up the Records, left by George Holden Sr late clerk, unfinished (to wit) from Janr 1773 to Janr 1774 that the expenses be estimated by the Judgement of the Court & be paid out of the decedant’s Estate.”

The presentment against James Twiford for not listing his chair [*carriage*] was dismissed.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound Jonas Beloate (orphan of Laban Beloate) to Churchill Aimes till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

Nicholas Potter, who was charged with being the father of Peggy Reed Rodgers’ bastard child, submitted himself to the court. Potter posted a bond of £50:00:00 as did his security, Levi Nock, to save St George’s Parish from supporting the child. Potter was to pay £4:00:00 per year to Peggy for the maintenance, education and support of the child.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound orphan Betsey Russel to Rev Lyon and his wife till lawful age to learn the trade of seamstress. [End p. 61]

The will of William Crippen was proved by Jesse Hickman and Sarah Melson. Will^m Young Jr (security: George Savage) was granted administration of the estate with will annexed. Ordered that Thomas Crippen, Charles Bagwell, Richard Justice and William Savage appraise the estate.

The minutes were signed by John Smith.

Accomack County Court – 14 March 1778

A court held for the trial of James (John Hutchinson’s Negro man slave) for feloniously administering poisonous medicines to Marlborough (William Ward’s Negro boy), “by which means the said Marlborough came to an untimely end.”

Littleton Savage, prosecutor.

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, Clement Parker, Edward Ker, John Custis (p. 62)

Set to the bar, James pled not guilty. Various witnesses were heard, as was the prisoner in his own defense. It was the opinion of the court that James was not guilty of the above felony, but that he was guilty [end p. 62] of a misdemeanor, and for that offense it was ordered that the sheriff immediately administer 39 lashes on his bare back well laid on at the public whipping post.

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise.

Accomack County Court – 14 March 1778

At a court held for the examination of William Melson, who was suspected of feloniously stealing a bag of lead shot weighing about 50 pounds, the property of John Baptiste Dular, merchant.

Litt^d Savage, prosecutor.

Present: Tully Robinson Wise, Clement Parker, Edw^d Ker, John Custis (p. 63)

William Melson pled not guilty; various witnesses were sworn and heard as was Melson. It was the court's opinion that Melson was guilty of stealing the shot, which was valued at eleven pence, and they bound him over to the next grand jury in the sum of £300:00:00—half from Melson and half from his security, Jacob Sharod. John Baptist Dular posted £20:00:00 for the appearance of witnesses Gabriel Yaanthe and Dewignes Jean Estanave; Peter Hardy posted £20:00:00 for his own appearance as a witness against Melson.

The minutes were signed by Tully Robinson Wise. [End p. 63]

Accomack County Court – 31 March 1778

[Several trials were conducted on this date, all with the same justices in attendance.]

Present: John Smith, Clement Parker, Southy Simpson, John Custis (p. 64)

- **A court held for the examination of George Wright, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Arraigned at the bar, George Wright pled not guilty. After the witnesses and the prisoner were heard, it was the court's opinion that Wright was not guilty, and he was discharged.

- **A court held for the examination of John Connaway, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Brought to the bar and arraigned, John Connaway pled guilty. It was ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

- **A court held for the examination of John Tull, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Arraigned at the bar, John Tull pled not guilty; after the prisoner and various witnesses were examined, it was the court's opinion that Tull was guilty, and they ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial. [End p. 64]

- **A court held for the examination of William Bedsworth, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

William Bedsworth pled not guilty; after various witnesses and the prisoner were heard, the court was of the opinion that he was guilty. Ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

- **A court held for the examination of Moses Dean, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Moses Dean pled guilty; ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

- **A court held for the examination of Benjⁿ Connaway, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Benjⁿ Connaway pled guilty; ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

- **A court held for the examination of Leonard Guerney, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Leonard Guerney pled guilty; ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial. [End p. 65]

- **A court held for the examination of Obadiah Traharn, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Obadiah Traharn pled not guilty; after hearing various witnesses and the prisoner himself, the court found him guilty and ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

- **A court held for the examination of William Pratt, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

William Pratt pled not guilty; after hearing various witnesses and the prisoner himself, the court found him not guilty and ordered that he be discharged.

- **A court held for the examination of Jesse Johnson, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.**

Jesse Johnson pled not guilty; after hearing various witnesses and the prisoner himself, the court found him guilty and ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

Witnesses William Selby, James Broadwater, Caleb Broadwater and William Corbin (with security George Corbin) posted £100:00:00 each to ensure [end p. 66] that they appear at the next general court to give evidence against the above criminals.

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson.

Accomack County Court – 31 March 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Clement Parker, John Smith, John Custis (p. 67)

A deed from Daniel Welburn to George Corbin was proved by witness Edm^d Ewell.

Southy Simpson with his wife Comfort acknowledged a deed to Jacob Taylor (carpenter).

George Latchum posted a bond of £100:00:00 to save Accomack Parish from the costs of supporting Sarah Latchum's bastard child, of which he was the supposed father.

Peggy Savage (security: Zorobabel Kellam and George Garrison) was granted administration of the estate of Major Savage. Ordered that John Smith, Richard Savage, Jonathan Garrison and Solomon Richardson appraise the estate.

The will of Charles Richardson was proved by witness William Townsend, who swore he saw Rob^t Davison and Meshack Mathews (both now dead) sign the will as witnesses. Executor John Mears was **[end p. 67]** sworn (security: William Polk and Henry Heath). Ordered that John Spiers, Nath^l Badger, Major Ironmonger and Litt^l Lurton appraise the estate.

A deed from Litt^l [*Littleton*] Major to Thomas Teackle was proved by John Mears (son of Will^m) and John Mears (son of Elisha).

A deed [from] Americus Sturgis to Peter Hack Sr was proved by Litt^l Savage, Thomas Teackle and John Mears Jr.

Griffeth Stoth Jr came into court and qualified as an attorney.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Richard Garrison to Charles Gunter to learn the trade of shoemaker and carpenter; Michael Rickets Tatham (for whom a former order was made) consented.

The appraisers of the estate of Solm Russel (deceased) were to audit and settle the same.

The will of Keziah Flood (deceased) was proved by John Parker. Executor Joakim Michael Bonewell was sworn (security: Jacob Phillips). Ordered that John Bull, Jacob Bird, Southy Bull and Richard Bull appraise, audit and settle the estate. **[End p. 68]**

Henry Fletcher and Elizabeth Litchfield acknowledged a deed to Jacob Taylor.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Leah Pettigrew was submitted.

James Thornton, the supposed father of Mary Cary's bastard child, posted £100:00:00 (as did his security Ephraim Mathews) to save Accomack Parish from the cost of supporting the child. He was to pay Mary £5:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The appraisers of the estate of Frank Litchfield (deceased) were to audit/settle William Young's administration accounts of the estate.

The appraisers of the estate of William Crippen were to audit/settle the administration accounts.

George Cutlar petitioned to reroute a road; ordered that Benjamin Peck, William Townsend, John Aimes and Isaac Smith view the proposed route and report next court.

A deed from Charles Vernelson to George Corbin was proved by Samuel Henderson.

John Drummond (security: William Young) was granted administration of the estate of James Drummond. Ordered that John Riley, John Lewis, William Drummond and John Custis appraise the estate. **[End p. 69]**

The oral will of Rachel Phillips (deceased) was proved by the oath of Leah Chandler, who first relinquished her legacy in the said will. Executor William Parramore was sworn (security: George Corbin). Ordered that Rob^t Coleburn, Thomas Burton, Richard Abbot and Caleb Upshur appraise the estate.

Upon information provided by Enoch Lyons, both Ephraim Mathews and Nehemiah Stokely were to post a bond for keeping the peace. After hearing the parties, the court dismissed the case with the defendants paying court costs.

Solomon Ewell, who was the supposed father of Elizabeth Lewis' bastard child, posted £100:00:00 (as did his security, Thomas Riley) to save Accomack Parish the cost of supporting the child. He was to pay Elizabeth £5:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound William Harrison to Thomas Leatherbury till lawful age to learn the trade of joiner. **[End p. 70]**

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound Levi Nock Chanler (sic) to Hathan Chandler till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Benjamin Watson to Edmond Scarbrough till lawful age to learn the art and mystery of a mariner.

Jemimah Booth was appointed to keep an ordinary at her house for a year.

William Gibb produced a commission from Mr Secretary Nelson appointing him as deputy clerk of the county; he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the state as well the oath of his office.

The will of Spencer Robins (deceased) was proved by John Pitt and Rob^t Pitt.

Thomas Guy, the supposed father of Sarah Watson's bastard, submitted himself to the court's judgment. Guy and his security (John Smith) each posted £100:00:00 to save St George's Parish from the cost of supporting the child. Guy was to pay Sarah £5:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the child's support.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson. **[End p. 71]**

Accomack County Court – 1 April 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Clement Parker, John Smith, John Custis (p. 72)

Benjamin Hutchinson, Rob^t Coxwell, George Oldham and Thomas Robinson were licensed to keep ordinaries at their houses for one year.

Thomas Robinson's action of replevin against Peter Hardy was agreed and dismissed.

The following cases were dismissed because they did not come to the sheriff soon enough:

- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Pettigrew
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs George White
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Thomas Guy
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs William Andrews
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Alice Dunton
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Isaac Melson
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Nock
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Sarah Russel
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Simpson Bloxom
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Mercy
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Taylor
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Thomas Hickman
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Zepheniah Bradford
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Bull
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Jacob Rodgers
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Rodgers
- Thomas Robinson and wife (administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) vs George Hope.

Henry Fletcher qualified as magistrate; he then entered court as a justice. Southy Simpson left.

The younger children of Rob^t Bell brought an action of equity against William Bell. Ordered that the slave Peter (who was mentioned in the bill) be divided by sale or otherwise in accordance with Rob^t Bell's will and that George Stevans, Bowdoin Roberts and Major Guy make the division. **[End p. 72]**

George and Polly Finney brought action for equity against William Finney; ordered that Charles Bagwell, Thomas Crippen and Richard Bundwick divide the slaves in the bill agreeable to the testator's will and report to the court for a final decree.

Mary Ann Jenkinson "& all" brought action for equity against Custis Jenkinson. Ordered that Henry Fletcher, Kendal Stokely, George Corbin and Ralph Corbin divide the slaves mentioned in the bill and report next court for a final decree.

Justice Southy Simpson entered court.

Elizabeth Kipp (widow of Benj Kipp) came into court and relinquished all benefit from her husband's will [*in favor of what was allowed her by law*].

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Leaven Melson, who was the supposed father of Nany Millener's bastard child. After submitting himself to the court's judgment, Melson and his security (Thomas Bayley Jr) each posted a bond of £100:00:00 to save the parish the cost of supporting the child. Melson was to pay Nany £5:00:00 a year in quarterly payments for the child's support. [End p. 73]

Orphan James Walker complained against Major Cole, who failed to rent out the orphan's land to the best advantage. After hearing the witnesses and both parties, the court dismissed the case as having no foundation for the complaint. Witness William Warner attended two days for Walker.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Gootee, the supposed father of Susanna Walker's bastard child. After hearing the witnesses, the court was of the opinion that Gootee was the father; he and his security (James Henry) were to post £100:00:00 each to save the parish from supporting the child. Gootee requested to appeal the judgment to the next general court, which was granted on the condition that he give security as directed by law.

The Common Wealth brought action against Nicholas Potter, who had been indicted for grand larceny. The following jury –

John Drummond	Robinson Custis	Jacob Showard	Henry Custis
Edw ^d Gunter	Rob ^t Drummond	William Drummond	Selby Simpson
William Snead	William Townsend	Clement Cutlar	Thomas Crippen

– found Potter guilty with “reasons of arrest of Judgment filed &c.” [End p. 74]

William Coleburn vs Joan (sic) Baptist Duler was dismissed, the plaintiff not prosecuting further. Abel Badger vs the same defendant was dismissed for the same reason.

Edmund Rodgers had been indicted for dealing with Negroes. The same jury as above found him guilty and valued the goods at one shilling. Ordered that Rodgers be fined fourfold (with the money to be used for the poor of St George's Parish) and that he pay costs (491 lbs tobacco). John Poolman, Major Hornsby and William Bell each attended eleven days as witnesses against Rodgers.

Ann Toby swore she attended ten days as a witness against Nicholas Potter; Elizabeth Nock attended ten days and Henrietta Coleburn attended nine days. [*payment was 25 lbs tobacco per day.*]

The minutes were signed by Henry Fletcher.

Accomack County Court – 11 May 1778

A court of oyer and terminer held for the trial of Stepney, a Negro man slave belonging to Richard Bull, suspected of feloniously stealing a parcel of linen from his master.

Present: John Smith, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 75)

Set to the bar, Stepney pled guilty. Since it was considered that he was guilty of felony, it was ordered that he be immediately burnt in the hand in open court [end p. 75] and then be discharged.

The minutes were signed by John Smith.

Accomack County Court – 11 May 1778

A court held for the examination of John Martin Baker, suspected of treason against the state.

Present: John Smith, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 76)

John Martin Baker pled not guilty. After a witness was sworn and examined, it was the court's opinion that he was not guilty, and Baker was discharged.

The minutes were signed by John Smith. [End p. 76]

Accomack County Court – 26 May 1778

**Present: Isaac Smith, George Stewart, Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley,
John Smith, Clement Parker, John Custis (p. 77)**

A commission of the peace was directed from the Governor to Coventon Corbin, Isaac Smith, Tully Robinson Wise, James Arbuckle, William Selby, Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher, William Williams, John Smith, Thomas Teackle, George Stewart, Thomas Bayley, William Parramore, Clement Parker, Nathaniel Beavans, William Riley Jr and John Custis. The oaths of allegiance and fidelity along with the oath of a justice of the peace were taken by Isaac Smith, Southy Simpson, John Smith, Thomas Teackle, George Stewart, Thomas Bayley, Clement Parker and John Custis.

**Present: Isaac Smith, Thomas Teackle, Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley,
John Smith, Clement Parker and John Custis (p. 77)**

James Vessels acknowledged a deed to Elijah Vessels.

A deed from John Robins and Elizabeth Robins to Nathaniel Brown was proved by the oaths of Littleton Savage and James Taylor.

The will of James Ailworth (deceased) was proved by Keziah Sparrow and Barsheba Bundwick. [End p. 77] Executor Susannah Ailworth was sworn (security: Spencer Drummond). Ordered that William Young Jr, Robert Jones, John Young and Thomas Kelly appraise the estate.

It was ordered "that Jemimah Booth be appointed to keep the Court House in a Clean & decent manner and that she be allowed for her trouble what the Court shall Judge reasonable."

The sheriff was ordered to summon the justices of this county to the next court to recommend new justices for the Governor to commission.

Ordered that Clement Parker be appointed commissioner in the place of Tully Robinson Wise (deceased).

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Abner Burton (deceased) was submitted.

Francis Kellam [*female*] (security: Edmund Bayley and John Bagge) was granted administration of the estate of Jonathan Kellam (deceased). Ordered that Zorobabel Ayler, Southy Mears, John Mears Jr and John Walker Jr appraise the estate. **[End p. 78]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Robert Jenkinson (deceased) was submitted.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Isaac Riggs (deceased) was submitted.

An audit/settlement of the estate of George Churn (deceased) was submitted.

Thomas Robertson with his wife Patience (executor of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Taylor was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robertson with his wife Patience (executor of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Bull was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robertson with his wife Patience (executor of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Thomas Guy was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robertson with his wife Patience (executor of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Alice Dunton was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robertson with his wife Patience (executor of John Montgomery, deceased) vs Zephaniah Bradford was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robertson with his wife Patience (executor of John Montgomery, deceased) vs John Nock was abated by the death of John Nock. **[End p. 79]**

Joseph Blake (executor of John Blake, deceased) vs Solomon Langford was agreed and dismissed.

John Richards vs Henry White was agreed and dismissed.

George Stewart came into court with his security (Alexander Stokely) and posted a £2000:00:00 bond (payable to George Webb, treasurer) on the condition that Stewart “shall well and truly Collect all the Taxes arising in the County of Accomack (by virtue of the said Act of Assembly entitled an Act for raising a supply of money for the public Exigencies passed in the Second year of this common Wealth) and that he shall Justly account for the same when thereunto required &c.”

A deed from James Arbuckle with his wife Tabitha to Charles Bagwell was proved by Rosannah Whichard, Edmund Bayley and Willet Lilliston.

Ordered that Alexander Stokely's tithables at his "quarter," William Walker's tithables and John Hinman's tithables be added to the precinct where Simpson Bloxom was overseer "for the purpose of keeping the public Road in better repair."

Reuben Joynes with his wife Margaret acknowledged a deed to Levin Smith. **[End p. 80]**

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Ezekiel Litchfield (deceased) audit/settle the administration accounts of Francis Litchfield (deceased).

Ordered that the part of the public road rerouted by Coverly (which was next to the Sea Side of the county road) be added to the precincts of the overseer of the road from Wise's Mill.

Robert M^cClean was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year.

The will of William Guy (deceased) was proved by Henry Harmon and Peggy Watson.

The Common Wealth brought action against Henry White and Francis Rodgers upon the complaint of Tho^s Bayley "for abusing him in the execution of his office in commanding them to keep the peace." The defendants appeared but were "behaving insolently & refractorily before the Court." It was ordered that they be put in the stocks for two hours, "but it appearing to the Court that the civil power is not sufficiently able to execute the said order – It is further Ordered by the Court that the Military be desired to Aid and Assist the Civil power in committing them to Gaol for the above space of time."

Nany Guy and John Spiers (executors of William Guy, deceased) were sworn and gave security (John Walker Sr and Charles Metcalf). **[End p. 81]** Ordered that Robert Coleburn, Spencer Coleburn, Robert Spiers and William Parramore appraise the estate.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Charles Lewis (deceased) audit/settle the same.

The will of John Fisher (deceased) was proved by William Smith and Levin Smith with the consent of Littleton Savage (who was appointed guardian to the heir). Executor Benjamin Phillips was sworn and gave security (Charles Bayley). Ordered that William Crowson, William Parker, Robert Boggs and William Smith appraise the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Griffeth Savage (deceased) was submitted.

Woodman Bloxom acknowledged a deed to Solomon Johnson and others.

An inventory/appraisement and an account of the sale of the estate of William Dunton (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 82]**

Ordered that Custis Hickman be surveyor of the road in the place of David Edwards.

Elizabeth Pierce was sworn (security: John Reid) and was granted administration of the estate of Nathan Pierce (deceased). Ordered that Nathan Addison, Zorobabel Rodgers, Augustine Lecatte and Levin Window appraise the estate.

William Mister was sworn (security: Charles Bayley) and was granted administration of the estate of Solomon Willis (deceased). Ordered that Johannes Wise, John Wise, Stephen Hopkins and Samuel Topping appraise the estate.

A deed from Justinian Evans and his wife Mary to John Chandler was proved by Jacob Bird, the same having already been proved by two other witnesses.

The will of Nathaniel Powell was proved by Jonathan Willet. Executor Laban Powell was sworn (security: Johannes Watson and Benjamin West). **[End p. 83]** ordered that Thomas Riley, Robert Drummond, Jonathan Willit and William Drummond appraise the estate.

The following grand jury was sworn and retired:

Charles Bagwell, foreman	Selby Simpson	Spencer Drummond	Ralph Corbin
Oliver Bell	William Morgan	Solomon Boston	William Vessels
Charles Bayley	Richard Kelly	Moses Benston	Solomon Read
James Vessels	Joshua Copes	William Scarbrough	John Poolman
George Savage	William Finney	William Bell	William Drummond

The Common Wealth brought action against Henry White “On a Complaint as before.” Henry submitted himself to the judgment of the court, which decided he should post a three month £50:00:00 bond with another £25:00:00 coming from his security (John Teackle) to ensure that Henry behaved himself peaceably toward everyone; he was also to pay court costs of 276 lbs tobacco or be arrested. Henry and his security posted the bonds accordingly. **[End p. 84]**

The will of Anderson Parker (deceased) was proved by Charles Parker. Executor John Parker was sworn (security: George Corbin). Ordered that Zorobabel Rodgers, William Tisaker, Thomas Bonewel and Edward Revell appraise the estate.

The Common Wealth brought action against Francis Rodgers “On a Complaint as before.” Francis submitted himself to the judgment of the court, which decided he should post a six month £250:00:00 bond with another £150:00:00 bond from his each of his securities (Thomas Bayly and George Oldham) to ensure that Francis behaved himself peaceably toward everyone; he was also to pay court costs of 276 lbs tobacco or be arrested. Francis and his securities posted the bonds accordingly. **[End p. 85]**

The grand jury made the following indictments and presentments:

- Henry White, indicted for an assault and battery on John Darby, a true bill
 - Francis Rodgers, indicted for an assault and battery on John Darby, a true bill
 - Henry White, presented for swearing two profane oaths, a true bill
 - Francis Rodgers, presented for swearing two profane oaths, a true bill
 - The overseer of the road from Hunting Creek to the Courthouse, presented for not falling a dead tree standing within thirty feet of the road, a true bill
- Having no further business, the grand jury was discharged. Process was to issue against those indicted and presented.

Ordered that John Custis be surveyor of the road from Deep Creek Mill to Hunting Creek in the place of Robert Drummond.

Ordered that John Nicholas replace Levin Thomas as surveyor of the road. Ezekiel Tatham was to replace Robert Smau (sic), Peter Marshal was to replace Charles Marshal, Charles Parks was to replace Lisney Gootee and Thomas Bayley was to replace John Riley.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Jacob Bird as the supposed father of Aner Bell's bastard child. **[End p. 86]** Bird submitted himself to the judgment of the court which ordered that he post a bond of £100:00:00 to save the parish the cost of supporting the child. Bird was to pay Aner £8:00:00 per year in quarterly payments. Bird with his security (Clement Parker) posted the bond; he was also to pay court costs of 241 lbs tobacco.

The Common Wealth vs John Riley, who was presented for not felling a dead tree standing within thirty feet of the road, was dismissed with Riley paying court costs of 231 lbs tobacco.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson. **[End p. 87]**

Accomack County Court – 27 May 1778

**Present: Southy Simpson, Thomas Teackle, John Smith, Thomas Bayley
 Clement Parker (p. 88)**

Ordered that Clement Parker hire workmen to repair the prison; they would be paid in "ready cash."

Benston's lessee brought action of ejectment against Benston. On the plaintiff's motion it was ordered that Thomas Teackle, Zorobabel Rodgers and John Smith (of Matchapungo) take the deposition of Jacob Savage, "an aged & infirm witness" for the plaintiff.

A further inventory of the estate of Hugh Roberts (deceased) was submitted.

Reuben Joynes qualified as a lieutenant of the militia by taking the required oaths.

Those who viewed George Cutlar's proposed road reported that it was sufficiently cleared and about ten or fifteen yards further than the old road. Ordered that the new road be established. **[End p. 88]**

The Common Wealth brought action against William Trayder, who had been presented for not listing his tithables. The court ordered that "the said Def: be paid (sic) [*it seems clear they meant "pay"*] 500 lb wt of tob[acc]o or fifty shillings for the purpose of lessening the County Levy." He was also to pay court costs of 261 lbs tobacco or face arrest.

Ann Holden acknowledged a deed to William Selby.

Ann Holden acknowledged a deed to Samuel Wilson.

Joshua Watson brought action against John Northam for trespass, but the sheriff reported that Northam could not be found in the county. Northam was again ordered arrested.

Jonathan Groten chose Caleb Chandler as his guardian (security: Zorobabel Rodgers).

Ordered that Elizabeth Mendom, the widow of Robert Mendom (late a soldier in the Continental army under General Washington) be allowed £0:12:06 per month from March 1777 (when her husband died) to this date for the support of herself and her children. **[End p. 89]**

The churchwardens brought action against Elijah Baker for vagrancy. After hearing Baker's attorney (Griffeth Stith), it was ordered that Baker post a £100:00:00 bond (half from Baker and half from his security, William Gibb) on the condition that Baker "do depart this County as soon as convenient & that he do not presume to preach therein until he produce proper Credentials to the Court." Baker and his security posted the bond.

Ordered that Southy Simpson, George Stewart and Thomas Bayley take the list of tithables in Accomack Parish and that Isaac Smith, Thomas Teackle, Clement Parker and John Custis Sr take the list in the "Lower parish."

Benjamin Peck was to replace James Scott as surveyor of the road.

John Watson's complaint for equity against William Dunton was abated by the death of Dunton. **[End p. 90]**

Sebastian Cropper's complaint for equity against Cornelius Ironmonger was abated by the death of Cropper.

Clement Parker vs Sebastian Cropper for trespass was abated by the death of Cropper.

John Taylor vs Simpson Bloxom was abated by the death of Taylor.

William Elliott Waggaman vs Robert Foreman was abated by the death of Waggaman.

Mason Marshal vs William Marshall was abated by the death of Mason.

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson. [End p. 91]

Accomack County Court – 27 May 1778

A court of oyer and terminer held for the trial of Shadrack (sic), a Negro man slave belonging to John Custis, for stealing ten yards of white linen (valued at 20 shillings) from Peggy Hornsby.

Present: Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley, John Smith, Clement Parker (p. 92)

Arraigned at the bar, Shadrack pled not guilty; after he and the witnesses were heard, it was the court's opinion that he was not guilty. Ordered that he be discharged.

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson.

Accomack County Court – 20 June 1778

A court of oyer held for the examination of Daniel Rodgers, who was suspected of high treason against the state.

Present: Isaac Smith, Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley, Clement Parker, John Custis (p. 92)

Daniel Rodgers pled not guilty; after hearing a witness and the council on both sides, it was the court's opinion that Daniel was not guilty of high treason. Ordered that he be bound over to the next county court "for openly having maintained the authority & Jurisdiction of the King and parliament of Great Britain over the free & Independent States."

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith. [End p. 92]

Accomack County Court – 30 June 1778

Present: Isaac Smith, Thomas Bayley, Thomas Teackle, Clement Parker, John Custis (p. 93)

James Arbuckle, Henry Fletcher, William Williams and Nath^l Beavans qualified as justices of the peace.

Ordered that Henry Fletcher, William Williams and Nath^l Beavans be added to the list of gentlemen taking the names of tithables in Accomack Parish; James Arbuckle and William Parramore were to be added to the list taking the names in St George's Parish.

Ordered that Alexander Stokely be overseer of the road in the place of Elijah Stokely (deceased).

Ordered that Thomas Teackle and Nath^l Beavans inspect the repairs done on the prison and report to the next court.

Justices Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher, William Williams and Nath^l Beavans entered court.

Orphan Robert Savage chose Arthur Robins as guardian (security: Joshua Turner and John Smith from the Sea Side).

Justice Thomas Bayley left the court during the following entry.

A deed from Jacob Chance to Rob^t Coleburn was further proved by William M^cWilliams. **[End p. 93]**

The men appointed to inspect the prison reported that the repairs were performed according to agreement. Ordered that the same be “received” and that the sheriff pay £12:19:00 to Clement Parker, who had been appointed to hire the work done.

George Hack (security: Abraham Outen) was granted administration of the estate of Edward Martin (deceased). Ordered that Peter Rodgers, William Culney, Phillip Tigner and Richard Cutlar appraise the estate.

Ordered that Daniel Underhill be overseer of the road in the place of Edmund Watson (deceased).

A deed from Reuben Taylor Shield and his wife Tabitha Taylor to John Smith was further proved by witness John Downing.

Charles Snead’s action of debt against Hezekiah White and Thomas Hickman was agreed and dismissed.

Charles Snead’s action of debt against Joshua Copes was agreed and dismissed.

Charles Snead’s action of debt against Stephen Clemmons was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 94]**

Johannes Wise vs John Wise was agreed and dismissed.

William Taylor’s action of trespass against John Johnson was agreed and dismissed.

The petition of Thomas Robinson with his wife against John Rodgers was agreed and dismissed.

Levin Ballard brought action of debt against Elisha Taylor, who was not present because the sheriff submitted the order for arrest too late; another order for Taylor’s arrest was issued.

The same ruling as above was ordered in the case of Nehemiah Roach, who brought an action of “De Homine Replegiando” [*to replevy a person*] against Rob^t M^cClean.

A private examination of Tabitha Scarbrough Arbuckle regarding a deed from her husband James Arbuckle and herself to Charles Bagwell was admitted to record.

Edward Bayley brought action of debt against George Bradford, but the sheriff returned the order for arrest too late; another order for Bradford's arrest was issued. **[End p. 95]**

The Common Wealth brought action against Daniel Rodgers, who was accused of "Maintaining the authority & Jurisdiction of the King and parliament of Great Brittain over these free & Independent states." Rodgers' attorney (James Henry) objected to the legality of the "mode of Tryal by information," but the court ruled that it was legal, and a hearing was granted. Ordered that Rodgers enter a recognizance of £2500:00:00 with another £2500:00:00 from a security payable to Governor Patrick Henry upon the condition that Rodgers appear next court and be on his good behavior. Daniel along with John Rodgers, William Banfield Walker and Nath^l Bradford posted the recognizance.

Comfort Powell (security: Sackar Parker) gave oath and was granted administration of the estate of Thomas Powell. Ordered that Thomas Marshal, Isaac Lewis, Edmund Melson and Savage Cowdry appraise the estate.

Ordered that Thomas Teackle, Tho^s Underhill and Danl Underhill audit/settle the estate of Edmund Watson (deceased). **[End p. 96]**

Elizabeth Litchfield was appointed guardian of John, Zadock, Nany, Elizabeth, Mary and Francis Litchfields (sic), orphans of Francis Litchfield (security: Isaiah Johnson and Spencer Drummond).

The deed from Thorowgood Smith and his wife Mary to William Burdett was proved by George Corbin, Richard Drummond and Spencer Drummond.

The will of William Andrews was proved by Augustine Lecatte and Benjamin Hutchinson. Executors Anna Maria Andrews and Nath^l Bradford were sworn (security: Augustine Lecatte and William Banfield Walker). Ordered that John Hutchinson, Richard Cutlar, John Reid and Edmund Reid appraise the estate.

A deed from John Powell and his wife Sarah to Elizabeth Guy was acknowledged by John Powell.

A bond from Rob^t James to Jonathan Laws and from Jonathan Laws to Rob^t James was acknowledged by each of the parties.

The inquiry regarding the petition of John Taylor for a water grist mill was returned; John Bundwick (attorney: George Corbin) opposed the same, so the matter was continued for trial next court.

Argol Kellam was appointed guardian to orphan Jonathan Kellam (security: William Kellam). **[End p. 97]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Powell as the supposed father of Rebecca Scott's bastard child. The matter was continued for trial at next court.

Jacob Taylor's lessee brought action of ejectment against William Ross. Ordered that injunction issue to Ross directing him to stop waste on the premises until and during the trial.

A deed from Edward Ker and his wife Margaret to William Gibb was proved by witnesses Thomas Bayley, David Bowman and John Riley.

A deed from William Rawley to John Riley was proved by William Townsend and John Powell Sr.

Ordered that Charles Bagwell, John Smith (Sea Side), William Downing, John Burton, Tully Wise and John Cropper be recommended to the Governor as proper persons to be added to the commission of the peace for this county.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson. **[End p. 98]**

Accomack County Court – 1 July 1778

**Present: Southy Simpson, Clement Parker, Henry Fletcher, Nath^l Beavans
Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 99)**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Charles Leatherbury as the supposed father of Sarah Beloit's bastard child. Leatherbury submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with a like bond from a security to save the parish from all costs of supporting the child. He was to pay Sarah £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for child support in addition to court costs of 241 lbs tobacco. Leatherbury and his security (Rob^t Coleburn) posted the bonds accordingly.

Justice Thomas Teackle entered court.

Ordered that Joseph Mathews, Edmund Core and William Mathews audit/settle the estate of Southy Mathews (deceased).

John Rodges (sic) vs Rob^t Parker was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 99]**

William Ryburn vs John Smith was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Thomas Hope's action of attachment against James Marshal Richardson was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Josiah Lewis' executors vs Severn Gutridge was abated by Severn's death.

Henry Heath vs William Seymour was abated by the death of Seymour.

Thorowgood Smith & Co vs Richard Hinman was abated by the death of Hinman.

James Berry vs Scarbrough West was continued at Berry's cost.

Thomas Mason vs Mary Mason was continued at Thomas's cost. **[End p. 100]**

Skinner Wallop vs Harman Taylor was continued at Wallop's cost.

Thomas Rodgers' executors vs James Rodgers' executors was continued at the plaintiff's cost.

James Bennett vs Edward Jones was agreed and dismissed.

William Merrill, who sued William Andrews, was to recover £2:00:00 with interest for six years from this date.

Edw^d Ker & Co, who sued Shadrack Dennis, was to recover £2:02:00 ½ (on the oath of a witness) with interest from July 1772.

Thomas Robinson, who sued Andrew Maxwell, failed to prosecute, so the matter was dismissed with Maxwell to recover his costs. **[End p. 101]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Henry Fitzgerald as the supposed father of Thamar Beachum's bastard child. Fitzgerald submitted to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with a like bond from a security to save the parish from all costs of supporting the child. He was to pay Thamar £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for child support in addition to court costs of 241 lbs tobacco. Fitzgerald and his security (Jacob Sharwood and William Snead) posted the bonds accordingly.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action for vagrancy against Elijah Baker (attorney: James Henry). When the case was continued till next court, Baker's security (William Gibb) asked to be discharged, which was allowed. Ordered that Baker be taken into custody till providing new security.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of John Wharton (deceased) was submitted, as was an audit/settlement of the estate. **[End p. 102]**

Ordered that the sheriff loan out (with interest and sufficient security) the money from the sale of John Taylor's estate.

The Common Wealth brought action against Jacob Taylor, who was accused of abusing Solomon Dix in the execution of his office as constable. Taylor submitted himself to the court, which dismissed him but ordered that he pay the costs of his prosecution (231 lbs tobacco).

Southy Mears vs Thomas Kellam was continued till next court.

Hugh M^eBride & Co vs George Spalding was continued.

Sackar Parker vs William Downing was continued.

James Broadwater brought action against Andrew Maxwell, who failed to appear; Broadwater was to recover £5:00:00 and court costs.

Edward Ker brought action against Charles Davis, who failed to appear; on the oath of a witness, Davis was to recover £4:00:09 ½ **[end p. 103]** with interest from 30 July 1773.

Arcadia Mathews vs Ezekiel Tunnell was abated by the death of Tunnell.

Sarah Jameson vs John Lyon, clerk, was abated by the death of Sarah.

John Abbot vs Leaven Cropper was abated by the deaths of both parties.

John Walker Jr vs Jacob Pitts was agreed and dismissed.

Richard Parker vs John Riley Parker was agreed and dismissed.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson. **[End p. 104]**

Accomack County Court – 2 July 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 105)

Tully Robinson Wise's petition concerning a water grist mill was dismissed because of Wise's death.

Leah Welburn &c vs Danl Welburn (by his guardian) was agreed and dismissed.

Leaven Teackle vs Jessee Hunt &c was agreed and dismissed.

Ann Leatherman &c vs John Leatherman (minor, by his guardian) was agreed and dismissed.

John Burton vs George Gilchrist was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Wise (executor of Thomas Wise, deceased) vs Thomas Wise was abated by the death of the defendant Thomas Wise.

Mason Marshall vs Nehemiah Marshal was abated by the death of Mason. **[End p. 105]**

Charles Snead and others, who complained against Sackar Parker, were awarded a new summons against Parker, who was to appear next court to answer the complaint.

Thomas Bayley's complaint against Jacob Ayres and Jnth [Jonathan] Willet was continued for trial at the next court.

Ezekiel Young sued William Andrews, who said he was not guilty as alleged. Andrews was allowed to give special evidence at the trial, which was referred to next court.

In the complaint of Mary Knight &c against Danl Mifflin &c, it was ordered that the deposition be recorded that was taken by the Northampton County, North Carolina, justices John Duke and John Narsworthy, as directed by the court of Accomack County, Virginia, on 2 October 1773:

– Samuel Cotton, aged 61 years, said that he knew a certain Joseph (sic) Glass “of the aforesaid County” and that Glass died sometime in October or November 1761. [*Samuel Cotton's departed friend is called “Joseph” once and “John” eight times in this deposition.*] Cotton “saw the said John Glass after he was dead & had his hand upon his flesh and helped to put him in his coffin.” Cotton further said that John Glass had settled in this county about 24 years ago, and that he administered Glass's estate. **[End p. 106]** Cotton said “that he always heard the said John Glass say that he came from the Eastern Shore of Virginia from Accomack County & that the Deponent often heard him talk of a place called Pocomoke & Snow Hill & that the said John Glass told the deponent that he had a plantation on the Eastern Shore & often wanted the deponent to go there with him to get it, but the deponent advised him to go by himself, but he replied he was afraid for he had left there a Wife & two daughters when he came away one of which was named Tabitha & he further saith that the said Glass told him there was a mill on the afores^d land and the Deponent saith there came a certain Levi Glass into this county which the said John acknowledged as his brother & also a certain Jesse Glass brother to the said John that each acknowledged themselves brothers and a certain Solomon Townser who the said John Glass said was his sister's son.” Samuel Cotton. The deposition was taken and sworn on 13 December 1773, signed, John Duke and John Northworthy.

Clement Hollyday vs William Riley was abated by the death of Riley.

John Colony vs John Maxwell was abated by Collony's death.

James Berry vs William B Bunting was abated by Bunting's death.

Charles Snead vs Rob^t Drummond was set for trial at the August court.

Comfort Lucas brought action for her dower against John Northam, who denied Comfort's allegations; the matter was continued for trial at the next court.

The order for the sheriff to sell the estate of Zorobabel Wimbrough (deceased) had not been complied with and was dismissed. **[End p. 107]**

William Drummond's lessee brought action of ejectment against Shadrack Taylor. Ordered that the county surveyor lay off each party's pretensions to the disputed land and submit three fair plats to

the clerk's office in time for trial; the sheriff was to "attend the said survey & remove force if any offered."

Joseph Heath's lessee brought action of ejectment against Parker Vannelson; the matter was continued for trial at the next court.

William Polk admitted owing Thorowgood Smith & Co £9:14:02 with interest from 1 January 1772. (CaSa: 7 July 1778).

Benjⁿ Royal admitted owing Thorowgood Smith & Co £5:04:09 and 3 farthings with interest from 1 January 1772. (CaSa: 7 July 1778) **[End p. 108]**

Alexander Warrington's executors brought action against Josephus Warrington, who denied Alexander's allegations. Josephus was allowed to give special matter as evidence at the trial, which was referred to next court.

John Coleburn's action of trespass, assault and battery against John Barclay was referred to next court for trial.

John Holt's action of trespass, assault and battery against Andrew Gootee and his wife was referred to next court for trial.

The complaint for equity brought by George Hope (the younger) against George Hope (the elder) was abated by the death of George Hope (the younger).

The action of equity Margaret Dawson brought against John Dawson was abated by John's death.

William Taylor's action of trespass, assault and battery against William Braughton was abated by Braughton's death.

Sebastian Cropper's action of debt against Coventon Ewell was abated by the death of Cropper.

John Sackar Barns and his wife vs Babel Rodgers was abated by the parties' deaths. **[End p. 109]**

Mary Beavans complained against Samuel Beavans, who was granted time.

Danl Gore's executors admitted owing John Wicoff £5:19:02 ½ with interest from 24 June 1768.

Rob^t Guy sued James Dorman, who failed to appear; ordered that Guy recover a debt (which was a former judgment of this court) with interest plus costs.

John Tarply sued Zorobabel Rodgers but failed to prosecute; the matter was dismissed with Tarpley paying court costs. **[End p. 110]**

Danl Marshall and his wife (lessee) brought action of ejectment against Henry Holdfast but failed to prosecute. The case was dismissed with the Marshalls paying court costs.

Edmund Bradford's lessee brought action of ejectment against Nath^l Bradford and Timothy Kelly. The county surveyor was to lay off each party's pretensions and submit three fair plats to the clerk's office before the trial. The sheriff was to "attend the said survey & remove force if any offered."

Thomas Hope's complaint against Rob^t Moore and his wife was abated at the death of the defendant.

James Scott sued William Taylor, who denied the allegations against him. Taylor was allowed to give special matter as evidence at the trial, which was deferred till next court.

James Scott sued Thomas Slocomb, who denied the allegations against him. Slocomb was allowed to give special matter as evidence at the trial, which was deferred till next court. **[End p. 111]**

William Andrews and Tho^s Kelly brought action of trespass against William Young, who pled not guilty. Ordered that the county surveyor survey and lay off each party's pretensions and submit three fair plats to the clerk's office in time for the trial. The sheriff was to "attend the said survey & remove force if any offered."

Thorowgood Smith brought action against John and Nath^l Beavans, but since John had died, the suit against him was abated. Nath^l was granted more time.

Henry Custis admitted owing John Marshall (assignee &c) £25:08:00 (?) with interest from 11 April 1770.

Nicholas Shield admitted owing Thorowgood Smith & Co £6:08:03 with interest from 22 December 1773. **[End p. 112]**

Simpson Bloxom admitted owing Joseph and Rob^t Foreman £5:00:11 ½ with interest from 27 May 1772.

John Blake's action of trespass, assault and battery against James Ingram was abated by the death of Blake.

William Andrews vs Joseph Baldwin was abated by Baldwin's death.

William Ryburn vs Severn Gutridge was abated by the death of Gutridge.

Stephen Riley vs Joseph Mathews was abated by Riley's death.

Thomas Parramore's action of trespass against Benjⁿ Floyd was abated by Parramore's death.

John Smith's action debt against Shadrack Dennis was abated by Smith's death. **[End p. 113]**

William B Bunting vs Thomas Cropper was abated at the death of Bunting.

Fairfax Smith's action of debt against Severn Guttridge and Zorobabel Rodgers was abated by the death of the defendant [Guttridge].

John Collony vs Thorowgood Smith was abated by Collony's death.

Rob^t Parker brought action of trespass against John Rodgers, who said he was not guilty as alleged. Rodgers was allowed to give special matter in evidence at the trial which was deferred to next court.

George Parker sued John Edmonds, who said he was not guilty as alleged; the trial was deferred to next court.

Joseph Custis brought action of trespass, assault and battery against Rob^t Snead, who said he was not guilty; the trial was deferred to next court.

Jonathan West sued William Evans, who pled not guilty; the trial was deferred to next court. **[End p. 114]**

Benjamin Royal sued William Andrews, who pled not guilty; the trial was deferred to next court.

Thorowgood Smith vs William Willet for debt was continued for trial.

John Darby and Dorothy Aimes complained against Benjamin and Ann Derby (minors). It was ordered that the following division be established as the final determination. The Negroes belonging to the estates of John Darby and Churchill Darby (deceased) were appraised as follows:

– Winney (a “Wench”) and child Susie	£ 50:00:00
– Edar (a girl)	35:00:00
– Rachel	40:00:00
– Liddy	20:00:00
– Joshua (a boy)	45:00:00
– George	35:00:00
	Total: 225:00:00
– Benjamin Derby and Ann Derby's part by John Derby's will	112:10:00
– Benjamin Derby and Ann Derby's part by Churchill Derby's will	56:05:00
	Total: 168:15:00
– Dorothy Aimes' part by Churchill Derby's will	28:02:06
– John Derby's part by Churchill Derby's will	28:02:06

[End p. 115] The division:

– Benjamin Derby was to get Winney and Susie and Edar; Benjamin's guardian (John Colony) was to pay Dorothy Aimes £0:12:06

- Ann Derby was to get Rachel and Joshua; her guardian (John Colony) was to pay Dorothy Aimes £0:12:06
 - Dorothy Aimes was to get the girl Liddy; she was to receive the above cash plus £6:07:06 from John Derby
 - John Derby was to get the boy George and pay the above cash to Dorothy.
- The above division was certified on 6 March 1773, by Edward Ker and William Andrews.

John Riley admitted owing Thorowgood Smith & Co £42:00:04 ½ with interest from 15 February 1773. **[End p. 116]**

John Gootee admitted owing £16:17:00 ½ with interest from 17 April 1772.

Isaac Hill vs Danl Marshal was abated by Marshal's death.

Francis Andrew's action of debt against William Arbuckle was abated by Andrew's death.

Joseph Blake vs Southy Mathews was abated by Blake's death.

Sebastian Cropper vs Thomas Cropper was abated by Sebastian's death.

William Baggs' executors' action of debt against William Riley was abated by Riley's death.

Charles Bagwell's action of debt against Littleton Townsend's executors was abated by the defendant's death. **[End p. 117]**

Smith Snead's action of debt against Littleton Townsend's executors was abated by the defendant's death.

James Berry's action of debt against Littleton Townsend's executors was abated by the defendant's death.

William Reynolds & Co vs Littleton Townsend's executors was abated by the defendant's death.

John Barclay vs Littleton Townsend's executors was abated by the defendant's death.

Richard Aires vs George Abbott was continued for trial.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action of debt against Mel Melson and others; Melson said he had not broken his covenant. The trial was referred to next court.

William Nock brought action of debt against George Abbott, who said **[end p. 118]** he owed nothing; the matter was continued for trial to next court.

James Ingram vs Johannes Watson was to be dismissed unless Ingram gave security for costs at the next court.

Samuel Mathews vs Hezekiah Mathews was to be dismissed unless Samuel gave security for costs at the next court.

Jacob Sharwood sued Isaac Smith (the recent sheriff), who said he was not guilty as alleged. The trial was continued till next court.

William Williams and wife brought action for equity against Rob^t Russel (a minor). Ordered that the deposition of a witness be taken.

Thomas Lewis, who brought action of trespass against John Dawson and others, failed to prosecute, so the case was dismissed with the defendants recovering their costs of defense. **[End p. 119]**

Rob^t Gilmore & Co's action of debt against Litt^l Townsend's executors was abated by the death of the defendant.

Azariah Johnson's action of debt against John Beavans was abated by Beavans' death.

Harmanson & Jacobs assignee vs Litt^l Townsend's executors (for debt) was abated by the death of the defendant.

John Wilkins vs vs Litt^l Townsend's executors was abated by the death of the defendant.

Thomas Young vs William Riley was abated by Riley's death.

Jacob Bonwell brought action of trespass, assault and battery against John Barclay, who said he was not guilty. The trial was deferred till next court.

William Morgan vs John Johnson was continued for trial. **[End p. 120]**

The justices of Accomack County brought action of debt against Thomas Parramore &c, but Parramore had died and it was ordered that the action against him be abated. Selby, the other defendant said he had not broken his covenant; the trial was referred to next court.

The justices of Accomack County brought action of debt against James Justice's executors—the "Same Rule as in the above with respect to Selby."

William Drummond vs Edmund Custis was agreed and dismissed.

Benjⁿ Royal admitted owing Daniel Marshall £11:17:06 with interest from 2 February 1773.

William Andrews brought action of trespass, assault and battery against Arthur Silverthorn, who said he was not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

James Smith vs George Marshal was to be dismissed unless Smith posted security for costs at the next court. **[End p. 121]**

William Snead, who brought action of debt against Thomas Marshall, failed to prosecute; Marshall was to recover his costs.

Thomas Young vs Thomas Riley was continued for trial.

Thomas Young vs Raymond Riley was continued for trial.

Thomas Young vs Thomas Ryley's executors was abated as far as defendant William Riley (now deceased) was concerned; further time was granted to the others to answer the complaint.

Thorowgood Smith & Co vs James Ingram (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Americus Sample vs Henry Gascoyne (for trespass and assault) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 122]**

William Crowston admitted owing Leavin Widgeon £16:18:09 with interest from 1 December 1772.

George Abbott admitted owing William Taylor's administrators £70:00:00 with interest from 7 April 1773. (CaSa: 6 Nov 1778)

George Abbott admitted owing Coventon Corbin £10:03:04 with interest from 26 June 1771.

Howell Glading admitted owing Hugh M'Bride & Co £10:03:00 with interest from 1 August 1772.

Thorowgood Smith & Co (assignee of James Ingram) vs Joseph Baldwin (for debt) was abated by Baldwin's death. **[End p. 123]**

Alexander Stokely sued Thomas Marshall, who said he had not made the agreement as alleged. The trial was referred to next court.

William Taylor's administrators vs George Abbott was continued for trial.

John Curtis (sic) vs William Andrews (for debt) was continued for trial.

William Hyslop Bradford (assignee of Littn Andrews) vs Henry Heath (for debt) was continued for trial.

William Snead sued John Riley, but failed to prosecute; ordered that Riley recover his costs.

William Hyslop Bradford (assignee of Littn Andrews) sued Edmund Bradford, but failed to prosecute; ordered that Edmund recover his costs. **[End p. 124]**

Levin Cropper vs Will^m Underhill (for trespass, assault and battery) was abated by the death of Cropper.

John Curtis (sic) vs George Churn (for debt) was abated by Churn's death.

Arthur Rowley vs Ezekiel Delastatus (for debt) was abated by Rowley's death.

Richard Davis with wife vs William Andrews (for trespass, assault and battery) was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

John Coleburn vs Litt^l Townsend's executors (for debt) was abated by the "Death of the parties."

Edward Ker vs Litt^l Townsend's executors (for debt) was abated by the defendant's death.

Rose Airy vs Dorothy Scarbrough (for trespass, assault and battery) was abated by Dorothy's death.

Alexander Jeffery's executors vs Ezekiel Tunnell was abated by the death of Tunnell. **[End p. 125]**

John Waistcoat vs John Hampton (for debt) was continued for trial.

James Henry sued John Edmonds, who failed to appear. Ordered that Henry recover damages which were to be determined by a jury.

William Polk admitted owing Edward Ker £5:16:06 with interest from 11 September 1771.

James Twiford admitted owing John Lamont £5:19:03 with interest from 31 January 1773.

Josiah Lewis' executors vs Severn Guttery was abated by Severn's death. **[End p. 126]**

George Hope admitted owing Alexander Jeffery's executors £17:06:09 with interest from 2 July 1778.

William Evans admitted owing John Riley £9:16:02 with interest.

Jacob Broadwater, John Townsend Jr and Sebastian Cropper admitted the justices of Accomack County £5:03:00 and 122 lbs tobacco plus another 140 lbs tobacco.

Elizabeth Crosley sued John Sample but failed to further prosecute, so the case was dismissed with Sample recovering his costs. **[End p. 127]**

Elizabeth Crosley sued Benjⁿ Curl but failed to further prosecute, so the case was dismissed with Curl recovering his costs.

Walter Jameson's executors sued the vestry of St George's Parish, who claimed they were not guilty as alleged. The trial was referred to next court.

Shadrack Mears vs William Welch was continued to the next court.

Samuel Heath Jameson brought action of equity against Walter Jameson's executors, but because one of them (Sarah) had died, the suit abated as to her. Ordered that a deposition be given by an unnamed witness.

Bell & Henderson sued Lisney Gootee, who failed to appear; judgment was entered against him for damages (to be determined by a jury) caused by his nonperformance of an agreement. **[End p. 128]**

Severn Guthery vs Josiah Lewis's executors was abated by Guthery's death.

Francis Andrew vs John Hampton was abated by Andrew's death.

Walter Hyslop vs James Drummond was abated by Drummond's death.

William Andrews vs Abner Burton was abated by Burton's death.

William Riley Sr vs James Stran's administrators was abated by the death of the defendant.

Thomas Marshal vs John Watts was abated by the death of Watts.

John Hampton vs William Drummond was abated by the death of Drummond.

John Hutchinson vs Dixon Hall (for trespass, assault and battery) was abated by the death of Hall. **[End p. 129]**

Benjⁿ Parks vs Raymond Riley (for trespass, assault and battery) was abated by the death of Parks.

Watts & Wise vs Coventon Corbin was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

Litt^l Townsend's executors vs Bayley Hinman was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

Elizabeth Dunton vs Thorowgood Smith was abated by the death of Elizabeth.

George Hickman and wife sued John Taylor, who said he was not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Uphemiah Booth brought action of trespass, assault and battery against Absalom Foster, who said he was not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

John Riley vs Lisney Gootee was continued for trial to next court. **[End p. 130]**

Phrip (sic) Taylor & Co sued Rob^t Snead, whose attorney said he was not informed about anything related to the case. Ordered that Taylor recover damages caused by Snead's nonperformance of an agreement; damages were to be determined by a jury next court.

James Berry sued George Poulson, who said he had not made the agreement in question. The trial was referred to next court.

John Barclay vs Thorowgood Smith was to be dismissed unless [Barclay] appeared next court to give security for costs.

Thorowgood Smith & Co sued John Morrison, who had nothing to say. Ordered that Smith recover £26:04:02 ½ with interest from 12 July 1773. **[End p. 131]**

Elizabeth Butlar brought action of trespass, assault and battery against Absalom Foster, who said he was not guilty. The matter was continued for trial at the next court.

George Hickman and wife vs Selby Simpson was continued for trial.

John Lewis vs Levi Nock (for trespass, assault and battery) was continued for trial.

John Hampton brought action against George Hope. Ordered that the depositions of Stephen Skinner, Joshua Mersereau and Michael Long be read as evidence.

– In the city of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on 23 February 1775, Courtland Skinner and Jonathan Deare took the deposition of Stephen Skinner of the said city. Stephen said that on or about 14 October 1768, George Hope of Virginia agreed to buy a small sloop for £160:00:00 “York Money.” The same day Skinner took Hope's bond **[end p. 132]** for the payment with John Hampton as Hope's security. Hope said he could not pay Skinner before the first of September, which was the time he gave for payment of the bond. Skinner said he never received any part of the payment from Hope or anyone else except for what he received from Hampton. Skinner also said “that the said Hope, after his vessel was cast away, sent a letter to this deponent desiring him not to be uneasy about his money,” because Hope had a large quantity of grain that he would send to pay off the bond. Since the bond had not been paid, Skinner delivered it to Hampton about September 1769, so he could take it to Virginia and prosecute as he pleased. Stephen Skinner.

– In Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on 23 February 1775, the above justices took the deposition of Joshua Mersereau, a ship carpenter of Staten Island. Joseph said he was with John Hampton in

Virginia at the house of George Hope when Hampton asked to borrow “his steers, to which Hope answered, yes he would [loan then].” Hope asked Joshua to come with Hope’s son to see Hope at his house, where Joshua went several times, but Joshua boarded at William Drummond’s and did not stay with Hope “either on his own or said Hampton’s account.” Some time before Joshua left Virginia, Hope showed him an account against John Hampton, and said that he was in Hampton’s debt; Joshua told Hope that “Hampton expected he was in Hope’s debt; the Deponent thinks the ballance in Hampton’s favour was about Twenty Shillings.” After that Joshua remembered that Hope gave Hampton a shoat and half a sheep and that Hampton gave Hope some molasses. At that time Hope said he had “no charge ag[ains]t Hampton for taking Care of his Sloop the winter before.” Joshua asked Hope if that was all the account that he had against Hampton, and Hope answered, “Yes, it was.” Joshua heard Hope say “that the corn & wheat that was on board his sloop when cast away he intended to pay for her with.” Joshua Mersereau.

– In Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on 23 February 1775, the above justices took the deposition of Michael Long of Woodbridge in the county of **[end p. 133]** Middlesex, a blacksmith. Long said that in September or October 1768, he agreed to sell George Hope a silver watch; two days later Long went on board John Hampton’s vessel then lying at Cutlar’s landing, where Hope delivered the 40 bushels of Indian corn he agreed to pay for the watch. Long also paid money for three or four bushels of wheat from Hope. Long well remembered seeing others, including Barnabas Keamy, buy grain from Hope and pay him money; Long “did not Learn or Understand that Hampton had any concern with the grain sold by Hope,” who was the only one he dealt with. Michael Long.

Edward Ker vs Severn Guthery (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

James Henry vs Ezekiel Delastatius (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

James Justice’s executors vs George Hope was continued for trial. **[End p. 134]**

Thomas Matson (administrator of Edmund Mason) sued George Marriner, who failed to appear. Ordered that Matson recover £4:05:00 with interest from 28 February 1770, plus 110 lbs tobacco and 15 shillings.

Richard Justice admitted owing George Gordon £5:02:02 with interest from 5 June 1773. (CaSa: 4 Sept 1778)

Skinner Wallop admitted owing Alexander Jefferey’s executors £10:11:11 with interest from 10 May 1769.

Ann Drummond vs Bayley Hinman was abated by the death of Ann. **[End p. 135]**

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson.

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Present: Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley, Thomas Teackle,
Clement Parker, John Custis (p. 136)

Joshua Storrs sued John Sherlock, who said he did not make the agreement as alleged. The trial was referred to next court.

Edward Ker & Co vs William Fosque was referred to next court for trial.

Robinson Savage vs Samuel Wise was referred to next court for trial.

James Dorman vs Major Meers (for debt) was continued for trial at next court.

Thomas Burton vs James Hornsby was continued for trial at next court. **[End p. 136]**

Lisney Gootee was to pay Thorowgood Smith & Co £2:06:02 with interest from 30 September 1774. (CaSa: 4 August [1778])

Lisney Gootee was to pay William Forsythe £6:15:02 with interest from 1 July 1773.

William Tunnel brought action of debt against John Riley, Skinner Wallop and Elijah Lilleston, who said they owed nothing. The trial was referred to the next court.

William Waggaman's lessee, who brought action of ejectment against Joseph Waggaman, failed to prosecute. Joseph was to recover his costs. **[End p. 137]**

Richard Drummond's lessee brought action of ejectment against "Rob^t Holdfast," who failed to appear; unless he did so by next court, judgment would be granted against him.

John Fitchet vs Simpson Bloxom was continued for trial.

Samuel Bagg vs Henry Heath was abated by the death of Bagg.

John Blake vs Simpson Bloxom was abated by the death of Blake.

Walter Hyslop vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

John Nock Jr vs Joshua Copes (for debt) was abated by the death of Nock.

Bayley Hinman vs John Wharton was abated by the death of Wharton. **[End p. 138]**

Henry Heath brought action of trespass against William Hyslop Bradford, whom the sheriff could not find; it was again ordered that Bradford be arrested.

William Andrews, who sued James Arbuckle, failed to prosecute so the case was dismissed with Arbuckle recovering costs.

Rob^t James brought action of trespass against George Hope, who pled not guilty; the trial was referred to next court.

Middleton Mason vs William Trader Jr was referred to next court for trial.

Rob^t Snead admitted owing Thorowgood Smith & Co £136:09:09 and 2 farthings with interest from 18 May 773. (CaSa: 4 August [1778]) **[End p. 139]**

Simpson Bloxom complained against John Fitchet, who was granted time to answer.

George Oldham brought action of debt against Preeson Snead and Rob^t Snead, who failed to appear; they were to pay Oldham £8:15:00 with interest from 8 August 1773.

Charles Snead brought action of debt against Thomas Bradford (bail: Caleb Upshur), who failed to appear; they were to pay Snead £9:01:08.

James Berry brought action of debt against Major West (joiner), who failed to appear. West was to pay Berry £6:06:08 with interest from 28 March 1771. **[End p. 140]**

William Bradford vs Levin White was agreed and dismissed.

Allen Jones vs William Vere (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

James Berry sued George Prewit, whom the sheriff could not find. He was again ordered arrested.

William Ronalds was to recover from William Vere a debt of £5:08:07 ½ with interest from 12 June 1773.

James Berry was to recover from Scarbrough West a debt of £1:15:00 with interest from 1 January 1772.

Edw^d Ker & Co was to recover from Bayley Hinman Jr a debt of £9:12:10 ½ with interest from 1 December 1773. **[End p. 141]**

Littleton Wyatt was to pay James Hornsby £7:00:00 with interest from 1 January 1774.

Rob^t Snead Jr vs William Tilney (for debt) was abated by the death of Tilney.

Richard Drummond (assignee of Ezek^l Henry) vs William Blaxton (for debt) was abated by the death of Blaxton.

Teackle Robins' action of attachment against William Widgeon was abated by Widgeon's death.

John Pettigrew vs George Churn (for debt) was abated by the death of Churn.

James Henry's petition for a water grist mill was continued till next court.

Henry Gascoyne sued Hillary Green, who was granted time to answer the complaint. **[End p. 142]**

Sachar Parker, who brought action of attachment against John Bycourt, failed to prosecute. Ordered that the case be dismissed with Bycourt recovering his costs.

Hannah Whishart, who brought action of attachment against John Bycourt, failed to prosecute. Ordered that the case be dismissed with Bycourt recovering his costs.

James Berry, who brought action of attachment against John Bycourt, failed to prosecute. Ordered that the case be dismissed with Bycourt recovering his costs.

James Henry's petition for a water grist mill was continued till next court.

Andrew Maxwell vs Hugh M^cBride &c was dismissed with the defendant recovering costs.

Charles West's petition for a street in Onancock Town was dismissed with West paying costs.

Andrew Maxwell vs William Stone (for trespass) was agreed and dismissed.

James Scott & Co sued John Cropper, who failed to appear. The former judgment was confirmed with the plaintiff to recover damages to be ascertained by a jury next court. **[End p. 143]**

Savage Cowdry vs Rob^t Bayley was referred to next court for trial.

Jemimah Booth brought action for trespass, assault and battery against George Powlson, who pled not guilty; the case was referred to next court for trial.

Abraham Bosewell (assignee of E Bosewell) sued James Bosewell, who pled "that he doth not detain the said Negroe." The matter was referred to next court for trial.

Jamimah M^cReady brought action for trespass, assault and battery against Skinner Wallop, who pled not guilty; the case was referred to next court for trial.

Samuel Henderson sued William Andrews, who pled "that he did not assume the Debt." The case was referred to the next court for trial.

Samuel Henderson vs James Twiford was referred to the next court for trial.

George Abbott vs John Derby was referred to the next court for trial.

Abraham Bosewell vs James Bosewell was referred to the next court for trial. **[End p. 144]**

William Littleton vs William Andrews was referred to the next court for trial.

George Parker vs Littleton Wyatt Jr was referred to the next court for trial.

Henry Whiting and Mathew Whiting sued John Kellam and his wife for detaining a Negro; the case was referred to the next court for trial.

Thorowgood Smith & Co vs Litt^l Townsend's executors was abated by the death of the defendant.

William Drummond vs Gilbert Peelie was abated by the death of Drummond.

Littleton Townsend's executors vs James Taylor was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

Edward Ker sued Rob^l Snead, who failed to appear. Ker was to recover damages to be ascertained by a jury next court.

Thomas Parsons brought action of debt against James Dorman, who failed to appear. Parsons was to recover damages to be ascertained by a jury next court. **[End p. 145]**

Catharine Justice complained against James Twiford, who was given time to answer.

Andrew Taylor was to pay William McLaughlin's executors £2:15:06 with interest from 28 September 1772.

William Benson was to pay William McLaughlin's executors £2:13:04 with interest from 6 October 1772.

George Abbott was to pay John Pott £30:00:00 with interest from 1 January 1773. **[End p. 146]**

Edward Parker vs Francis Aires was abated by the death of Aires.

Babel Rodgers vs Thomas Marshall (for debt) was abated by the death of Rodgers.

Benjamin Floyd vs John Bundick and wife was abated by the death of the defendant.

John Holston vs John Giddins (for debt) was abated by the death of Giddens.

William Mitchel and others vs Agnes Parish's executors was abated by the death of the defendant.

Ezekiel Delastatus brought action to have Rob^l Coxwell render an account; Coxwell maintained he had already done so. The case was referred to next court for trial.

Coventon Corbin sued Skinner Wallop, who pled that he did not take a Negro, but that the Negro was his property.

John Bowdoin & Co vs Joseph Waggaman was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 147]**

Sarah Welch, who sued Ezekiel Delastatius for trespass, failed to prosecute, so the case was dismissed with Delastatius recovering costs.

William Bishop, who sued Muns Bishop, failed to prosecute, so the case was dismissed with Muns recovering costs.

John Holt brought action for trespass against William Marshal, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Gilbert Peelie sued Ezekiel Delastatius, who pled that he had already paid the debt. The trial was referred to next court.

John Barclay sued Thomas Oakes, who pled not guilty; the trial was referred to next court.

John Bagwell's lessee brought action of ejectment against "Henry Holdfast." George Garrison entered himself as defendant, and the case was referred to next court for trial. **[End p. 148]**

Charles Snead vs Hezekiah White and Thomas Hickman (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Charles Snead vs Joshua Copes (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Charles Snead vs Stephen Clemmons (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Hugh M^cBride & Co was to recover from Francis Houlston a debt of £13:07:01 ½ with interest from 1 March 1773.

Hugh M^cBride & Co was to recover from George Abbott a debt of £72:02:03 with interest from 4 February 11774.

Thorowgood Smith & Co vs Ezekiel Delastatius was agreed and dismissed.

Richard Parker and wife vs John Riley Parker was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 149]**

Bridget Addison vs James Henry for detaining property was "dismissed by the marriage of the Pl[aintiff]." Henry was to recover his costs.

Daniel Marshal was to recover a debt from Thomas Marshal, with interest.

Elijah Grinalds was to pay Thorowgood Smith & Co £10:00:10 ½ with interest from 8 March 1774.

Charles Taylor was to pay Thorowgood Smith & Co £13:08:11 ½ with interest from 12 March 1774.

James Henry's action for attachment against Andrew Hook was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 150]**

Stephen Kellam brought action against Thomas Kellam, who pled he had paid the debt. The trial was referred to next court.

Stephen Kellam brought action against Thomas Kellam, who pled that he had not assumed the debt. The trial was referred to next court.

John Pettigrew vs John Riley was referred to next court for trial.

George Hope vs Elizabeth Abbott was referred to next court for trial.

John Greenwood vs John Sherlock was referred to next court for trial.

Samuel Atchinson & Co vs James Drummond was abated by the death of Drummond.

William Badger, who sued Thomas James, failed to prosecute; the case was dismissed with James recovering his costs. **[End p. 151]**

Thorowgood Smith & Co sued Simpson Bloxom, who failed to appear. Smith was to have execution against Bloxom for £3:10:02 ½ for the debt plus 102 lbs tobacco and £0:07:06 and costs.

Anthony West's lessee, who brought action of ejectment against John Denn, was to give security for costs or have the case dismissed.

William Parker's petition for a water grist mill was dismissed.

Francis Litchfield vs John Potter was abated by the death of Litchfield.

"William Williams assignee Parker Rodgers" vs Babel Rodgers was abated by Babel's death.

George Warrington vs Sachar Parker (for trespass, assault and battery) was abated by the death of Warrington.

George Warrington vs William Vere (for debt) was abated by the death of Warrington. **[End p. 152]**

Joseph Kellam vs William Dunton and wife (executors of Moses Watson, deceased) was abated as to William, who had died, but continued as to the others.

Thomas Waters was to pay Hugh M^eBride & Co £5:15:01 with interest from 25 January 1774.

Henry Heath was to pay Edward Ker £8:14:08 with interest from 19 January 774.

Andrew Maxwell was to pay John Ashburn and Thomas Place £40:00:00 sterling which equaled £50:00:00 of Virginia with interest from 7 June 1773.

Andrew Maxwell was to pay John Craig £110:12:03 ½ with interest from 1 January 1772. **[End p. 153]**

James Dorman was to pay Jonas Benson £7:15:00 with interest from 2 October 1773.

Ezekiel Delastatius was to pay Thomas and Abraham Ushers £223:16:10 of Pennsylvania with interest from 1 October 1773.

Joshua Foster sued Jamimah Booth, who pled she owed nothing. The trial was referred to next court.

William Nock and wife sued Sarah Bell, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Rob^t James sued James Henry, who pled that he had paid the debt. The trial was referred to next court.

Jacob Broadwater sued William Taylor (carpenter), who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court. **[End p. 154]**

Thomas Crippen vs John Crippen was agreed and dismissed.

Rob^t Clerk Jacob assignee [of] John Savage vs John Robins Downing (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Rob^t James vs Ezekiel Delastatius (for debt) was continued for trial.

Mary Corbin sued Samuel Melvin, who failed to appear. A former court order was confirmed with Mary to recover damages to be determined by a jury next court.

Hugh M^eBride & Co vs James Holston (for debt) was abated by the death of Holston.

Sebastian Cropper vs Skinner Wallop was abated by the death of Wallop.

William Andrews vs John Elliot was abated by the death of Elliot.

Joseph & Rob^t Foremen vs Babel Rodgers was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

James Lewis vs Edward Parker (for broken covenant) was abated by the death of Parker. **[End p. 155]**

Ezekiel Delastatus was to pay Peter Wolff £55:05:10 Pennsylvania currency (equal to £41:09:04 Virginia currency) with interest from 14 May 1773.

Ezekiel Delastatus and James Sandford were to pay Peter Wolff £45:19:06 Pennsylvania currency (equal to £34:09:07 ½ Virginia currency) with interest from 30 November 1772.

Luther Martin was to pay Ayres Gilletl 16:08:06 with interest from 2 April 1772. **[End p. 156]**

John Taylor was to pay Levi Dix £5:15:08 with interest from 1 January 1773.

Littlton (sic) Wyatt Sr and Litt^l Wyatt Jr were to pay Caleb Harrison £34:00:00 with interest from 14 February 1773.

John Mackmoth was to pay Robert Drummond and others (assignee [of] Southy East) £34:18:00 with interest from 1 January 1773.

Coventon Ewell was to pay Hugh M^cBride & Co £7:03:09 with interest from 27 January 1774. **[End p. 157]**

William Patterson was to pay Hugh M^cBride & Co £10:10:02 ½ with interest from 25 January 1774.

Henry Custis sued Preeson Snead, who pled that he did make the agreement as alleged. The trial was referred to next court.

Samuel Marshall sued Thomas Lewis, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

William Ross vs Spencer Smith was continued for trial.

James Lewis sued John Drummond, who pled he had performed the covenant. The trial was referred to next court.

Thomas Riley's executors sued Skinner Wallop, who pled he did not assume the obligation. Ordered that the same be abated as to the plaintiff William. **[End p. 158]**

Coventon Corbin vs William Riley was abated by the death of Riley.

Thomas Marshal was to pay Coventon Corbin £16:16:10 with interest from 28 June 1771.

George Davis sued Ezekiel Delastatus, who failed to appear. A former judgment was confirmed with Davis to recover damages to be determined by a jury next court.

Henry Custis vs Kendal Savage and John Bonewell (for debt) was continued for trial.

Sachar Parker vs John Custis was continued for trial.

John Lamount vs Andrew Maxwell (for debt) was continued for trial.

Charles Parks vs Samuel Melvin (for debt) was continued for trial. **[End p. 159]**

Benjamin West Jr brought action of trespass against Milby Russel and his wife, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court, but “Ordered that the same may abate as to Milby.” *[This wording indicates that Milby Russel probably had recently died.]*

Collin Campbell vs James Houlston (for debt) was abated by the death of Houlston.

John Heath vs William E Waggaman (for debt) was abated by the death of Waggaman.

Holden’s administrators vs Simpson Bloxom (for debt) was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

Holden’s administrators vs Skinner Wallop (for debt) was abated by the death of the plaintiff. *[This entry was repeated.]*

Holden’s administrators vs Smith Snead and Sebastian Cropper (for debt) was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

Peter Shield sued (for debt) William Bennet, whom the sheriff could not find. Bennet was again ordered arrested. **[End p. 160]**

Simpson Bloxom sued James Twiford, who pled that he did not make the alleged agreement. The trial was referred to next court.

Thomas Coverly vs Richard Justice was continued for trial.

William Parramore vs William Evans was continued for trial.

James Ingram’s petition for a road was dismissed.

Jonathan Harding and his wife brought action of trespass, assault and battery against William Cutlar, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

William Cutlar brought action of trespass, assault and battery against James Thresham; the trial was referred to next court.

Richard Justice was to pay Levin Teackle £37:18:04 with interest from 22 October 1773. **[End p. 161]**

William Vere was to pay Corbin Griffin £19:13:00 with interest from 27 April 1774.

Adial Milby vs Andrew Stewart was abated by the death of Adial.²

John Bowdoin vs Eliz^a Dunton was abated by the death of the parties.

John Gleeson vs William Drummond was abated by the death of Drummond. [*This entry was repeated.*]

John Crippen vs John Gootee was abated by the death of Crippen.

John Blake vs Benjamin Tho^s Watson was abated by the death of Blake.

Thorowgood Smith, assignee [of] Arbuckle, vs John Coleburn (for debt) was abated by the death of Coleburn. **[End p. 162]**

George Warrington vs Eliz^a and Nany Warrington was abated by the death of George.

John Morrison vs Levin Taylor (for trespass) was abated by the death of Taylor.

George Hope Sr sued Rob^t James who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Charles Snead Sr vs John Chandler was continued for trial.

Mary Beavans brought action of trespass against Sachar Parker; ordered that the county surveyor lay off each party's pretensions to the land in question and submit three fair plats to the clerk's office in time for the trial. The sheriff was to "attend said survey & remove force if any offered &c."

Coventon Ewell sued Jacob Taylor, who pled he had not made the agreement. [*The case was continued for trial.*]

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action for a broken covenant against William Spiers, who pled that he had performed the agreement. [*The case was continued for trial.*] **[End p. 163]**

² "Williamsburg, March 24 [1775]. . . . We are informed that Adiel Milby, Esq; one of the Representatives for Northampton county, being out a shooting, and having stopped, leant on his gun, which by some accident went off, and killed him on the spot." *Virginia Gazette*, Purdie: March 24, 1775, p. 3 column 2. Accessed 27 January 2017. <http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary/va-gazettes/VGSinglePage.cfm?IssueIDNo=75.P.15&page=3>

John Hatly Norton sued William Vere, who pled that he owed nothing. [*The case was continued for trial.*]

Mary Litchfield sued Rob^t James, who pled he had not made the agreement. [*The case was continued for trial.*]

John Harmanson & Rob^t Clerk Jacob vs Robert Coleburn was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Custis executor of Jn^o Taylor (deceased) vs Reuben Taylor was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Marshall admitted owing Alexander Jeffery's executors £90:00:11 with interest from 20 May 1773. (CaSa: 13 Nov 1778)

William Underhill was to pay Jonathan Powel £10:00:00 with interest from 6 July 1773. **[End p. 164]**

George Poulson was to pay Hugh M^cBride & Co £10:11:11 ½ with interest from 29 April 1774.

John Darby was to pay Hugh M^cBride & Co £9:03:00 with interest from 27 July 1774.

William Andrews sued James Henry, who pled he had not made the agreement. The trial was referred to next court.

William Simple vs Robert Martin was continued for trial.

Mark Freeman vs Robert Martin was continued for trial.

John Petigrew brought action of trespass against Mitchel Chandler, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court. **[End p. 165]**

John Scott's action of trespass, assault and battery against Jonathan West was continued for trial.

Sebastian Cropper vs Simpson Bloxom was abated by the death of Cropper.

Margaret Gale vs Thomas Jervis (for trespass) was abated by the death of Margaret.

Margaret Gale vs Rob^t Hutson (for trespass) was abated by the death of Margaret.

Margaret Gale vs Nehemiah Howard (for trespass) was abated by the death of Margaret.

Margaret Gale vs John Northam (for trespass) was abated by the death of Margaret.

Margaret Gale vs George Northam (for trespass) was abated by the death of Margaret.

John Bloxom Jr vs Abner Burton (for debt) was abated by the death of Abner. **[End p. 166]**

John Dix vs Levy Dix and John Gootee (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

William Cunningham & Co (assignee [of] Spradling &c) vs James Ingram (for debt) was continued for trial.

Hugh M^cBride & Co vs Preeson Snead was continued for trial.

Andrew Simpler vs Tully Rob Wise (for not paying an execution issued by Simpler against Townsend and Robins) was abated by the death of Wise.

Tully Robinson Wise vs Edward Jester and others (for trespass) was abated by the death of Wise.

Hugh M^cBride & Co (assignees of Ezek^l Bunton's executors) vs George Holden's administrators (for debt) was abated by the death of the defendant. [*This entry was repeated.*]

Margaret Jacob vs James Houston was abated by the death of Houston.

William White vs James Houston was abated by the death of Houston. **[End p. 167]**

James Berry vs William Blaxton was abated by the death of Blaxton.

James Houston and wife (executors of Eliz^a Bell) vs John Mapp (for trespass) "abates as to James by death & as to his widow by marriage."

John Barclay vs Joseph Balding was abated by the death of Balding.

George Holden's administrators vs Ezekiel Tunnel was abated by the death of the parties.

Savage Cowdry, who was sued for debt by John Mapp, was again ordered arrested.

Thomas Hickman acknowledged a deed to Ambrose Willet.

John Bagg with wife Mary acknowledged a deed to Keziah Kellam. **[End p. 168]**

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound Robert Dowley to Richard Drummond till lawful age to learn the art and mystery of a mariner.

Isaiah Hickman (security: Thomas Hickman) was granted administration of the estate of William Hickman (deceased). Ordered that Charles Bagwell, Richard Bundick, Richard Hickman Sr and Richard Hickman Jr appraise the estate.

John Bloxom petitioned to reroute a road; ordered that William Selby, William Downing, William Patterson and William Marshal view the same and make report.

Ordered that Jacob Bird be surveyor of the road in the place of James Henry, who was discharged from the office.

Ordered that Robert Hutchinson be appointed constable in the place of John Hutchinson, who resigned.

The will of Nehemiah Stockley was proved by Alexander Stockley and Hannah Blake. Executor Anne Stockley was sworn (security: Thomas Bayley and Clement Parker). Ordered that John Burton, Nath^l Beavans, Charles Tunnel and Alexander Stockley appraise the estate. **[End p. 169]**

The will of Elijah Stockley was proved by Major Davis and Alexander Stockley. Executor Joseph Mathews was sworn (security: Samuel Henderson). Ordered that Edmund Core, Sackar Parker, Major Davis and Nath^l Beavans appraise the estate.

Littleton Savage was cited to appear to show why he failed to return his administration accounts on the estate of Jacob Lurton (deceased).

Francis Killum (sic) sued Argyle Kellam, who swore he believed Nath^l Kellam (who was about to leave the state) was a material witness. Ordered that Thomas Teackle, Thomas Jacob and Abel West take the deposition of Nath^l Kellam.

Upon information provided by Francis Kellam, the Common Wealth brought action against Argyle Kellam. Ordered that Argyle enter a twelve month recognizance of £250:00:00 from himself and a like sum from securities to ensure he keep the peace to everyone, but especially to Francis. Argyle with John Walker, his security, posted the bonds. **[End p. 170]**

The Common Wealth vs Daniel Rodgers, who was accused of “maintaining the authority of the King and Parliament of Great Brittain &c,” was dismissed.

Daniel Rodgers posted a £2500:00:00 bond with his securities (John Hutchinson, Zorobabel Rodgers and Argyle Kellum) posting a like sum to ensure that Daniel Rodgers would appear at the next grand jury court to be held for this county and that he not leave the county without permission.

A new commission of the peace was directed to Coventon Corbin, Isaac Smith, James Arbuckle, William Selby, Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher, William Williams, John Smith, Thomas Teackle, George Stewart, Thomas Bayley, William Parramore, Clement Parker, Nath^l Beavans, John Custis, Charles Bagwell, John Smith (sic), William Downing, John Burton, Tully Wise and John Cropper. Then Southy Simpson, John Smith, Thomas Bayley, Clement Parker, Nath^l Beavans John Custis and William Downing qualified by taking the oaths.

Present: Southy Simpson, Nath^l Beavans, John Smith, John Custis, William Downing (p. 171)

John Parker was appointed guardian to orphan Gilbert Rodgers (security: William Finny of Matompkin).

An inventory/appraisal of the estate of John Fisher (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 171]**

Ordered that John Topping, the father of Rebecca Scott's bastard child, pay Rebecca £10:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the child's support. The former order obliging him to pay £5:00:00 per year was reversed.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Robert Parker (deceased) was submitted.

The Common Wealth brought action against Levi Nock for assault and battery against Littn Wyatt. The jury –

Americus Scarbrough	Robinson Custis	Thomas Hickman	Thomas Slocom
Nicholas Powell	Edmund Leatherbury	Benj ⁿ Royal	John West
John Bull	John Kelly	Phillip Tignal	Ambrose Willet

– found Nock guilty; he was fined 25 shillings for the use of the poor in St George's Parish and was ordered the pay 856 lbs tobacco for the costs of prosecution, which included the payment of witnesses at the rate of 25 lbs tobacco a day: Wyatt (6 days), Watson (7 days), Savage (7 days).

The Common Wealth brought action against Levi Nock, who had been indicted for assault and battery committed on Litt^l Wyatt. The above jury found Nock guilty; they ordered he could be arrested if he failed to pay a fine of 40 shillings and costs of 336 lbs tobacco.

Littleton Wyatt swore he attended six days as a witness against Nock; Zorobabel Watson and Kendal Savage swore they attended seven days for the same reason. Nock was to pay them. **[End p. 172]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish accused Major Budd of being the father of Ann Simpson's bastard child; he submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to pay Ann £10:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of the child.

The Common Wealth brought action against Samuel Henderson, who was indicted for assault and battery on George Trayder. The same jury as above found Henderson guilty; he was fined 40 shillings for the use of the poor of St George's Parish and was to pay court costs (356 lbs tobacco).

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Mary Rodgers for bastardy. John Finny, Jnoⁿ Mears and Michael Budd posted a £500:00:00 bond for saving the parish from all costs in supporting the child. In addition to paying Mary £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of the child, they were to pay the costs of the prosecution (231 lbs tobacco). **[End p. 173]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish accused William Lewis of being the father of Mary Willis' male bastard child. Lewis submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00

bond himself with a like sum from his security (Thomas James). Lewis was to pay Mary £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the child's support.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Jemimah Sterling for bastardy. Woodman Bloxom was to post a £500:00:00 bond and pay Jemimah £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the child's support.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Scarbrough Hutson for bastardy. Joseph Staton was to post a £500:00:00 bond and pay Scarbrough £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the child's support.

Ordered that William Selby, George Corbin and William Downing hire workmen to make repairs on the Swansy Gut Bridge and Causeway.

Ordered that Sturgis Benston be tax free during the court's pleasure. **[End p. 174]**

The differences between Bridget Troy and Jonathan Mears were submitted to the final determination of George Stewart, William Downing and Ayres Gillet.

The will of Jesse Hickman was proved by William Frazer Ross and George Bundick. Executor George Hickman was sworn (security: John Parker and Charles West). Ordered that John Abbott Bundick, Archibald Barns, William Finney and John Dix appraise the estate.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson.

Accomack County Court – 29 July 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, John Custis, Nath^l Beavans, William Downing (p. 175)

Henry Fletcher and George Stewart came into court and qualified as justices.

Henry Fletcher entered court. **[End p. 175]**

Mary Churn chose William Andrews as guardian.

Ezekiel Delastatus was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year.

George Parker vs John Edmunds was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith and Benjamin Peck, whose award would be the final judgment of the court.

Richard Aires sued George Abbott, who failed to appear; Aires was to recover £7:13:04 with interest from 28 January 1772.

Jacob Bonewell sued John Barclay for trespass, assault and battery. The jury –

Thomas Bayley	Thomas Hickman	John Nicholson	John Taylor Jr
John Bull	John Taylor	Henry Custis	James Twiford
John Parker	Robinson Custis	Nicholas Powel	Smith Millener

– found Barclay guilty and assessed the damage at £20:00:00; Bonewell was to recover that amount plus costs (366 lbs tobacco). Henry Sherwood attended one day as witness. **[End p. 176]** Henry Sherwood came into court and swore that he attended one day for Bonewell.

George Stewart posted a £20,000:00:00 bond (security: Southy Simpson, Thorowgood Smith and Henry Custis) payable to George Webb (treasurer of the Common Wealth) “for the faithful collection of the publick Tax.”

Ordered that the sheriff or constable arrest William Arbuckle and bring him before the court to answer what would then be objected relative “to an assault committed on the Body of Nicholas Bayley.”

Ordered that Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher and William Williams be recommended to the Governor as fit persons to be sheriff of the county for the next year.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish vs John Powell (for bastardy with Rebecca Scott) was continued to the next court.

Mary Knight’s lessee vs Danl Miflin (for ejectment) was to be dismissed unless the plaintiff gave security for costs.

Mary Knight’s lessee vs Smith Taylor (for ejectment) was to be dismissed unless the plaintiff gave security for costs.

The Common Wealth vs Elijah Baker (for vagrancy) was continued for trial. **[End p. 177]**

William Marshall vs Ephraim Mathews was agreed and dismissed.

In John Barclay vs Thorowgood Smith, John Custis (Bay Side) became security for costs.

Charles West was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year.

Elizabeth Butlar sued Absalom Foster for trespass, assault and battery. The jury –

Charles West	John Nicholson	John Taylor	Henry Custis
James Twiford	Robinson Custis	Thomas Copes	Robert Drummond
John Parker	Thomas Lewis	John Riley	John Edmunds

– found Foster guilty; Elizabeth was to recover 45 shillings in damages plus costs (545 lbs tobacco). Witnesses Elijah Booth, Comfort Booth and Nany Beesly all swore that they had attended one day for Elizabeth; they were to be paid according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Uphemiah Booth sued Absalom Foster for trespass, assault and battery. The above jury found Foster guilty; Uphemia was to recover 45 shillings in damages plus costs (401 lbs tobacco). **[End p. 178]**

Jonathan West vs William Evans was agreed and dismissed.

Benjamin West, who sued Milby Russel, swore that he believed George Ironmonger was a material witness. Ordered that Southy Simpson, James Henry and James Taylor take Ironmonger's deposition.

Ordered that the following rates for liquor be observed in the county:

– Good West India rum by the gill	£ 0:03:00
– Virginia brandy or French or New England Rum	0:02:00
– Oats by the gallon	0:01:06
– Stableage and fodder per night	0:01:06
– Breakfast	0:05:00
– Dinner	0:09:00
– Lodging	0:01:03
– Toddy per quart	0:05:00
– Punch per quart	0:07:06
– Julep	0:04:00

Charles Snead and others complained against Sacker Parker, against whom a new summons was awarded.

Ordered that John Custis (Bay Side) be appointed in the place of Tully Robinson Wise (deceased) to take the deposition of witnesses in the suit of Charles Snead and others against Robert Drummond and others.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson. **[End p. 179]**

Accomack County Court – 30 July 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Henry Fletcher, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 180)

John Parker (minor represented by his guardian and others) complained against George Parker. Ordered that Charles Bagwell, Thomas Crippen and William Finney divide the slave Cloe by sale or otherwise and report to the next court for a final decree.

Jemimah Booth vs George Poulson (for trespass, assault and battery) was continued at Poulson's cost.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Thomas Elliot (deceased) was submitted, as was an account of the estate sale. Ordered that George Cutlar, Benjamin Peck and William Townsend audit/settle the estate.

John Blake's executors vs Simpson Bloxom was referred to the determination of Charles Bagwell and Thomas Crippen, whose award would be the final judgment of the court. **[End p. 180]**

The Common Wealth brought action against William Arbuckle for assaulting and dangerously wounding Nicholas Bayley. After various witnesses were examined, it was the court's opinion that Arbuckle post a £200:00:00 bond with security for the space of twelve months and one day with the condition that "William (in case of the death of the said Bayley within the afores^d space) shall make his personal appearance at the next Court ensuing to abide by & suffer the determination of the said Court." In the meantime William was to be on his good behavior to everyone and pay court costs. Arbuckle with William Parramore, Rob^t Coleburn and Thomas Copes posted the bond. Thomas Lilliston Jr, John Pettigrew, Phillip West and John Kelly were to be called as witnesses against Arbuckle if Bayley died within the year plus a day.

Joseph Blake executor of John Blake (deceased) sued Stephen Clemmons, who failed to appear. The plaintiff was to recover £1:12:04 with interest from December 1774.

Joseph Blake executor of John Blake (deceased) sued John Crippen, who was to pay £2:09:10 with interest from 10 February 1774.

Joseph Blake executor of John Blake (deceased) vs Thomas Taylor was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 181]**

Joseph Blake executor of John Blake (deceased) vs George Nock was referred to the determination of Charles Bagwell and Thomas Crippen, whose award would be the final judgment of the court.

Robert Snead Jr vs John Foster was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robinson and wife (who was administrator of Jn^o Montgomery, deceased) vs Isaac Melson was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robinson and wife (who was administrator of Jn^o Montgomery, deceased) vs Sarah Russel was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robinson and wife (who was administrator of Jn^o Montgomery, deceased) vs John Mercy was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Robinson and wife (who was administrator of Jn^o Montgomery, deceased) vs Jacob Rodgers was abated by the death of Rodgers.

The inquiry taken by Sheriff William Selby on 7 March 1777, regarding Drummond's petition for a mill was complete; Drummond was granted an acre of land [*on the opposite side of a creek*] for that purpose. The following men –

Major Davis

Eljah Stockley

Ezekiel Tatham

Benjamin Watson

Nath ^l Beavans	Nehemiah Stockley	William Nock	John Burton
William Morgan	John Teackle	Jonathan Lawes	Major Coles

– who were deemed good and lawful men of the county, **[end p. 182]** viewed and examined the land petitioned for as well as the adjacent land that might be affected, valued the acre at £2:10:00 and determined that the mill would not affect houses, orchards or any other conveniences. All of the men signed the document.

Peter Hardy was to pay Thomas Robinson £3:06:03 and costs.

Thomas Robinson and his wife (who was the administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) were to recover from William Andrews £4:03:06 and costs.

Simpson Bloxom was to pay Thomas Robinson and his wife (who was the administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) £2:14:00 with costs. **[End p. 183]**

Thomas Hickman was to pay Thomas Robinson and his wife (who was the administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) £1:13:00 with costs.

George Hope was to pay Thomas Robinson and his wife (who was the administrator of John Montgomery, deceased) £3:00:00 with costs.

Gilbert Peelie was to pay Henry Custis £3:13:05 and 3 farthings with interest from 1 December 1774. (CaSa: 3 August 1778)

David Bowman &c (executor of Alexander Jeffery, deceased) sued Daniel Sturges, who was to pay £2:08:08 and 65 lbs tobacco plus £0:07:06 with interest from the last of February 1773. (CaSa: 1 February 1779)

John Waltham and others (minors represented by James Taylor) sued William Waltham. Ordered that Thomas Teackle, John Smith (Matchapungo) and Americus Scarbrough divide the slaves by sale or otherwise agreeable to the will of John Waltham (deceased) and report to the next court.

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson. **[End p. 184]**

Accomack County Court – 25 August 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Nath^l Beavans, John Custis, William Downing (p. 185)

Thomas Teackle qualified as a justice of the peace and entered court.

William Delstadius acknowledged a deed to William Selby.

The will of Comfort Kellam was proved by Abel West and Argol Kellam. Executor West Kellam was sworn (security: Elisha Mears). Ordered that John Mears Sr, John Mears Jr, Levi Aimes and Thomas Aimes appraise the estate.

Rodgers Miles and his wife Fanney acknowledged a deed to Spencer Hickman.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish vs Elijah Baker (for vagrancy) was dismissed.

John Scott vs Jonathan West (for trespass, assault and battery) was dismissed at the defendant's cost. **[End p. 185]**

Edward Ker vs John Kennihorn (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Edward Ker vs Edmund Poulson (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Edward Ker vs William Harman (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Edward Ker vs William Harman was agreed and dismissed.

The Common Wealth brought action against Drake Drummond upon information provided by Will^m Bell, who submitted himself to the court. The matter was dismissed with Bell paying the costs of the prosecution (246 lbs tobacco).

Joshua Lawrence was sworn (security: Abel Savage and Jonathan Mears) and was granted administration of the estate of Joseph Lawrence. Ordered that John Mears, Daniel Underhill, William Ward and Arthur Robins appraise the estate. **[End p. 186]**

A deed from Esther Mears to John Mears was proved by John Mears Jr, Solomon Mears and Babel Layler.

The will of James Scott (deceased) was proved by John Parker and Anthony West. Executors George Corbin and Edward Ker were sworn (security: James Henry) ordered that John Smith, Anthony West, William Townsend and James Bonewell appraise the estate.

Ordered that Benjamin Peck, Major Ironmoner and Michael Bonewell audit/settle Litt^l Savage's administration accounts on the estate of Jacob Lurton (deceased).

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Solomon Groten (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Thomas Powell (deceased) was submitted.

Daniel Kelly and his wife Scarbrough acknowledged a deed to Griffeth Kelly.

The Common Wealth brought action against Elijah Baker (attorney: James Henry) “on a complaint for propagating doctrine tending to the breach of the peace.” After hearing the complaint and the witnesses, the court found Baker not guilty and discharged him. **[End p. 187]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of John Bonewell (deceased) was submitted.

The will of George White (deceased) was proved by Thomas Crippen, Comfort Roberts and Luranna Sturgis. Agnes White was sworn (security: Clement Parker and John Burton). Ordered that William White, Thomas Crippen, Parker Barnes and Charles Bagwell appraise the estate as well as audit/settle it.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish brought action against Robert Robertson as the supposed father of Comfort Taylor’s bastard child. Robertson submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with his security (Southy Mears) posting a like sum to ensure that Robertson save the parish from supporting the child; he was to pay Comfort £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments. **[End p. 188]**

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish brought action against Southy Mears as the supposed father of Ansley Taylor’s bastard child. The court ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with his security (James Robertson) posting a like sum to ensure that Mears save the parish from supporting the child; he was to pay Ansley £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish complained against Anne Bull for bastardy. Thomas Ironmonger and Daniel Bull posted bonds to save the parish from supporting the child.

The will of Tully Robinson Wise (deceased) was proved by Casey Wise and Ann West. Executors Tully Wise and Tabitha Wise were sworn (security: Thomas Bayley and John Custis from the Bay Side). Ordered that Anthony West, John Wise, John Riley and Ayres Gillet appraise the estate.

Hilsmon Lawson added himself to the list of tithables.

The will of Levi Hornsby (deceased) was proved by Richard Bull and Ruth Bull. Executor Hannah Hornsby was sworn (security: Major Ironmonger). **[End p. 189]** Ordered that Tho^s Aimes, George Mears, Andrew Martin and Richard West appraise the estate.

Ordered that the appraisers of James Baldwin’s estate audit/settle the same.

Orphan Gilbert Morris chose William Chapman as guardian (security: William Bell).

Guardian Ann Rodgers swore to her account against orphans Sarah, Nanny and John Rodgers.

John Petigrew vs John Chandler was agreed and dismissed.

Guardian Susanna Barnes swore to her account against orphan Susanna Barns.

Guardian Southy Mears swore to his account against orphan Catharine Kellam.

Guardian Abel Hawley swore to his account against orphan John Fox.

Guardian George Garrison swore to his account against orphan Jacob Lurton.

Orphan Catharine Kellam chose Southy Mears as guardian (security: John Smith of the Sea Side).
[End p. 190]

George Hickman and his wife sued John Taylor and his wife for slander; John swore that he believed Ann Bundick was a material witness, so Southy Simpson, John Dix and John Parker were ordered to take the deposition of Ann.

Nathan Addison added himself, Jacob and Goald to the list of tithables.

Guardian John Parker swore to his account against orphan Gilbert Rodgers.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Cornelius Watkinson to Henry Kelly till lawful age.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound Major Fortune and William Fortune to Pitt [*given name not mentioned*] till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemakers.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Levin Bunting to James Heaven till lawful age to learn the trade of blacksmith.

The appraisers of the estate of Nehemiah Stockley (deceased) were to audit/settle the same.

Ordered that the treasurer pay James Broadwater £4:00:00 for repairs on Pocomoke Warehouse.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound John Berry to Richard Grinalds till lawful age to learn the trade of **[end p. 191]** joiner.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson.

Accomack County Court – 26 August 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Nath^l Beavans, Thomas Teackle, William Downing (p. 192)

William Andrews sued Arthur Silverthon (sic) for trespass assault and battery; the same was agreed and dismissed.

Robert M^cClean vs Arthur Harper was agreed and dismissed. [*This entry was repeated.*]

Arthur Harper vs Rob^t M^cClean (for trespass, assault and battery) was agreed and dismissed.

“The King” vs Rob^t M^cClean (who had been indicted) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 192]**

William Ewell vs John Nicholson was agreed and dismissed.

George Hope vs Rob^t James was agreed and dismissed.

Ann M Evans (executor of Levin Evans, deceased) brought action of debt against William Patterson, who had been arrested but did not appear. Ordered that unless he appear next court and answer, judgment would pass against him and his bail (Samuel Beavans) for the debt.

William Groten vs Charles Lecatt’s female administrator was abated by the death of Groten.

Benjamin Stansbury brought action of debt against Anthony Barrira, but the order for arrest was too late; ordered that a second order for Anthony’s arrest be awarded.

Ann Drumond’s executors, who brought action against Thomas Riley’s executors, were to recover 184 lbs tobacco and 30 shillings with interest from 1 September 1766. **[End p. 193]**

Ann Drummond’s executors, who brought action against Thomas Riley’s executors, were to recover £6:18:00 and 303 lbs tobacco with interest from 1 October 1766.

Ordered that George Savage be overseer of the road in the place of John Nock, who was discharged from that office.

Ordered that Solomon Dix be overseer of the road in the place of Henry Custis, who was discharged from that office.

Ordered that the workers taken from Ezekiel Tatham and ordered to work under Simpson Bloxom be returned to their former precincts.

Guardian John Hutchinson swore to his account against orphan Levi Mears.

Amaziah Dix was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year.

John Burton qualified as a justice of the peace and entered court.

William Bell vs Caleb Teackle was dismissed with Teackle paying costs.

The persons appointed to view John Bloxom’s proposed road reported that rerouting the road would cause no inconveniences, the difference in distance being very small. Signed, William Downing and

William Patterson. Ordered that Bloxom have liberty to clear the road and that Downing and Patterson inspect it again and make report. **[End p. 194]**

Ordered that Jessee Dickenson, Henry Fletcher and Spencer Drummond hire workmen to make necessary repairs on Jenkinson's Bridge.

Jonathan West vs William Evans was agreed and dismissed.

Benjamin Royal vs William Andrews was submitted to the determination of James Henry and George Corbin, whose award would be the judgment of the court.

Jamimah Booth brought action against George Poulson for trespass, assault and battery. The jury –

Jacob Taylor	William Welch	Spencer Coleburn	William Evans
Elijah lileston	Robinson Custis	Selby Simpson	Henry Heath
John Gootee	James Bosewell	John Bundick	Robinson Savage

– found Poulson guilty and assessed the damages at £53:00:00; Jamimah was to recover the damages and costs.

Guardian Thomas Bayley swore to his account against orphan William Black Bunting.

Guardian Hezekiah Holloway swore to his account against orphan Robert Abbot.

Guardian Zorobabel Rodgers swore to his account against orphan Charles Bayley Taylor.

Guardian Elijah Nock swore to his account against orphan John Glasby. **[End p. 195]**

Benjamin West Jr brought action against Milby Russell Sr with his wife, Milby Russell Jr and Robert Russell for killing a horse. The jury –

Cornelius Ironmonger	Elijah Nock	James Twiford	Zorobabel Rodgers
Woodman Bloxom	Ralph Corbin	William Broadwater	George Savage
John Chandler	Ambrose Willet	Joseph Tunnel	William Nock

– found Milby Russell Jr and Robert Russell guilty, assessing the damages at £25:00:00 besides costs. Milby Russell and his wife were found not guilty. Ordered that the guilty parties pay West £50:00:00 and his costs except for the costs of four witnesses summoned against Milby Russell Sr and his wife, who were to pay their own costs because there was “reasonable cause to make them defendants.”

Guardian Augustine Lecatte swore to three accounts against orphans John, Solomon and Gilbert Milby.

Guardian Kendall Hope swore to three accounts against orphans James, Spencer and Sacker James.

Guardian Tully Lilliston swore to his account against orphan Sarah Watson.

Henry Custis vs Kendall Savage was agreed and dismissed. [End p. 196]

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Robert Parker (deceased) was submitted.

George Hickman and his wife sued John Taylor and his wife for slander. The jury –

John Drummon (sic)	William Welch	Spencer Coleburn	Jonathan Powell
Elijah Lilleston	Robinson Custis	John Barnes	Henry Heath
James Bosewell	Robinson Savage	Richard Justice	Stephen Drummond

– were sent out of court to reach a verdict.

Jonathan Scott added his tithables to the list: himself, Jo and Phillis.

Walter Scott added himself to the tithables in St George’s Parish.

Thomas Doe added himself to the tithables in St George’s Parish.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Southy Simpson.

Accomack County Court – 27 August 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley, Nath^l Beavans, William Downing (p. 197)

Isaac Smith qualified as a justice of the peace and entered court.

Abraham Bosewell vs James Bosewell was agreed and dismissed. [End p. 197]

George Hickman and his wife sued John Taylor and his wife for slander. Yesterday’s jury found the defendants guilty and assessed the damages at 36 shillings. Ordered that Hickman and his wife recover the damages and one penny for their costs. Solomon Dix and his wife Leah swore they attended three days each as witnesses for George Hickman, who was ordered to pay them according to law [25 lbs tobacco per day].

Justice James Arbuckle entered court.

John Baptiste Dular and Jonathan Harding brought action against Ann Booth for breaking and entering Dular’s store room. After hearing the parties and the witnesses, the court was of the opinion that Ann “had a right to enter into and take possession of the said Room as the term for which the said Dular had rented the same was expired.” Ann was to recover her costs (231 lbs tobacco) from Dular.

Charles Snead brought action of equity against Sackar Parker. Ordered that an attachment be awarded against Parker to cause him to appear next court to show why he failed to answer the complaints.

John Bloxom was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year. **[End p. 198]**

John Taylor (bricklayer) petitioned that he owned land on one side of Burton's Branch suitable for building a water grist mill; he asked that an acre of land be laid off on the opposite side for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to go on the land to view and value it along with the timber, houses and orchards on the adjacent land that might be affected.

Isaac Smith & Co sued Edmund Heath, whom the sheriff could not find. Heath was again ordered arrested.

Isaac Smith & Co sued Laban Bayley, whom the sheriff could not find. Bayley was again ordered arrested.

Isaac Smith & Co sued Josiah Harrison, whom the sheriff could not find. Harrison was again ordered arrested.

Isaac Smith & Co sued Ezekiel Hornsby, whom the sheriff could not find. Hornsby was again ordered arrested.

Guardian John Dix swore to his account against orphan John Parker.

James Bosewell and William Bunting swore they attended two days as witnesses for Benjamin West against Milby Russell &c. West was to pay them according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*]. **[End p. 199]**

Richard Justice brought action against Benjamin Thomas Watson. The jury –

Thomas Hickman	John Parker	William Evans	George Hickman
Preeson Snead	Sackar Parker	Joseph Tunnell	Jacob Taylor
John Taylor	John Bloxom	Jonathan Willet	John Gootee

– found Watson guilty and assessed the damages at one shilling; the court was of the opinion “that the trespass in cutting the boar was willful.” Justice was to recover the damages and costs (406 lbs tobacco).

Guardian William Morgan swore to his account against orphan William Glasby.

Robinson Savage sued Samuel Wise for killing a steer. The jury –

William Welch	John Bull	Spencer Coleburn	Jonathan Powell
Elijah Lilleston	John Chandler	John barnes	Henry Heath
Stephen Drummond	James Bosewell	Richard Justice	John Drummond Jr

– found Wise guilty and assessed the damages at £4:00:00. Ordered that Savage recover £8:00:00 plus costs (406 lbs tobacco).

James Lewis vs John Drummond (for broken covenant) was continued at Lewis' cost. **[End p. 200]**

Ordered that the court clerk be allowed £30:00:00 from the estate of former clerk George Holden (deceased) “for bringing up the records left unfinished by the said Holden.”

The Common Wealth brought action against Whittymore Prideux “on a Complaint for keeping a disorderly house & retailing liquors to negroes.” The court heard witnesses, and Prideaux posted a bond of £25:00:00, as did his security (Jacob Taylor), to ensure that Prideaux appeared at the next grand jury court and paid the costs of his prosecution (271 lbs tobacco). Edmund Custis and Thomas Robinson each posted £25:00:00 bonds or their appearance as witnesses against Prideaux “for keeping a disorderly house.”

William Doe was added to the list of tithables in St George’s Parish.

Amey Wright and Charlotte Littleton swore they attended two days as witnesses for George Hickman and his wife against John Taylor and his wife; Hickman was to pay them according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day.*]

In John Barclay vs Thorowgood Smith, David Bowman became security for costs in the place of John Custis and the case was continued. **[End p. 201]**

John Prewit and his wife sued John Pettit for slander. The jury –

John Riley	John Bull	William Morgan	George Hope
Thomas Bayley	Willet Lilliston	George Poulson	John Bundick
Woodman Bloxom	Southy Warrington	William Taylor	Charles Snead

– were sent out of court to reach a verdict.

“Ordered that citation issue against William Stockley & Margaret Dolby to appear at the next Court to answer the complaint of Sarah Stockley his wife respecting unlawfull cohabitation with the said Margaret & for abusing & Ill treating his wife Sarah.”

Guardian Isaac Ward swore to his account against orphan Elizabeth West.

William Bundick was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

Levin Teackle, who brought action against Daniel Dishon, had obtained an attachment against Dishon’s estate for £19:09:00; the sheriff reported he had attached one horse. Ordered that the sheriff sell it and satisfy the judgment.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Isaac Smith. **[End p. 202]**

Accomack County Court – 28 August 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, Thomas Bayley, John Smith, John Custis (p. 203)

Bridget Kellam vs William Bell (for debt) was abated by the death of Bridget.

Edward Ker sued Ezekiel Young and Charles Marshal, who were arrested but failed to appear. Unless they appeared next court, judgment would pass against them and their bail (John Riley) for damages sustained by Ker because of their nonperformance of a promise.

William Snead sued John Cropper (son of Thomas), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Joshua Johnson and others sued Andrew Maxwell, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Thorowgood).

Robert Drummond brought action for debt against James Annis and William Drummond, who had been arrested but did not appear. Unless they appeared next court, judgment would be given against them for the debt in the declaration. **[End p. 203]**

John Mapp brought action for debt against Savage Cowdry, who failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and him and Sheriff William Selby.

William Spiers brought action of debt against Abel Holly and John Harman Jr. Unless Harman appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and Nicholas Pottor his bail. Abel Holly was again ordered arrested.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Thomas Woolridge, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested.

John Boyle and others (administrators of Neal M^cMullan, deceased) sued Thomas Marshall, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him for damages caused by his nonperformance of a promise.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued George Hope Jr, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Thomas Hope).

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Richard Justice, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him. **[End p. 204]**

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Spencer Griffin, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Cropper).

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Abel Russell, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Riley).

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Thomas Robertson, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Francis Litchfield).

Jabez Pitt (executor of Jabez Pitt, deceased) sued Coventon Ewell, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Charles Parks and John Riley).

Thomas Hinman sued William Andrews, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Riley).

Littleton Dennis's female executor sued John Benson, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Charles Parks).

Littleton Dennis's female executor sued Ephraim Millman, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (William Patterson).

Littleton Dennis's female executor sued Howell Gladding, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Benston).

Littleton Dennis's female executor sued William Parramore, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Samuel Beavans). **[End p. 205]**

Littleton Dennis's female executor sued John Michael, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Nath^l Beavans).

Ayres Gilles sued George Bradford, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Edmund Poulson's executors); Poulson had been bail for Bradford's appearance.

John Barclay sued Jacob Rodgers, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Smith, carpenter).

Caleb Tackle sued James Cox, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (James Braughton).

John Carlyle &c executors of James Glading sued Jabez Pitt (executor of Jabez Pitt, deceased), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Abraham Outten sued Johannes Watson, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Thorowgood Smith).

Joseph Staten brought action for trespass against Levin Teackle, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Littleton Dennis's female executor sued Jabez Pitts' executor, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him. **[End p. 206]**

Elijah Nock sued Thomas Hope, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail, Thomas Hope (sic) and George Hope.

Benjamin Turlington brought action for trespass against Margaret Beloate, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against her and her bail (Sarah Leatherbury).

Benjamin Turlington brought action for trespass against Sarah Beloate, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against her and her bail (Sarah Leatherbury).

Jabez Pitt (executor of Jabez Pitt) brought action of debt against John Smith and Nichl Robins. Smith, who had been arrested, failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and his bail (Coventon Ewell). It was again ordered that Robins be arrested.

James Arbuckle sued (for debt) William Andrews and John Pettigrew. Unless Andrews appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and his bail (Southy Northam and Isaiah Johnson). James Henry became special bail for Pettigrew.

Custis Kellam sued (for debt) Gilbert Pielee, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Poulson).

Alexander M^cLaughlin sued (for debt) Babel Heath and Sarah Kellam, who were to appear next court or have judgment pass against them and Sarah's bail (William Kellam).

Charles Bagwell sued (for debt) John Hall, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Thorowgood Smith). **[End p. 207]**

John Mears sued (for debt) Caleb Teackle, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John West).

Edmund Scarbrough sued Isaac Dunton's executors, who claimed that he had not made the alleged agreement. The matter was referred to next court for trial.

James Henry vs Will^m Andrews was referred to next court for trial.

George Oldham vs James Taylor was continued at the cost of Oldham.

Stephen Fletcher vs Solomon Groten was abated by the death of Groten.

William Tisaker sued William Tilney's executor, who admitted owing £2:08:06 ½.

James Henry (executor of Pettigrew, deceased) sued William Andrews, who said he owed nothing and was granted till next court to try to settle. **[End p. 208]**

“The King” vs Robert Hutson was agreed and dismissed.

Littleton Dennis’s female executor vs John Morrison (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Edward Ewell sued James Ingram, who was granted time to try to settle.

William Bradford brought action of equity against Nath^l Bradford and others, who were given till next court to answer the complaint.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Sampson Perkins, whom the sheriff could not find. It was again ordered that Perkins be arrested.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Thomas Woolridge, whom the sheriff could not find. It was again ordered that Woolridge be arrested.

William Taylor sued Levy Nock, whom the sheriff could not find. It was again ordered that Nock be arrested.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Major Cole was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 209]**

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Thomas Hope was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs John Crippen Jr was abated by the death of Crippen.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued George Hope, for whom James Henry become special bail. Hope was given time to try to settle.

Robert Foreman (assignee of Ramsay) vs James Ingram was agreed and dismissed.

Smith Henderson sued Thomas Waters, who failed to appear. Judgment was awarded against him for a debt of £10:00:00 and costs.

John Prewit and his wife Hannah brought action for trespass, assault and battery against John Gootee, who was granted time to try to settle.

George Holden’s administrators vs Luther Martin was abated by the death of the plaintiff. **[End p. 210]**

Caleb Teackle vs George Holden was abated by the death of Holden.

Samuel Henderson vs Stephen Massey was agreed and dismissed.

John Pettigrew vs Francis Litchfield was abated by the death of Litchfield.

Daniel Mifflin vs Ezekiel Tunnell was abated by the death of Tunnell.

Ann Warrington vs Darby Burnett was abated by the death of Burnett.

James Georghehan vs John Hutchinson was abated by the death of Hutchinson.

John David vs John Darby was agreed and dismissed.

William Andrews sued (for trespass) James Henry, who pled not guilty and was granted time to try to settle.

William Drummond Jr vs Gilbert Pielee (for debt) was abated by Drummond's death.

Littleton Dennis's female executor vs Severn Guttridge (for debt) was abated by the death of Guttridge. **[End p. 211]**

George Holden vs John Drummond (for debt) was abated by the death of Holden.

Charles Taylor vs Joshua Riggs (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Littleton Townsend's executor vs Abraham Outten was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

George Holden vs Peter Hardy and others was abated by the death of Holden.

Littleton Townsend's executor vs Gilbert Pilee (for debt) was abated by the death of plaintiff.

Sarah Lewis vs Clement Parker and others was abated by the marriage of Sarah.

William Evans brought action for trespass, assault and battery against John Chandler, who was granted time to try to settle.

Ezekiel Delastatus brought action for trespass, assault and battery against Robert M^cClean, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 212]**

George Gilchrist vs James Ingram was agreed and dismissed.

Johannes Watson, who sued Abraham Outten, failed to prosecute. The case was dismissed with Outten recovering costs.

Moses Musgrave vs William Paradice (for trespass) was dismissed.

William Cutlar vs Robert Culley (for debt) was dismissed.

Edward Taylor vs Nathaniel Powell was abated by the death of Powell.

James Berry vs Aaron Johnson (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

James Henry vs Shadrack Johnson was agreed and dismissed.

Sarah Parker Simpson and others vs William Parker (for trespass) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 213]**

William Horn, who sued John Swift, failed to prosecute. The case was dismissed with Swift recovering costs.

Arthur Upsher sued Thomas Snead, who was granted time to try to settle.

Arthur Harper vs Robert M^cClean (for trespass, assault and battery) was agreed and dismissed.

Reuben Westerhouse vs Timothy Collins (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Enoch Lyon vs Caleb Townsend was agreed and dismissed.

On the motion of Phillip Parker West, it was ordered that William Stephens be added to the tithables of St George's Parish.

John Prewit and wife sued John Pettit for slander. Yesterday's jury found Pettit guilty and assessed the damages at 40 shillings plus costs. **[End p. 214]**

Guardian Timothy Owen swore to his account against orphan Gilbert Morris.

Arthur Savage (minor represented by James Taylor) brought action of equity against Robert Savage (heir at law of Major Savage, deceased) and Margaret Savage (administrator of Major Savage (deceased)). Ordered that Edward Ker, John Smith (of Matchapungo) and Thomas Teackle divide the slaves and report to court for a final decree.

Richard Bull added himself to the tithables of St George's Parish.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Ann Justice was dismissed at Ezekiel's cost. Susannah Justice was allowed 25 lbs tobacco for serving as a witness for one day on behalf of Ann.

George Hope brought action against John Hampton. The jury –

John Poolman	Absalom Foster	Jonathan Willet	Custis Hickman
William Welch	Thomas Hickman	John Taylor	Jacob Taylor
William Wright	John Dix	Levin Dix	Henry Wright

– found Hampton guilty and assessed Hope’s damages at £209:05:04 plus costs for nonperformance of an agreement. Hope released £9:05:04 of the sum due him. **[End p. 215]** Hampton (with his attorney James Taylor) requested and was granted an appeal after giving security.

Abraham Outten vs Jeremiah Mason was agreed and dismissed.

Shadrack Mears, who sued William Welch, failed to prosecute, and the case was dismissed with Welch recovering his costs. Woodman Bloxom, Thomas Hickman and Sarah Bailey swore they had each attended four days as witnesses for Welch; John Dix Jr and Levin Dix each swore they attended two days. Ordered that they be paid [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

James Twiford sued Robert Parker, who failed to appear. Twiford was granted execution against him for £8:14:04 and 448 lbs tobacco in addition to his costs.

Benjamin West vs William Young was dismissed at West’s cost.

The minutes were signed by Southy Simpson. **[End p. 216]**

Accomack County Court – 29 September 1778

Present: Thomas Teackle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, Nath^l Beavans (p. 217)

Guardian Jacob Bird swore to his accounts against orphans William Bennet and Nelly Mason.

Orphan Ayres Stockley chose Alexander Stockley as his guardian (security: George Corbin).

Justice John Custis entered court.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Littleton Mears (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of James Hornsby (deceased) was submitted.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound Nathaniel Jackson to Harman Taylor till lawful age to learn the trade of plasterer.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Benjamin Watson was submitted.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound orphan John Fortune to John Pitts till lawful age to learn the “art of agriculture.”

The appraisers of the estate of William Hickman were to audit/settle the same.

Jonathan Mears and wife Joyce acknowledged a deed to John Silverthorn.

The appraisers of the estate of William Braughton were to audit/settle the same. **[End p. 217]**

Guardian Major Cole swore to his account against orphan James Walker.

Guardian Henry Gascoyne swore to his account against orphan Elizabeth Gascoyne.

Guardian Richard Bundick swore to his account against orphan Benjamin West.

John Chandler brought action of ejection against William Evans, who swore that witness Spencer Bagwell was infirm. Ordered that George Oldham, Gilbert Pielie and Levin Bunting take Bagwell's deposition and turn it in at next court.

In William Ross vs Spencer Smith, a commission was directed to Nath^l Beavans, John Burton and Alexander Stockley, who were to take the depositions of John Shae and his wife Tabitha, who were "infirm witnesses."

Henry Brooks, who sued Danl Mifflin and his wife Anne, successfully moved that depositions be taken of witnesses.

A deed from Littleton Major and wife Sarah to Thomas Teackle was proved by John Smith, Augustine Lecatte and Americus Scarbrough.

Ordered that John Bloxom be surveyor of Wallop's Bridge in the place of Jonathan Mears, who was discharged from that office. **[End p. 218]**

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Levin Wilkerson as the supposed father of Hannah Merrill's bastard child. Wilkerson submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with his security (Jessee Taylor) posting the same amount to save the parish from supporting the child. Levin was to pay Hannah £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Major Chambers as the supposed father of Mary Powell's bastard child. Chambers submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with his security (John Riley, Elijah Grinalds, Thomas Lilleston and John Custis) posting the same amount to save the parish from supporting the child. Levin was to pay Mary £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Smaw as the supposed father of Esther Satchel's bastard child. Smaw submitted himself to the court, which ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with his security (Thomas Riley and Drake Drummond) posting the same amount to save the parish from supporting the child. Smaw was to pay Esther £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Mary Booth for bastardy. Thomas Bayley Jr posted bond to save the parish from supporting the child. **[End p. 219]**

Ordered that John Barnes pay Jemimah Russel £10:00:00 per year in quarterly payments "for the maintenance of a bastard child, of which he is the supposed father."

Ordered that Thomas Sandford be surveyor of the road in the place of John Silverthorn, who was discharged from that office.

The will of Francis Savage (deceased) was proved by Isaiah Garrison and George Garrison with the approval of heir Richard Savage. Executors Richard Savage and Francis Savage were sworn (security: Benjamin Floyd and Thomas Burton). Ordered that John Smith, Joshua Wyatt, Jonathan Garrison and Peter Savage appraise the estate as well as audit/settle the same.

Thomas Robinson and his wife (administrator of Jn^o Montgomery, deceased) sued Peter Hack, who admitted owing £2:10:04 with costs.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Laban Smith, who admitted owing £2:06:05 with interest from 16 June 1773. **[End p. 220]**

Ezekiel Delastatius sued William Hastins, who admitted owing £3:09:01 with interest from 6 July 1773.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Southy Ross, who admitted owing £2:02:00 with interest from 1 August 1772.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Andrew Russell, who admitted owing £2:08:04 with interest from 29 May 1773.

Montgomery's female administrator sued Elizabeth Teackle, who admitted owing £1:12:11.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Thomas Evans was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Richard Davis was abated by the death of Davis.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Sarah Hickman was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Ezekiel Harman was abated by the death of Harman. **[End p. 221]**

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Muns Bishop was dismissed at the cost of Delastatius.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Sarah Bayley was agreed and dismissed.

Mary Baker vs William Baker was agreed and dismissed.

Sinah Rew vs Shadrack Melson was agreed and dismissed.

William Andrews with wife Susannah acknowledged a deed to Thomas Kelly.

Elijah Nock swore that he attended six days as a witness for John Hampton (who was sued by George Hope). Hampton was to pay him [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Justice John Burton entered court.

John Harrison complained against Thomas Leatherbury for abusing his apprentice. After hearing the parties, it was the court's opinion that the complaint was frivolous; Harrison was to pay costs.

On the motion of Zorobabel Rodgers, it was ordered that Richard Bundick, John Drummond and Elijah Grinalds view the road for which William Riley petitioned. **[End p. 222]**

A deed from Isaac Smith with wife Elizabeth and Thorowgood Smith with wife Mary to John Bradford Sadler was acknowledged by Isaac and proved by the oaths William Townsend and William Gibb.

George Kellam chose William Bell as his guardian (security: Thomas Custis and William Bell Sr).

The will of Coventon Corbin (deceased) was proved by Shadrack Dennis and Jamimah M^cReady with the approval of heir George Corbin. Executor George Corbin was sworn (security: William Selby). Ordered that Thomas Marshal, Peter Marshal, Shadrack Dennis and Savage Cowdry appraise the estate as well as audit/settle the same.

A deed from John Riley and wife Ann to William Parker was acknowledged by John.

Isaac Smith, surveyor and partner of Bowdoin and others, brought action against Joshua Taylor, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would enter against Taylor and his bail (Sarah Taylor) for damages sustained by Smith because of Taylor's nonperformance of an agreement. Damages were to be determined by a jury.

John Harris sued James Holden, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (Thorowgood Smith). **[End p. 223]**

Smith Snead brought action of debt against Levin Bayley's executor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Patience Bayley (minor represented by Sarah Bayley) petitioned against Margaret Bayley and others. Ordered that the sheriff make partition of the "Lands & Tenements" mentioned in the bill.

Justice Thomas Bayley left the court; Ja^s Arbuckle, John Smith and Clement Parker entered.

Abel Kelly's tithable named Caleb Watson was added to the list for St George's Parish.

James Arbuckle vs Enock Lyon was agreed and dismissed.

John Bundick vs James Wharton was continued at Wharton's expense.

Argol Kellam and others brought action of equity against Frances Kellam , who was granted time.

Charles Snead vs John Chandler was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 224]**

Richard Justice brought action of debt against George Hope, who was granted time to try to settle.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Levi Hornsby (deceased) was submitted.

Moses Roberts (executor of Leah Milby deceased) brought action of equity against Coward William (executor), who was granted time to answer the complaint.

John Fitzgerrald sued Isaiah Johnson, who was granted time to try to settle.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action of debt against John Finney, who was granted a hearing.

George Parker brought action of debt against Edw^d Parish's executors, who were granted a hearing.

Jonathan Harding sued Edward Ker, who was granted a hearing.

Nicholas Bayley sued Edmund Custis, who was granted a hearing.

Daniel Underhill petitioned to reroute a road; ordered that Joshua Turner, Moses Benston, Richard Savage and William Ward view the same and make report. **[End p. 225]**

Anthony Bardy sued Thomas Parker, whom the sheriff could not find in his bailiwick. Parker was again ordered arrested.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Bagwell Custis (deceased) was submitted.

Guardian John Chandler swore to his account against orphan West Kellam.

John Sharpley petitioned against William Powell for disposing of a watch; the matter was agreed and dismissed.

John Sharpley petitioned against William Powell for disposing of a broach; the matter was agreed and dismissed.

Susannah Phillips and others vs Eben Berry was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Ives swore he had attended one day as a witness for John Sharpley; ordered that Sharpley pay him [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Elizabeth Guy was licensed to keep a tavern at her house for a year.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Thomas Rodgers to Eli Hornsby till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter. **[End p. 226]**

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. John Smith.

Accomack County Court – 30 September 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, John Smith, Henry Fletcher, John Custis, John Burton (p. 227)

Nehemiah Roach vs Rob^t M^cClean was agreed and dismissed.

Leah Roach vs Rob^t M^cClean was agreed and dismissed.

Revel Custis and wife sued William Wyatt, who was granted time to try to settle.

Revel Custis and wife sued William Wyatt and others, who were granted time to try to settle.

Samuel Wilson sued (for trespass) Jonathan Bunting and others, who were granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 227]**

Samuel Wilson sued (for trespass) Jonathan Bunting, who was granted time to try to settle.

Levin Teackle sued Peter Tissia, who could not be found. Teackle was granted an attachment against Peter's estate for the debt, which amounted to £200:00:00 and costs.

Levin Teackle vs Thomas Parramore was continued at Teackle's cost.

Ralph Corbin, who sued Rob^t Bayley, was to recover £1:07:09 ½ and his costs.

Justice Thomas Teackle entered court.

Samuel Henderson, who sued Savage Cowdry, was to recover £5:00:00 and costs.

Sackar Parker, who sued William Downing, was to recover £3:03:00 and costs.

Jacob Taylor, who sued Samuel Rody, was to recover £3:12:00 and costs. **[End p. 228]**

Mary Dickerson, who sued William Taylor, was to recover £4:19:11 and costs.

William Andrews vs James Henry was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith, George Corbin, James Taylor and Charles Bagwell, whose judgment would be the award of the court.

William Andrews vs James Henry (for trespass) was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith, George Corbin, James Taylor and Charles Bagwell, whose judgment would be the award of the court.

William Andrews vs James Henry [*for equity?*] was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith, George Corbin, James Taylor and Charles Bagwell, whose judgment would be the award of the court.

James Henry vs William Andrews was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith, George Corbin, James Taylor and Charles Bagwell, whose judgment would be the award of the court.

James Henry (executor of Petigrew) vs William Andrews (for debt) was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith, George Corbin, James Taylor and Charles Bagwell, whose judgment would be the award of the court.

Elijah Grinalds vs John Lyon (clerk) was agreed and dismissed.

Justice William Downing entered court. **[End p. 229]**

Scarborough Snead (minor female represented by Jn^o Snead) brought action against Peter Hardy, who had been arrested but did not appear. Unless he appeared next court, Scarborough would be awarded damages sustained by the nonperformance of an agreement; a jury would determine the amount.

Elizabeth Hinman acknowledged a deed to Thomas Russell.

John Turner swore he had traveled 20 miles from Northampton to this court and had attended twelve days as a witness for William Selby, who was sued by the justices of this county. Ordered that Selby pay him according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day plus additional tobacco for travel*].

The Common Wealth brought action against William Stockley and another [*Margaret Dolby*] “for unlawful cohabitation with each other & for illusing Sarah Stockley the Wife of the said William.” After hearing the parties and the witnesses, it was the court’s opinion that William was guilty. Ordered that he be bound over to the next grand jury court, that he pay the costs of this prosecution and that Sarah be allowed to bring a bill in chancery as a pauper against William to compel him to pay “her a separate maintenance.” It was noted that “William may be taken &c [*arrested*].” William Bell, Nanny Bell, Betty Bell, Sarah Jones and Sarah Bradford swore they each attended two days

as witnesses; Peggy White attended one day on behalf of the Common Wealth. Ordered that Stockley pay them 25 lbs tobacco per day. The above witnesses were to be summoned to the grand jury. **[End p. 230]**

Ezekiel Delastatius and wife Mary acknowledged a deed to Samuel Henderson.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Jacob Lurton (deceased) was submitted.

Ann Tompkins vs Jonathan West (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Ann Tompkins vs John Wise (executor of John Wise, deceased) was agreed and dismissed.

Savage Cowdry vs Robert Bayley was referred to the determination of Thomas Marshal, Ayres Gillet and Robert M^cClean, whose award would be the judgment of the court.

Orphan John Wise chose Tully Wise as guardian (security: John Custis of the Bay Side).

Tully Wise qualified as a justice of the peace by taking the oaths.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against George Oldham as the supposed father of Nany Milby's bastard child. Oldham submitted himself to the court, which **[end p. 231]** ordered him to post a £250:00:00 bond with his security (Abraham Outten) posting a like bond to save the parish from all costs of supporting the child. Oldham was to pay Nany £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action of bastardy against Salone Benston. Benjamin Thomas Watson and Major Davis posted a bond "as above" to save the parish from all costs of supporting the child.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Powell as the supposed father of Rebecca Scott's bastard child. John West came into court and posted a bond "as above" to save the parish from the cost of supporting the child. Bridget Carmine swore she had attended six days as a witness for John Powell at the suit of the churchwardens; ordered that he pay her for the same *[25 lbs tobacco per day]*.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Henry Fletcher. **[End p. 232]**

Accomack County Court – 1 October 1778

Present: Southy Simpson, John Custis, Henry Fletcher, Tully Wise (p. 233)

Charles Snead and others brought action for equity against Sacker Parker, who failed to appear; attachment was awarded against him.

Allen Jones brought action of debt against William Vere, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and Sheriff William Selby for the debts in the declaration.

Thomas Robinson and his wife (administrator of Jn^o Montgomery, deceased) vs James Selby was dismissed.

Ezekiel Young vs William Andrews was dismissed.

Samuel Ramsay vs Charles Allen was dismissed. **[End p. 233]**

Mary Dickerson , who sued William Delastatus, was to recover £2:00:00 and her costs.

John Coleburn vs John Barclay was dismissed “for want of the writ the clerk being called upon & could not produce it.”

Upon the motion of apprentice Joshua Lawrence, it was ordered that his master, John Major, be summoned to appear next court to answer Joshua’s complaint that Major had neglected to give him education. Joshua was to be considered “as not under the Jurisdiction of his said Master” till next court.

James Lewis sued John Drummond for broken covenant. The jury –

John Dix	John Taylor	Thomas Hope	Richard Justice
Robinson Custis	James Twiford	Henry Heath	Muns Bishop
Benjamin Peck	Charles Snead	John Gootee	Major Davis

– found that Drummond had not broken his covenant. Lewis was to pay Drummond’s costs of defense. Rachel Shores, who attended three days as a witness for Drummond, was to be paid 25 lbs tobacco per day. **[End p. 234]**

Joseph Custis brought action against Robert Snead; the jury –

Zorobabel Rodgers	Edmund Core	James Lewis	Sackar Parker
John Drummond	Robert Drummond	Custis Rodgers	Stephen Drummond
John Drummond Jr	Richard Grinalds	John Riley	Clement Cutlar

– found Snead guilty and assessed Custis’s damages at £5:00:00 plus his costs of defense. George Poulson attended sixteen days as a witness for Custis; he was to be paid for the same [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

William Finney acknowledged a deed to John Finney.

Justice James Arbuckle entered court; John Custis left the court.

Sackar Parker brought action against John Custis. The jury –

Zorobabel Rodgers	Edmund Core	James Lewis	Custis Rodgers
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Stephen Drummond	John Drummond Jr	Richard Grinalds	Clement Cutlar
William Snead	Robert Drummond	Israel Watson	Solomon Dix

– retired to reach a verdict.

Ordered that Thomas Bayley, John Custis and John Riley “audit & settle between Edward Parker & Sacker Parker Decd & return the Same to the next Court.” **[End p. 235]**

Charles Metcalf petitioned that he owned land on one side of Walker’s (or Metcalf’s) Branch convenient for building a water mill and asked that an acre of land be laid off on the opposite side for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to go upon the land to view and value it along with the timber, houses, orchards and other things on the adjacent land that might be affected. They were to report next court.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 27 October 1778

Present: Henry Fletcher, Nath^l Beavans, John Smith, John Custis (p. 236)

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Stephen Marsey (deceased) audit/settle the same.

A deed from Thorowgood Smith and others to John Bradford was further proved by the oath of John Teackle Jr.

An account of the estate sale of John Hornsby (deceased) was submitted and recorded.

Justice Clement Parker and Thomas Bayley entered court. **[End p. 236]**

The will of Levi Watson (deceased) was proved by John Mears and Daniel Mears. Executor Churchill Aimes was sworn (security: John Mears). Ordered that William Ward, Levi Aimes, John Mears (son of Elisha) and Caleb Aimes appraise the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Stephen Marsey (deceased) was submitted, as was an audit/settlement of the estate.

Those appointed to view the road for which John Bloxom petitioned reported that they had viewed the road and found it sufficiently cleared. Signed, William Downing and William Patterson. Ordered that the road be established.

Those appointed to hire workmen to repair the Swanzy Gutt Bridge and causeway reported that William Selby undertook the repair for £464:00:00, and that he had repaired the bridge and causeway according to his contract. Signed 24 October 1778, George Corbin and William Downing. Ordered that the sheriff pay Selby the above sum. **[End p. 237]**

The Common Wealth brought action against Robinson Custis, who had posted a recognizance to keep the peace upon the complaint of Bridget Carmine. Custis was to pay costs (236 lbs tobacco).

Edward Ker brought action for trespass against Stephen Mister, who failed to appear. Attachment was to issue against Mister's estate.

Thomas Newton brought action of debt against John Sherlock, whom the sheriff could not find. He was again ordered arrested.

Upon the petition of Clement Parker for a road, it was ordered that John West, Thomas Bayley, John Custis and Thomas Chandler lay off the same.

Justice Tully Wise and Will^m Downing entered court.

Jonathan Mears brought action of debt against Hannah Hinman, who posted special bail (Benjamin Royal and Thomas Russell) and was granted time to try to settle.

Robert Henderson brought action against Tho^s Hust (sic), who posted special bail (Richard Bonewell) and was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 238]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Raymond Riley and Abigail Rew for bastardy. John Custis (Bay Side) posted a £500:00:00 recognizance to save the parish from paying "all costs & damages by occasion of a bastard child begotten on the body of the said Abigail & that he pay her" £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

William Stockley acknowledged a deed to Henry Kelly.

The will of Peter Hardy (deceased) was proved by Clement Parker and Joshua Niel. Executor John Wise was sworn (security: John Riley Parker). Ordered that Rob^t Drummond, William Drummond, John Riley and John Drummond appraise the estate.

Charles Bagwell and John Finney (executors of Babel Rodgers deceased) acknowledged a deed to Levin Rodgers.

Those appointed to view the road for which William Riley petitioned found the road to be sufficiently cleared and in good order. Signed, Richard Bundick, Elijah Grinalds and John Drummond. **[End p. 239]** The road was ordered established.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Joshua Lawrence to Thomas Bayley Sr till lawful age to learn the art and mystery of navigation.

Ezek^l Bradford's lessee brought action of ejectment against Nath^l Bradford and others. On the motion of John Bradford, who swore that William Hyslop and Rowland Savage were old and infirm

and that he believed they were material witnesses, it was ordered that Clement Parker, John Spiers and Argol Kellam take their depositions.

John Smith (Pungoteague) asked to clear a road. Ordered that Abraham Outten, Charles Bayley and William Finney view the area and “report the necessity of the same next court.”

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound William Hornsby to Henry Trader till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter.

John Riley Parker was appointed constable in the place of Major Ironmonger, who was discharged from that office; Parker appeared and qualified by taking the oaths.

John Phillips and others brought action for equity against William Parramore, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 240]**

Levin Claywell sued Major Ironmonger, who was granted time to try to settle.

Bridget Carmine sued Edward Shores, who was granted time to try to settle.

Ishmael Andrews sued Spencer Hickman, who was granted time to try to settle.

Margaret Dawson sued John Aimes (over dower), who was granted time to try to settle.

Coventon Carmine sued Edmund Custis, who was granted time to try to settle.

Sarah Stockley brought action for equity against William Stockley, who was granted time till next court to answer the bill. Ordered that William “allow her a maintenance according to her rank upon the plantation in a separate apartment & that he pay unto William Bell the sum of £6:00:00 for maintaining her near one month.”

Edward Shores swore that he attended three days as a witness for John Drummond at the suit of James Lewis. Ordered that Drummond pay Shores according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of William Coward (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 241]**

On 22 September 1778, Sheriff William Selby impaneled a jury to make inquiry into John Taylor’s petition for a mill. The following men –

George Cutlar	Edmund Wise	Obednigo Gunter	John Warrington
John Eliot	John Poolman	John Kelly	William Turlington
Absalom Foster	James Twiford	Nash Kellam	Finley Rodgers

– examined the acre petitioned for (which they valued at £5:00:00) as well as the adjacent land that might be affected. Building the mill would cause damages to [*blank*] Floyd of £15:00:00, and

damages to John Bundick of £29:07:06, but it would not destroy houses or orchards. The document was signed by the sheriff and the jurors. Ordered that Taylor have liberty to build the mill.

James Scott's tithables were added the list of St George's Parish: Scott himself, Dorset, Jack, Pungo, Sampson, George, Hannah & Darky.

Ebon Andrews brought attachment against Danl Dishon for £9:18:00. Clement Parker swore that he had "a Sufficiency in his hands" to pay the debt, which was ordered done. (FiFa: 4 November 1778).
[End p. 242]

The citation of the Common Wealth against John Major for "Ill using his apprentice in not giving him education" was dismissed with Major paying costs.

Ordered that the sheriff summon a grand jury to appear next court.

The will of Sebastian Cropper (deceased) was proved by Charles Taylor, Mary Simpson and William Arbuckle with the consent of heir Sebastian Cropper. Executors James Arbuckle and Sebastian Bowman were sworn (security: George Corbin). Ordered that Thomas Bayley Jr, William Arbuckle, John Cropper and Thomas Copes appraise the estate.

William Mitchel brought action of debt against William Vere, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment for the debt would be granted against him and Sheriff William Selby.

Nath^l Bradford brought action of debt against W^m Hyslop Bradford, who was to appear next court or have judgment for the debt pass against him and his [bail].

William Mitchel and others brought action against Edw^d Parish's executors, who were given till next court to answer. **[End p. 243]**

John Sherlock brought action of debt against John Boicourt, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested.

Selby Vanellson brought action of debt against John Boicourt, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested.

Peter Shield sued Will^m Bennet, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Ezek^l Delastatius' petition against John Kelly was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Edm^d Tunnell was agreed and dismissed.

John Gootee vs Benjⁿ Mifflin was agreed and dismissed.

Tho^s Mason vs Mary Mason was dismissed.

Edw^d Ker vs William Shae was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 244]**

Ordered that Agnes Hogshire “widow of Rob^t Hogshire a poor Soldier who died in the service of this state” be allowed £4:00:00 per month from 26 November 1777, to 27 October 1778, for the support of herself and her four children.

Thomas Phillips (orphan of John Phillips) chose Major Ironmonger as guardian (security: John Riley Parker).

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Henry Fletcher.

Accomack County Court – 28 October 1778

Present: Henry Fletcher, John Custis, Clement Parker, Tully Wise (p. 245)

Jonathan Powell’s petition against Richard Justice was dismissed, “there being no return.”

James Henry with wife Sarah acknowledged a deed to George Corbin.

Levin Teackle brought action against Peter Tissia for an attachment amounting to £78:17:00. Edward Custis swore he had sufficient effects in his hands to pay the debt, and it was so ordered. **[End p. 245]**

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish brought action against John Sherlock for bastardy with Fanny Carmine. After hearing the prosecuting attorney and Sherlock’s attorney (James Henry), the court was of the opinion that Sherlock was the father of Fanny’s child and ordered that he enter into recognizance for the child’s support and pay court costs. Sherlock asked to appeal this judgment to the general court, which was granted on the condition that he give security to pay £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments [*for the child’s support*].

Justice Thomas Bayley entered court.

Ordered that James Thornton pay Mary Cary £10:00:00 per year in quarterly payments after 3 November 1778, “for the support of a Bastard Child of which he is the supposed Father.”

Thomas Teackle Gore complained for equity against John Gore, both of whom agreed that James Berry, William Downing and Joseph Mathews should divide the slaves mentioned in the bill and report to the court for a final decree.

Justice John Burton entered court.

William Andrews vs George Hope was continued at the cost of Andrews.

Samuel Henderson vs William Taylor was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 246]**

John Kendal (security: James Henry and George Corbin) was granted administration of the estate of Jabez Kendal (deceased). Ordered that William Downing, William Ewell, Scarbrough Tunnel and Charles Tunnel appraise, audit and settle the estate.

Justice John Custis, Tully Wise and Clem^t Parker left the court; John Smith and Thomas Teackle entered.

Muns Bishop was to pay Robert Justice £4:10:09 plus court costs. ([CaSa:] Feb 1779)

Muns Bishop was to pay Joshua Melson £4:19:06. (CaSa: 12 Nov 1778)

James Bosewell was to pay James Duncan £3:18:09 plus costs with interest from 25 March 1772.

Edmund Rodgers was to pay John Barclay £1:06:03, 65 lbs tobacco and another £0:07:06 with interest from 27 April 1773. (CaSa: 8 Feb 1779 and 1 July 1779) **[End p. 247]**

William Lawrence was to pay Elijah Mears an unspecified sum with interest.

Joshua George was to pay Samuel Henderson £1:13:03 with interest from 23 September 1774.

William Taylor (carpenter) was to pay Samuel Henderson £1:11:09 ½ with interest from 15 January 1773.

Stephen Taylor was to pay Samuel Henderson £3:11:11 and 3 farthings with interest from 1 June 1774.

James Ingram was to pay Samuel Henderson £4:11:00 with interest from 24 March 1774.

Jabez Pitt was to pay Samuel Henderson £2:01:11 with interest from 11 November 1773. **[End p. 248]**

Richard Justice was to pay Samuel Henderson £2:12:09 with interest from 2 September 1773.

John March was to pay Samuel Henderson £1:10:04 with interest from 1 April 1773.

Scarbrough Broadwater was to pay Samuel Henderson £1:17:06 ½, but Henderson released all except the court costs.

Samuel Henderson vs Thomas Broadwater was continued at the cost of Henderson.

Samuel Henderson vs Stephen Marsey was abated by the death of Marsey.

Samuel Henderson vs Michael Robins was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs Thomas Slocomb was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs Rob^t Pitt was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 249]**

Samuel Henderson vs Sarah Hutchinson was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs Henry Sammons was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs Esther Massey was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs John Mathews was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs Henry Jones was abated by the death of Jones.

Jamimah Booth vs Edmund Custis was dismissed.

John Bundick vs James Wharton was dismissed.

Ezek^l Delastatius vs Hezekh White was abated by the death of White. **[End p. 250]**

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Price Collins was abated by the death of Collins.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Andrew English was abated by the death of English.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs John Cook was abated by the death of Cook.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs John Garrott was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs John Kelly was agreed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Edmund Tunnel was agreed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Sarah Bloxom was agreed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs George Cleyton was dismissed.

Benjⁿ West vs William Young Sr was continued at the cost of West. **[End p. 251]**

Jacob White Sr, moved that Severn Hinman be added to White's tithables in Accomack Parish.

William Colony moved that Joseph Burton, Sampson, Robin, Sarah and Hannah be added to his list of tithables in St George's Parish.

In Nany Parker and others vs Scarbrough Parker, those appointed to divide the slaves reported that they had "Sold the Negroe in the order mentioned" and divided £303:00:00 with each party getting £60:12:00, or one fifth: Nany Parker, Mary Parker, Mary Parker, Susie Parker and Scarbrough Parker. Signed 27 October 1778, Charles Bagwell and Thomas Crippen. Ordered that the division be established.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound orphan John Bradford to James Haven till lawful age to learn the trade of blacksmith.

The minutes were signed by Henry Fletcher. **[End p. 252]**

Accomack County Court – 24 November 1778

**Present: John Smith Sr, Thomas Bayley, Thomas Teackle, John Custis
Nath^l Beavans, John Smith Jr, John Burton (p. 253)**

A deed from Elizabeth Guy to Jacob Cunes was proved by Samuel Rody and William Gibb.

A commission and private examination to a deed from John Powell and wife to Elizabeth Guy was recorded.

On 23 October 1778, Sheriff William Selby impaneled a jury to make inquiry into Charles Bagwell's petition for a mill. The following men –

Richard Bundick	John Parker	William Finney	Archibd Barnes
John Bundick	Isaiah Hickman	Thomas Young	Cha ^s White
Benj ⁿ West	John Evans	Mark Evans	Richard Justice

– examined the acre petitioned for (which they valued at £3:10:04) as well as the adjacent land that might be affected. Building the mill would cause £5:16:08 damages to William Ewell, but it would not destroy houses or orchards. The document was signed by the sheriff and the jurors. Ordered that **[end p. 253]** Bagwell have liberty to build the mill.

Charles Metcalf's petition for a mill was continued.

On the motion of Seth Ewell, it was ordered that he and Milly be added to the list of tithables in St George's Parish.

On the motion of Naomi Bayley, it was ordered that Benjamin, Lucy and Thamar be added to the list of tithables in St George's Parish.

The will of Thomas Cutlar was proved by John Folio and Sarah Harrison. Executors John Arlington and Sarah Cutlar were sworn (security: John Folio). Ordered that John Mears, John Bagg, John Darby and John Fletcher appraise the estate.

John Riley petitioned that he owned land on one side of Back Creek convenient for building a water grist mill and asked that an acre on the other side belonging to Thomas Young be condemned for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to view and value the same as well as assess the damage that might be done to adjacent lands.

On the motion of David Watson, it was ordered that David himself, Shadrack Watson, Severn Watson and Teackle Watson be added to the list of tithables in St George's Parish. **[End p. 254]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Griffeth Stakes to Thomas Hust till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Laban Lewis to George Gibson till lawful age to learn the trade of joiner.

The will of Provost Nelson was proved by Major Ironmonger and Mary Ironmonger. John Harman was sworn (security: Elijah Watson and Zorobabel Rodgers).

Orphan Edmund Watson chose Elijah Watson as guardian (security: Reuben Joines and Henry Harman).

Ordered that Thomas Marshall and James Berry each be fined 400 lbs tobacco for not attending the grand jury when summoned.

Abel Upsher and Arthur Teackle were sworn (security: John Teackle and John Upsher) and were granted administration of the estate of Spencer Coleburn (deceased). Ordered that Thomas Burton, John Spiers, Zorobabel Kellam and Nath^l Bradford appraise the estate.

John Upsher and Abel Upsher were sworn (security: John Teackle and Thomas Teackle) and were granted administration of the estate of Caleb Upsher (deceased). Ordered that John Spiers, George Garrison, Thomas Burton and Zorobabel Kellam appraise the estate. **[End p. 255]**

Ordered that the appraisers of Spencer Coleburn's estate audit and settle the same.

Ordered that the appraisers of Caleb Upsher's estate audit and settle the same.

The will of Anthony West (deceased) was proved by Abel West and John West. Executors John West and Jeremiah West were sworn (security: John Teackle, Anthony West and William Young). Ordered that Thomas Teackle, Abel West, John Mears and John Smith appraise, audit and settle the estate.

Henry Custis Jr was foreman of the following grand jury –

Selby Simpson	Salathiel Fitchet	Joseph Fitzgerald	John Edmunds	Mark Metcalf
Rob ^t Drummond	William Parker	John Parker Jr	John Gootee	Upsher Colony
John Dix	Rich ^d Grinalds	Rich ^d Justice	Nichos Powell	John West
Abel West	Thomas Burton			

An account of the estate sale of James Rodgers (deceased) was submitted.

John Aimes and wife Margaretta acknowledged a deed to Churchill Aimes. **[End p. 256]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Solomon Kellam was submitted.

The will of William Tunnel (deceased) was proved by Joseph Mathews and Ann Mercy. Executor Mary Tunnel was sworn (security: Joseph Mathews and Robins Mathews). Ordered that Nath^l Beavans, Alex^r Stockley, Joseph Staton and Sacker Parker appraise, audit and settle the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Asa Hall (deceased) was submitted. Ordered that the appraisers of the estate audit and settle the same.

Orphan Peggy Heath chose John Wise as guardian (security: Zorobabel Rodgers).

Elizabeth Cowley (security: William Emmerson) was granted administration of the estate of Leah Cowley (deceased). Ordered that Rob^t James, Rich^d Justice, Nath^l Beavans and George Truit Taylor appraise the estate. **[End p. 257]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John M^cMeth for being the supposed father of Eliz^a Melson's female bastard. M^cMeth, who submitted himself to the court, was to post £250:00:00 with his security (Willet Lilleston) posting a like amount to save the parish from supporting the child. M^cMeth was to pay Elizabeth £12:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support and education of the child.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action for bastardy against Abigail Beloate. Nath^l Badger and Henry Heath were recognized as security to save the parish from supporting the child.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action for bastardy against Bridget Giddens. Major Chambers and Walter Scott were recognized as security to save the parish from supporting the child.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action for bastardy against Ann Satchell for three bastard children. Jacob Sherwood, Smith Millener and Thomas Copes were recognized as security to save the parish from supporting the children. **[End p. 258]**

Ordered that James Lewis pay Comfort Rew £10:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child "of which he is the presumptive father."

The will of William Hyslop (deceased) was proved by William B Walker and George Mears. Executor Hannah Hyslop was sworn (security: George Mears and Edmund Bradford).

Justice Clem^t Parker and Henry Fletcher entered court.

Ordered that William Walker, John Downing, Andrew Martin and John Ashby appraise the estate of William Hyslop (deceased).

John Smith (Pungo[teague]) acknowledged a deed to Jane Milburn.

Orphan John Metcalf chose Jacob Bird as guardian (security: Thomas Bayley Jr).

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound orphan Revell Custis to Revell Custis till lawful age to learn the trade of joiner.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Littn Harman (deceased) was submitted. Ordered that George Garrison, William Parramore and Rob Coleburn audit and settle the estate.

Ordered that Spencer Drummond, Henry Hall and John Silverthorn "receive the bridge" built over Crooked Creek and report to the court. **[End p. 259]**

Rodger Abbot petitioned that he owned land on one side of Back Creek Branch convenient for building a water grist mill; he asked that an acre on the opposite side be condemned for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to view and value the same and assess any damages to adjacent land that might be caused by the building of the mill. They were to report next court.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Henry Fletcher.

Accomack County Court – 25 November 1778

Present: Thomas Teackle, Nath^l Beavans, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 260)

Ordered that Nath^l Beavans, Zorobabel Rodgers and James Turlington audit and settle the estate of William Teackle (deceased).

Ordered that Thomas Riley, one of the grand jurymen who had been sworn, be discharged because of sickness. **[End p. 260]**

George Abbott acknowledged a deed to Thomas Abbott.

George Abbott acknowledged a deed to James Justice Abbott.

A commission and private examination regarding a deed from Isaac Smith and others to John Bradford was submitted.

Ezek^l Ross brought action of trespass against Levi Bloxom and others, who could not be found; they were again ordered arrested.

Sarah Merrill sued W^m Warrington, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

Charles Smith brought action of trespass against Rob^t Powell, who was granted time to try to settle.

Edmund Custis sued (for trespass) Nichos Bayley, who was granted time to try to settle.

Jonathan Mears brought action for debt against Eliz^a Hinman, who was granted time to try to settle.
[End p. 261]

James Henry (executor of W^m Drummond) brought action of debt against John Smith (Pocomoke), who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and his bail (Coventon Ewell) for the debt and costs.

Tatham's lessee brought action of ejectment against "Fen," who was replaced by William Colony as defendant; Colony pled not guilty, and the matter was continued for trial at the next court.

John Gillen sued James Holden, who failed to appear. Ordered that Gillen recover five shillings besides his costs.

George Hickman was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

Mary Lewis (security: Jonathan Willet and Thomas Lewis) was granted administration of the estate of Spencer Lewis. Ordered that Rob^t James, Cha^s Bagwell, Rich^d Bundick and John Lewis appraise the estate. **[End p. 262]**

Southy Mears vs Thomas Kellam was agreed and dismissed.

Arthur Upshur sued Thomas Snead, who said he did not make the agreement; the matter was referred to next court for trial.

Rob^t Pitts sued Southy Simpson, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Boicourt brought action of attachment against Danl Dishon. Garnishee Clement Parker swore he had "Twenty odd pounds in his hands" belonging to the defendant, which was enough to pay the debt of £7:00:00 and a debt due to Eben Andrews for £9:18:00 and court costs (for which Andrews already had a judgment). Ordered that the balance in the hands of Parker be condemned to pay the debt plus costs to Boicourt.

The grand jury sworn yesterday returned to court and made the following presentments and indictments:

- Thomas Cropper, presented “for not listing his Negro Toby “& letting him at liberty”
 - William Dunton, presented for not listing his Negro Dinah
 - William Custis, presented for letting his Negro Adam “go at liberty” [end p. 263]
 - Smith Snead, presented for not listing his son George
 - John Kellam, presented “for (not) setting Negro Lun at liberty”³
 - John Badger, presented “for ^ listing his son Jacob”³
 - Zorobabel Bunting, presented for not listing his brother
 - Garret Slover, presented for not listing himself as a tithable
 - Tho^s Leatherbury, presented for not listing his apprentice
 - Tho^s Bloxom, presented for not listing John Bloxom
 - Henry Kelly, presented for not listing his apprentice
 - John Baggs, presented for letting his Negro go at liberty
 - William Scarbrough, presented for not listing John Pusay
 - Catharine Coleburn, presented for not listing her tithables
 - John Sheal, presented for not listing himself as a tithable
 - Mary Beech, presented for not listing one Negro
 - Charles Taylor, presented for not listing himself and apprentices
 - Paris Isaac, presented for not listing himself
 - Daniel Rodgers, indicted “for maintaining & Defending the authority & Jurisdiction of the King and Parliament of Great Brittain over these free & Independent States”
 - John Bundick, indicted for larceny.
- Process was to issue against the above persons.

Ordered that Tully Wise be overseer of the road in the place of Anthony West; Thomas Burton was to replace Caleb Upsher (deceased) and Zorobabel Kellam was to replace Levin Teackle.

William Andrews qualified as a constable by taking the oaths. [End p. 264]

The Common Wealth brought action against Stephen Mister for a misdemeanor, but upon hearing the attorneys, it was ordered that he be discharged from his recognizance. “Whereupon the Court being informed by Luther Martin upon Oath that there was an Indictment pending in the general Court of the State of Maryland against the said Mister for high treason against that state and that the said Mister had been committed to the Sherif of Baltimore County to answer the said indictment from whom he escaped – It is therefore ordered that the said Mister be immediately committed to the sherif of this county and by him to be carried under a safe guard & delivered to the sherif of Worcester county together with a copy of this order.”

³ It seems clear that the clerk misplaced the word “not” and instead of crossing it out, simply inserted a caret in the line below. Kellam was likely in trouble for allowing his slave more liberty than the grand jury thought proper.

James Justice's executor admitted that Alex^r Jeffery's executors had sustained damages because of Justice's non performance of an agreement. Ordered that the defendants pay damages of £28:06:09 and costs to be levied on the goods and chattels of the testator; if there were insufficient funds there, then the damages were to be paid by the executors themselves.

William Parramore qualified as a justice of the peace and entered court.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley. **[End p. 265]**

Accomack County Court – 26 November 1778

Present: **John Smith, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley**
Nath^l Beavans, William Parramore, Tully Wise (p. 266)

Rob^t Coleburn, who had been presented for not listing his tithables, paid the fine and was discharged. Ordered that he and his tithables be added to the list in St George's Parish: Coleburn himself, John Satchel, Ned, Mosses, Frank, Peg, Monday, Daniel, Spencer, Esther, Thunder, Liddy, Hannah and Rody.

Ralph Corbin (assignee of Henry Fletcher) brought action against Skinner Wallop, who admitted owing £8:15:00 with interest from 20 February 1770, and costs.

James Justice's executors admitted owing Richard Justice £43:11:11 with interest from 19 July 1771, plus costs. **[End p. 266]**

Henry Heath admitted owing William H Bradford (assignee of Littn Andrews) fourteen barrels of corn on 1 December 1769; if it were not paid at that time, Heath was to pay £5:07:08 with interest and costs.

Lisney Gootee admitted owing John Riley £6:18:01 with interest from 24 August 1773.

Major Mears admitted owing James Dorman an unspecified debt with interest.

James Dorman admitted owing Thomas Parsons £7:00:00 with interest from 20 June 1773.

Thomas Kellam admitted owing Stephen Kellam £14:16:01 with interest from 8 March 1774. **[End p. 267]**

James Berry admitted owing Rob^t James £45:00:00 with interest from 1 May 773.

John Morrison admitted owing Meshack Fiddeman an unspecified debt with interest.

Andrew Maxwell admitted owing John Lamount an unspecified debt with interest.

William Patterson admitted owing Ann Mary Evans (executor of Levin Evans deceased) an original debt of £19:10:00 and costs “vs Deft & Samuel Beavans his” That judgment would be discharged by the payment of an unspecified amount.

James Annis admitted owing Rob^t Drummond an original debt of £10:00:00 and costs, but that judgment would be discharged by the payment of an unspecified amount. **[End p. 268]**

William Andrews and Jn^o Petigrew admitted owing James Arbuckle £31:09:04 with interest from 25 December 1774.

Gilbert Pielee admitted owing Custis Kellam £28:19:02 ½ with interest from 31 January 1775.

John Waistcoat, who brought action of debt against John Hampton, was allowed to amend his declaration because he had discharged James Arbuckle, Hampton’s bail. Hampton was to pay £23:15:00 with interest from 1 May 1769.

Thomas Brantgum and others brought action for equity against James Arbuckle; their difference was referred to the determination Isaac Smith, John Smith and Clem^t Parker, whose award would be the judgment of this court.

The difference between William Littleton and William Andrews was referred to the determination of Charles Bagwell and Thomas Hickman. **[End p. 269]**

Thorowgd Smith & Co vs William Willet (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Simpson Bloxom vs Thomas Hope was agreed and dismissed.

Jacob Sharwood vs Isaac Smith was agreed and dismissed.

William Morgan vs John Johnson was agreed and dismissed.

William Andrews vs Arthur Silverthorn was agreed and dismissed.

Alex^r Stockley vs Thomas Marshall was agreed and dismissed.

John Custis vs William Andrews was agreed and dismissed.

James Henry vs John Edmunds was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 270]**

George Hickman and wife vs Selby Simpson was agreed and dismissed.

William Tunnel vs John Riley was agreed and dismissed.

Solomon Boston sued Shadrack Mears for broken covenant in two suits. Both were agreed and dismissed.

John Barclay vs Thomas Oaks was agreed and dismissed.

Southy Mears vs Thomas Kellam was agreed and dismissed.

Samuel Henderson vs Thomas Waters was agreed and dismissed.

John Pruit and wife vs John Gootee was agreed and dismissed.

Scott & Ker vs W^m Taylor (Bay Side) was continued for trial. **[End p. 271]**

Rob^t Foreman sued Rob^t M^cClean, who said he had not made the agreement as alleged; the trial was referred to next court.

Henry Heath vs George Stewart was referred to next court for trial.

Joseph Kellam vs Mosses Watson's executor was referred to next court for trial.

Hugh M^cBride & Co vs Preeson Snead was referred to next court for trial.

Abraham Outten vs John Custis (who pled that he had paid the debt) was referred to next court for trial.

Joshua Johnson vs Andrew Maxwell (who denied making the promise) was referred to next court for trial.

Edward Ewell vs James Ingram (who pled not guilty) was referred to next court for trial. **[End p. 272]**

Patience Rodgers, who brought action for equity against Zorobabel Rodgers, failed to appear to prosecute. Zorobabel was to recover five shillings plus costs.

James Ingram, who sued Johannes Watson, failed to appear to prosecute. Watson was to recover five shillings plus costs.

Samuel Mathews brought action of equity against Hezekiah Mathews, who failed to appear to prosecute. Hezekiah was to recover five shillings plus costs.

Thomas Young vs Raymond Riley was dismissed by Young.

Thomas Young vs Tho^s Riley's executors was dismissed by Young.

Thomas Young vs Will^m Riley was abated by the death of Riley.

Alex^r Jeffery's executor vs James Selby was continued for trial till next court. **[End p. 273]**

Littn Marsey and wife (administrator of Pope) vs Coventon Corbin was abated by the death of Corbin.

James Justice's executors vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

Joshua Storrs vs John Sherlock was continued for trial.

Henry Heath brought action of trespass against William H Bradford, whom the sheriff could not find. Bradford was again ordered arrested.

William M^cLaughlin's executors brought action against Levin Kellam, who could not be found; he was again ordered arrested.

Richard Drummond's lessee brought action of ejectment against "Holdfast," who failed to appear. A writ of possession was awarded to the plaintiff.

Richard Justice's lessee brought action of ejectment against "Hardwood," who failed to appear. A writ of possession was awarded to the plaintiff. **[End p. 274]**

John Fitchett vs Simpson Bloxom (for debt) was continued at Bloxom's cost.

Rob^t James vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

Henry Whiting and others brought action against John Kellam and his wife, who denied detaining the Negro in question. The matter was continued for trial till the next court.

Catharine Justice brought action for equity against James Twiford, who failed to answer the complaint. Ordered that attachment issue against him.

Samuel Henderson vs William Andrews was continued for trial.

Samuel Henderson vs James Twiford was continued for trial.

George Abbott vs John Derby was continued for trial.

Coventon Corbin vs Skinner Wallop (for the recovery of a Negro) was abated by the death of Corbin. **[End p. 275]**

Gilbert Pielee vs Ezek^l Delastatius (for debt) was continued for trial.

Stephen Kellam vs Thomas Kellam was continued for trial.

George Hope vs Eliz^a Abbot was abated by the death of Hope.

Thomas Brown vs James Taylor was agreed and dismissed with Taylor paying costs.

John Pettigrew vs John Riley was continued for trial.

John Geenwood vs John Sherlock was continued for trial.

Anthony West's lessee brought action of ejectment against "Den;" Americus Sturgis became the defendant and pled not guilty. The matter was continued for trial.

Hannah Benston vs Lisney Gootee was continued. **[End p. 276]**

William Nock and wife, who sued Sarah Bell, failed to appear to prosecute. Sarah was to recover five shillings and her costs.

Mary Litchfield, who sued Rob^t James, failed to appear to prosecute. James was to recover five shillings and his costs.

Mathias Gale and others, who sued John Read, failed to appear to prosecute. Read was to recover five shillings and his costs.

Rob^t James sued Ezkl Delastatius, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Edward Ker sued Ezkl Young and others, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

William Snead sued John Cropper, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Neal M^cMullen's administrator sued Thomas Marshal, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury. **[End p. 277]**

Ezek^l Delastatius sued George Hope Jr, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Ezek^l Delastatius sued Rich Justice, who failed to appear. An order of a former court against Justice and his bail (Thomas Hope) was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Ezek^l Delastatius sued Spencer Griffeth, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Ezek^l Delastatius sued Abel Russell, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Ezek^l Delastatius sued Thomas Robertson, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Jabez Pitt's executor and others sued (for debt) John Smith and others, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Jabez Pitt's executor and others sued Covⁿ Ewell, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Joseph Staten brought action for trespass against Levin Teackle, who failed to appear. An order of a former court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury. **[End p. 278]**

Henry Custis vs Preeson Snead was continued for trial.

James Mathews vs James Ingram and others was continued for trial.

George Hope Sr vs Rob^t James was abated by the death of Hope.

William Cunningham (assignee of Ja^s Spradling) vs James Ingram (for debt) was continued for trial.

William Simple vs Rob^t Martin was continued for trial.

Thomas Riley's executors vs Andrew Simpler was continued for trial.

William Andrews vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

Edmund Scarbrough vs Isaac Dunton's executor was referred to the determination of Isaac Smith and James Henry, whose award was to be the judgment of the court. **[End p. 279]**

Ezek^l Delastatius vs George Hope Sr was abated by the death of Hope.

Samuel Henderson sued Joseph Mathews, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would be entered for Henderson with the damages arising from Mathews' nonperformance of a promise to be ascertained by a jury.

Samuel Henderson sued Shadrack Mears, who failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would be entered for Henderson.

R'ous Fosset and others sued Charles Wells, who was granted time to try to settle.

The minutes were signed by John Smith Sr. [End p. 280]

Accomack County Court – 29 December 1778

**Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, William Parramore
Nath^l Beavans, Clem^t Parker, John Burton (p. 281)**

Southy Simpson produced a commission from Governor Patrick Henry appointing him sheriff of this county; he took the oaths and posted bond agreeable to law (security: William Selby and George Corbin).

Presented by the grand jury, James Berry, submitted himself to the court; his case was dismissed with him paying costs.

Presented by the grand jury, Thomas Bloxom had his case dismissed with him paying costs.

The action against Mary Beech, who had been presented for not listing John Shield [*as a tithable*], was dismissed.

The presentment against Catharine Coleburn was dismissed. [End p. 281]

The presentment against Paris Isaac was dismissed.

The presentment against John Burton for swearing was dismissed.

The presentment against George Poulson for swearing was dismissed.

Thomas Young and his wife Tabitha acknowledged a deed to John Riley.

Orphan Solomon Russel chose Jonathan Willet as guardian (security: John Drummond).

Justice William Parramore left court.

Thomas T Gore and others brought action for equity against John Gore; those appointed to divide the slaves by an order made in October 1778, reported that they had divided the Negroes belonging to Anne Gore as follows:

– to Jonathan Gore, a Negro named Jack valued at	£400:00:00
– to Susanna Gore, a Negro named Sampson valued at	£400:00:00
– to Elizabeth Gore, Negro Rody and child Henry valued at	£350:00:00
– to Thomas Teackle Gore, George and Abraham valued at	£350:00:00

[end p. 282] John and Susanna Gore were to pay Elizabeth and Tho^s Teackle Gore £25:00:00 each. Mingo was “to be sold or to be a charge on the four children.” Ordered that the division be firm and stable.

Orphan Revell Coleburn chose Henrietta Coleburn as his guardian (security: Rob^t Coelburn and Zorobabel Kellam).

Justice Thomas Teackle entered court.

Joseph Kelly petitioned for a road; ordered that John Teackle, William Nock, Ralph Justice and Richard Justice view the same and make report.

Those inquiring into John Riley’s petition for a mill were Sheriff William Selby and a jury –

Richard Bundick	William Drummond	John Taylor	Richard Justice
Solomon Ewell	Andrew Russel	Southy Silverthorn	Thomas Russell
William Onions	John Lewis	George Young	William Evans

– who viewed the area and valued the acre belonging to Spencer Hickman (for which Riley petitioned) at £10:00:00. The damage to the rest of Hickman’s land and timber was valued at £20:00:00. The sheriff and jury signed the document. **[End p. 283]** Ordered that Riley have permission to build the mill.

Rodger Abbott petitioned for a mill; the inquiry was signed by the Sheriff William Selby and –

John Lewis	Andrew Russell	John Evans	Will ^m Onions
Solomon Ewell	Thomas Riley	Tho ^s Russell	George Savage
John Riley	Southy Silverthorn	George Warrington	George Young

– who valued the acre belonging to Richard Bundick at £10:00:00. The damage to the rest of his land was valued at £15:00:00. Abbott was given permission to build the mill.

Ordered that a court of public claims and for laying the county levy be held on 6 January.

It was ordered “that William Ward take care of Sarah Stockley Wife of William Stockley until the next court and allow her necessarys & that the said Stockley pay him for the same what the court think proper for her maintenance.”

A deed from James Henry and wife to Clement Parker was proved by Thomas Cropper, Whitemore Prideux and George Hickman.

Ordered that Levin Core pay Rachel Fisher £15:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Sarah Merrill sued (for debt) William Warrington, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested.

Selby Vannelson sued (for debt) John Boicourt, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested. **[End p. 284]**

Levin Ballard sued (for debt) Elisha Taylor, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested.

John Sherlock sued (for debt) John Boicourt, whom the sheriff could not find; he was again ordered arrested.

Peter Shield vs [*blank*] Bennet was dismissed.

Caleb Teackle vs George Hickman was dismissed.

William Arbuckle vs Isaac Earl was dismissed.

Edm^d Bayley vs George Bradford was dismissed.

Henry Heath vs William H Bradford was dismissed.

George Knight's executors vs Scarbrough West's administrators was dismissed. **[End p. 285]**

Joshua Dunahoe vs Edm^d Custis was dismissed.

Robert Parker and wife vs Ishmael Andrews was dismissed.

The inspectors of Crooked Creek Bridge found it finished according to the agreement. Signed Spencer Drummond and John Silverthorne. Ordered that the sheriff pay Joakim Milburn.

The presentment against Daniel Rodgers was continued at his cost.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Cropper for bastardy with Susanna Melson. Cropper submitted himself to the court and was ordered to post a recognizance of £250:00:00 with his security (George Abbott) posting a like amount to save the parish from the cost of supporting the child. Cropper was to pay Susanna £15:00:00 per year in quarterly payments. **[End p. 286]**

The will of Ezekiel Bradford was proved by Randolph Clerk and Richard Bull with the consent of David Bowman, who was appointed to represent the orphan heir at law.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Kendal Bradford to John Bradford till lawful age to learn the trade of saddler.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Cropper for swearing one profane oath. Ordered that he be fined and that he post a £10:00:00 one month behavior bond with his security (George Abbott). Cropper was also to pay costs.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound James Martin to Isaac Waterfield till lawful age.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Teackle. [End p. 287]

Accomack County Court – 6 January 1779

A court held for the examination of Thomas Parker, who was suspected of being guilty of high treason against the state.

**Present: Isaac Smith, John Custis, Thomas Teackle, Nath^l Beavans, Thomas Bayley
John Smith, William Parramore, John Burton, Tully Wise (p. 288)**

Thomas Parker pled not guilty, but after hearing witnesses, the court found him guilty and ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial. Witnesses Daniel Rodgers, Thomas Custis and George Dunton posted £1000:00:00 bonds and John Finney posted £500:00:00 for their appearance at Williamsburg to testify "against the said Criminal."

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith. [End p. 288]

Accomack County Court – 7 January 1779

A court held for laying the levy.

Present: John Smith, Clement Parker, Thomas Teackle, John Custis (p. 289)

Due from Accomack County (in lbs tobacco) to:

– The clerk for his salary	1248
– The sheriff for his salary	1248
– The attorney for the Common Wealth for his salary	1500
– The clerk for attending (Feb 26) the trial of Phillis, the slave of Jonathan Laws, for felony	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– The clerk for attending the trial (Feb 25) for the examination of George America, free Negro, for felony	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– The clerk for attending (March 14) the trial of James, the slave of John Hutchinson, for felony	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– Littleton Savage for prosecuting the slave James	200
– The clerk for attending (March 14) the examination of William Melson for felony	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– Littleton Savage for prosecuting Melson	200
– The clerk for attending (March 31) the examination of criminals suspected of treason: George Wright, John Tull, John Connaway, William Bedsworth, Mosses Dean,	

Benjamin Connaway, Obadiah Traharn, Leonard Guernney, William Pratt and Jessee Johnson. Ten @ 200 lbs tobacco each	2000
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	2000
– The clerk for attending the trial (May 11) of Stepney, the slave of Rich ^d Bull, for felony	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– The clerk for attending the examination (May 11) of John Martin Baker, suspected of high treason	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
[End p. 289] Subtotal	10,796
– The clerk for attending the trial (May 27) of Shadrack, slave of John Custis, for felony	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– The clerk for attending the examination (June 20) of Daniel Rodgers for high treason	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– The clerk for attending the examination of Rob ^t Twiford for sundry offenses against the state	200
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above court	200
– The sheriff for “releasmt” of Robert Parker	200
– The sheriff for summoning and attending the action against Custis Jenkinson	200
– The sheriff for the warrant against Phillis and summoning witnesses	30
– The sheriff for summoning nine witnesses against Phillis, committing and releasing her	110
– The sheriff for ten days’ imprisonment of Phillis	50
– The sheriff for 24 days’ imprisonment of America, committing and releasing him	140
– The sheriff for whipping Hutchinson’s Negro, committing &c	40
– The sheriff for summoning four witnesses against Bedsworth and others	40
– The sheriff for removing Bedsworth and others to Northampton	200
– The sheriff for summoning five witnesses against Shadrack	30
– The attorney for prosecuting Phillis, America, Wright, Tull, Connaway, Connaway Bedsworth, Dean, Traharn, Guernney, Pratt, Johnson, Stepney, Baker, Shadrack Rodgers and Twiford @ 200 lbs tobacco each	3400
– The secretary for two commissions of the peace	320
– The secretary for a commission to elect representatives	350
– Constable John Spiers for summoning a coroner’s jury on Pilsham [?]	50
– Constable John Spiers for summoning a coroner’s jury on a Negro belonging to Isaac Mucklewane	50
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for a search warrant against Anne Toby	10
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for summoning seven witnesses against Cato	35
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for summoning nine witnesses against Potter	45
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for a warrant against Melson and summoning ten witnesses	60
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for summoning four witnesses against Edw ^d Ker	20
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for warrants against Twiford and Rodgers	20
– The sheriff for providing food for eleven days in jail	55
– The sheriff for feeding Melson and James nine days while they were in jail	90
– The sheriff for three days’ imprisonment of Bedsworth &c	15

– The sheriff for committing Barth ^w Twiford and three days' imprisonment	35
– Constable Mich ^l Bonewell for committing Melson	10
[End p. 290] Subtotal	17,441

Due from Accomack County (in currency) to:

– The sheriff for cash paid for provisions for Bedsworth and others on the road	£ 6:12:00
– Littleton Savage for two record books	10:04:00
– Littleton Savage “for cash paid Hardy Drawers & Lock”	1:6:00
– Isaac Smith for building a bridge across his ditch per agreement with the court	7:10:00
– John Kelly for guarding Parker in jail for eight days	1:12:00
– John Kelly for guarding Carmine nine days	1:16:00
– John Kelly for provisions for Bedsworth and others	18:12:06
– Edw ^d Gunter “for carting said Prisoners to Northampton”	5:00:00
– Major Chambers for the same as above	5:00:00
– Mordecai Booth for guarding Carmine's company in jail eight days	1:12:00
– Jacob Bell for the same as above	1:12:00
– William Hayley “for 3 days going to Northampton with s ^d prisoners”	0:12:00
– Jacob Taylor, John Bundick, Joakim White and Benj ⁿ Turlington each of whom guarded Parker in jail for eight days	6:08:00
– Tobias Bull, Joakim White and Benjamin Turlington each of whom guarded Carmine's company in jail for eight days	4:16:00
– Sheriff Jn ^o Parker for provisions for Bedsworth and others in jail	4:10:00
– Custis Hickman and Major Bayley both of whom guarded the prisoners to Northampton for three days	1:04:00
– Jamimah Booth for keeping the courthouse	7:00:00
– The sheriff for 15 lbs pork and 15 lbs flour for Bedsworth and others when they were removed from jail	2:12:06
– The sheriff for finding provisions for Wright and Pratt	0:06:00
– The sheriff for collecting the taxes	£ 0:05:15 or 1380 lbs tobacco
– Depositum in the sheriff's hands	£ 1:07:00 or 5836 lbs tobacco
Totals	£95:17:00 or 24,657 lbs tobacco

Due to Accomack County:

– From 3834 tithables @ £0:00:06 per poll	£95:17:00
– From 3834 tithables @ 6 lbs tobacco per poll	23,004
– Two years' depositum in the recent sheriff's hands	1653
Total in lbs tobacco	24,657

Ordered that the sheriff give security and collect the taxes in either tobacco or cash and that “he be on oath to pay all Tobacco & Cash he receives.”

The minutes were signed by John Smith. **[End p. 291]**

Accomack County Court – 11 January 1779

A court held for the examination of Benjamin Hipwell, suspected of felony for stealing a sum of money from John Falado Aspray⁴

Present: John Smith, Thomas Bayley, Thomas Teackle, John Custis (p. 292)

Benjamin Hipwell pled not guilty, but after he and witnesses were heard, it was the opinion of the court that he was guilty. Ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial. Witnesses John Falado Aspray, Noah Beloate, John Sherlock, Michael Bonewell, Thomas Bayley Jr and Bartholomew Taylor each posted £500:00:00 for their personal appearance at Williamsburg on the sixth day of the next general court.

The minutes were signed by John Smith. [End p. 292]

Accomack County Court – 20 January 1779

A court held for the examination of Custis Rodgers, suspected of felony

**Present: Thomas Teackle, Thomas Bayley, Clement Parker, William Parramore
John Custis (p. 293)**

Set to the bar, Custis Rodgers pled not guilty; after hearing the prisoner and the witnesses, it was the court's opinion that he was not guilty. Rodgers was discharged.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 20 January 1779

A court held for the examination of John Shield for felony

Present: Thomas Teackle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, William Parramore (p. 293)

Set to the bar, John Shield pled not guilty. After hearing the prisoner in his own defense and various witnesses, it was the court's opinion that he was not guilty of felony, but that he was guilty of "Negroe dealing."⁵ Ordered that he post a bond of £100:00:00 for his appearance at the next grand jury, which Shield did with John Custis (Bay Side), as his security.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Teackle. [End p. 293]

Accomack County Court – 26 January 1779

Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, William Parramore, John Smith (p. 294)

⁴ John Aspray, in November 1775, lived in Suffolk Town, Nansemond County; he hosted a committee there investigating espionage against the independence movement. *Virginia Gazette*, Purdie: 15 March 1776, pg. 2 column 3. Accessed 30 January 2017. http://research.history.org/CWDLImages/VA_GAZET/Images/P/1776/0052hi.jpg

⁵ The term "Negroe dealing" probably should be interpreted as dealing, or trading with Negroes.

The will of Peter Rodgers (deceased) was proved by William Moore and Isaac Sterling with the consent of heir Peter Rodgers. Executor William Colony was sworn (security: Major Colony and William Ward. Ordered that John Hutchinson, Richard Cutlar, George Hack and Eli Hornsby appraise the estate.

An audit/settlement of the estate of John Taylor (wheelwright, deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisal of the estate of John Pettit (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisal of the estate of Benston Kellam (deceased) was submitted. Ordered that Thomas Jacob, Edm^d Scarbrough and William Scarbrough audit and settle the estate.

Hezekiah Douty was appointed guardian to orphan Gilbert Milby (security: Augustine Lecatte and Edmund Poulson).

Abraham Outten and Peter Hack qualified as vestrymen for St George's Parish. **[End p. 294]**

A deed from John Abbott Bundick Jr with his wife Nanny and Mary Dix to John Abbott Bundick Sr was acknowledged by Mary and proved "as to the said John" by the oaths of Parker Barnes, John Dix Jr and Levin Dix.

Major Colony petitioned to reroute part of Craddick (sic) Neck Road running through the land of Fredrick Major. Ordered that Thomas Teackle, Thomas Jacob, Edmund Bayley and Littleton Savage view the same and make report.

An inventory/appraisal of the estate of Jonas Benston (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that Agnes Hogshire, the widow of "Robert Hogshire, a poor Soldier who died in the service of the Continental States" be allowed (for the support of herself and her four children) £4:00:00 per month from the court held October 1778, to this date.

Guardian John Mears swore to his account against orphan Custis Willis.

John Lewis Fulwell brought action of attachment against John Baptiste Duler. The sheriff reported he had attached goods in the hands of James Arbuckle, garnishee. Ordered that £38:00:00 plus costs be condemned to pay the judgment.

Robert Coleburn brought attachment against James Haven. The sheriff reported that he had attached a horse, two cases of bottles, a gun, a sword, a halberd, a cartridge box, a bed and bolster, a blanket, a sheet, two tables, a powdering tub, a trunk, a flour barrel, a half bushel, a raw cowhide, a teakettle, an iron kettle, a case of knives and forks, a chest, a parcel of iron, two glass tumblers, an earthen pitcher, a delft bowl, a pewter dish, two candle molds, three chairs, one great wheel [*large spinning wheel*], a common wheel, a washing tub, a bucket, an iron pot, a frying pan, a meal bag, a pair of

stockings and some account books, all in the hands of Levin Stewart. Ordered that the above articles be condemned and sold by the sheriff. **[End p. 295]**

Thomas Parramore brought action of attachment against James Haven. Ordered that if anything remained after Robert Coleburn's debt was paid, it would be condemned to pay the debt to Parramore.

Thomas Burton swore to his account against orphan Richard Garrison.

Sarah Stockley complained against William Stockley for equity. Sarah appeared with her attorney; William Ward (who had been appointed to supply Sarah with "necessaries") swore to an account against Sarah saying she had used £39:10:00, which the court thought reasonable. Ordered that William Stockley pay Ward that amount.

Henry Kelly's presentment for not listing a tithable was dismissed.

Thomas Leatherbury's presentment for not listing a tithable was dismissed.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley. **[End p. 296]**

Accomack County Court – 27 January 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, Nath^l Beavans, John Smith
John Smith Jr, Clement Parker, William Downing (p. 297)

The will of Isaac West (deceased) was proved by Charles Snead. Executor Jonathan West was sworn (security: Isaac Smith). Ordered that John West, Charles Snead, John Snead and Charles Snead Jr appraise the estate.

The will of Henry Satchell (deceased) was proved by David Bowman, Phillip Parker and William Stevens. Executors Henry Satchel and Southy Satchel were sworn (security: Henry Custis Jr and Colonel John Cropper). Ordered that David Bowman, Southy Copes, Phillip West and Willet Lilleston appraise the estate.

The will of Sabra Simpkins (deceased) was proved by Joakim Roberts and Joshua Wyatt. Executor Caleb Smith was sworn (security: Joakim Roberts). **[End p. 297]** Ordered that Joshua Wyatt, Joakim Roberts, William Garrison and John Smith appraise, audit and settle the estate.

Orphan Sarah Stott chose Arthur Roberts as guardian (security: Joshua Wyatt).

Ordered that Jonathan Garrison be overseer of the road in the place of Arthur Roberts, who was discharged from that office.

William Spiers brought action of equity against Coleburn Peal. Ordered that Thomas Burton, Robert Coleburn and John Spiers divide the slaves mentioned in the bill by sale or otherwise and report to the next court for a final decree.

William Williams qualified as a justice of the peace by taking the oaths.

Sarah Drummond (orphan of William Drummond) chose William Williams as guardian (security: James Henry).

The action against Bridget Carmine, who was to keep the peace upon information given by Rebecca Scott, was dismissed with Bridget paying costs.

Ordered that Patience Ketslaugh, “widow of Jacob Ketslaugh, a poor Soldier who died in the service of the Continental States” be allowed £3:00:00 per month for the support of herself and her two children from 6 May 1777 to this date. [End p. 298]

Justice John Smith left court; William Williams entered.

The will of Samuel Wise (deceased) was proved by Thomas Lillaston and Ezekiel Young. Executor Susannah Wise was sworn (security: Thomas Custis and John Drummond). Ordered that Ezekiel Young, Thomas Lillaston, John Riley and Charles West appraise the estate.

Ordered that Jacob Phillips be allowed 30 shillings per month for the support of a daughter of William Turnal, “a poor Soldier who died in the service of the Continental States.” The allowance extended from the 25 February 1777 to this date.

Thomas Young with wife Tabitha acknowledged a deed to Spencer Hickman.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Solomon Willis (deceased) was submitted.

Joshua George petitioned to reroute a road; ordered that William Downing, William Selby and Samuel Henderson view the same and report to the court.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish brought action against John Smaw for bastardy with Peggy Powell. Ordered that Smaw post £500:00:00 (security: Thomas Bayley Jr and Drake Drummond) to ensure that he pay Peggy £20:00:00 per year in quarterly payments.

The minutes were signed by William Williams. [End p. 299]

Accomack County Court – 27 January 1779

A court held for the examination of Ezar Kellam, suspected of high treason

**Present: Isaac Smith, Nath^l Beavans, John Smith, John Burton
Thomas Teackle, John Smith Jr, Thomas Bayley, William Downing (p. 300)**

Ezar Kellam pled not guilty. After hearing the witnesses, the court found him not guilty and discharged him.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 28 January 1779

A court held for the trial of Fender,

a Negro woman slave belonging to Rob^t Coleburn, for felony

Present: Isaac Smith, Clement Parker, William Parramore, John Custis (p. 300)

Fender, who was brought to the bar, pled not guilty. After various witnesses were examined, it was the court's opinion that she was not guilty. She was discharged.

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith. [End p. 300]

Accomack County Court – 28 January 1779

**Present: Isaac Smith, William Parramore, James Arbuckle, Clement Parker
John Custis (p. 301)**

Edmund Custis sued Luther Martin, who was granted time to try to settle.

John M^cMeth sued George White's female executor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Elijah Stakes sued John Bonewell, who was granted time to try to settle.

Argol Kellam sued (for trespass) Frances Kellam, who was granted time to try to settle.

William Welch sued (for detaining goods) William Bagg's executors, who were granted time to try to settle.

Caleb Teackle sued Edmund Custis, who was granted time to try to settle.

Meshack Fiddeman sued (for assault and battery) Southy Grinalds, who was granted time to try to settle. [End p. 301]

Meshack Fiddeman sued (for trespass, assault and battery) Jacob Lillaston, who was granted time to try to settle.

Rob^t M^cClean sued George Harman, whom the sheriff could not find; Harman was again ordered arrested.

In Mason Watts vs Rachel Watts (executor of Jn^o Watts), the differences were referred to the determination of George Stewart and Ayres Gillet, whose award would be the judgment of the court.

Edward Taylor sued Enock Lyon, who could not be found; attachment was awarded against Lyon's estate to pay the debt.

Ann Bagge vs Aug Lecatte and others was continued at Ann's expense.

James Arbuckle and others (executors of Geo Knight) vs Teackle Taylor was agreed and dismissed.
[End p. 302]

Shadey Fitchett vs William Fitchett and others (for equity) was agreed and dismissed.

Eliz^a Bell vs Scarb^s West was agreed and dismissed.

John Harris vs William Arbuckle was continued at Arbuckle's expense.

William Cleyton and Betty sued John Cropper, who was granted time to try to settle.

Ordered that Clement Parker be appointed auditor of the estate of Thomas Bagwell (deceased) in the place of John Powell "removed."⁶

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of William Drummond (deceased) audit and settle James Henry's administration accounts of the estate.

Justice James Arbuckle left the court; John Burton entered.

John Badger's presentment for not listing a tithable was dismissed.

Sturgis's lessee vs Jacob Sturgis (for ejectment) was continued. **[End p. 303]**

Henry Brooks brought action for equity against Daniel Mifflin and his wife Ann. After hearing the depositions and arguments, it was the court's opinion that Brooks be allowed to redeem the land in question upon payment of the principal – £12:01:03 Maryland currency, 1450 lbs tobacco and the costs of recording the mortgage, without interest (in the court's opinion, the profits of the land were equivalent to the interest). The defendants appealed this decision, which was allowed with them giving security.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Isaac Smith.

Accomack County Court – 29 January 1779

⁶ This could mean either that Powell was removed from the group of auditors, or that he had moved from the area.

Present: James Arbuckle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 304)

John Warrington &c vs Abbot Warrington's executor (for equity) was abated by the death of the parties. **[End p. 304]**

Thomas Bayley vs Jacob Ayres (for equity) was continued for trial.

John Michael vs John Gootee (for equity) was continued for trial.

John Savage's lessee vs Mary Ashby (for ejectment) was continued for trial.

Charles Snead vs Rob^t Drummond and others (for equity) was continued for trial.

Comfort Lucas vs John Northam (for dower) was continued for trial.

Joseph Heath's lessee vs Parker Vannelson (for ejectment) was continued for trial.

William Andrews and others vs William Young (for trespass) was continued for trial.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish vs Abel and W^m Melson (for debt) was continued for trial.

John Fitchett vs Simpson Bloxom (for debt) was continued for trial. **[End p. 305]**

Samuel Henderson vs James Twiford was continued for trial.

William Ross vs Spencer Smith was continued for trial.

In William Hyslop Bradford vs Henry Heath (for equity), a commission was awarded for taking the depositions of witnesses.

Stephen Walker's female executor brought action against Ezekiel Delastatus to have him render an account, but she failed to appear to prosecute. The defendant was to recover five shillings and costs.

Levin Teackle, who sued George Abbott (for not returning Ja^s Justice's inventory), failed to appear to prosecute.

Comfort Lucas, who sued John Northam (for equity), failed to appear to prosecute.

Alex^r Warrington's executor, who sued Josephus Warrington, failed to appear to prosecute. **[End p. 306]**

Robert Foreman, who sued Robert M^cClean, failed to appear to prosecute.

Riley's lessee, who brought action of ejectment against Richard Drummond (a minor), failed to appear to prosecute.

Scot & Ker, who sued William Taylor (Bay Side), failed to appear to prosecute.

Robert Parker, who sued John Rodgers (for trespass), failed to appear to prosecute.

John Chance's lessee, who brought action of ejectment against William Tilney, failed to appear to prosecute.

The justices of Accomack County, who brought action of debt against James Justice's executors, failed to prosecute.

James Smith, who sued George Marshal, failed to appear to prosecute.

John Lewis, who sued Levi Nock, failed to appear to prosecute.

William Downing, who sued John Saunders (for debt), failed to appear to prosecute. **[End p. 307]**

John Hole, who sued William Marshall (for trespass), failed to appear to prosecute.

Hannah Benston, who sued Lisney Gootee, failed to appear to prosecute.

Simpson Bloxom, who sued James Twiford, failed to appear to prosecute. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

William Whealton's administrator vs Jacob Broadwater's executor was abated by the death of the plaintiff.

William Crippen vs George Warrington &c (for equity) was abated by the death of the parties.

Mary Beavans vs Samuel Beavans (for equity) was continued at Mary's expense.

Ezekiel Bradford's lessee vs Nath^l Bradford and others (for ejectment) was continued at Nathaniel's expense.

Abel James (administrator of Kendal Major) vs John Major and wife (for equity) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 308]**

Isaac Smith vs John Walker Jr was continued at Smith's expense.

Scott & Ker vs Thomas Slocomb was agreed and dismissed.

Thorowgood Smith vs Nathaniel Beavans (for equity) was continued at the plaintiff's cost.

William Andrews vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

William Nock brought action of debt against George Abbott, who failed to appear. Nock originally was to recover £27:00:00, but the judgment would be discharged by the payment of a lesser sum with interest.

Joshua Storrs, who brought action of debt against John Sherlock, was to recover £55:19:04 sterling (valued at £69:19:02 Virginia currency) with interest from 1 November 1773. **[End p. 309]**

Scott & Ker, who sued William Fosque, was to recover £46:00:00.

Samuel Henderson, who sued William Andrews, was to recover £7:00:00 with interest from 16 September 1773. (CaSa: 8 November 1779)

George Abbott, who sued John Derby, was to recover a debt with interest.

Gilbert Pielee, who sued Ezekiel Delastatus, was to recover £9:00:00 with interest from 2 September 1773.

John Greenwood, who sued John Sherlock, was to recover £12:10:04 and one farthing with interest from 1 January 1772.

John Hatley Norton, who sued William Vere, was to recover £13:12:06 with interest from 1 May 1770. (CaSa: 1 Feb 1778) **[End p. 310]**

William Cunningham (assignee of Spradling), who sued James Ingram, was to recover £30:00:00 with interest from 6 November 1772.

Hugh M^cBride, who sued Preeson Snead was to recover a debt with interest.

James Arbuckle and others (executors of Knight), who sued Meshack Watson, was to recover £2:13:06.

Coventon Corbin's executor vs Jessee Evans' executor was continued to the next court.

Levin Teackle vs Thomas Parramore was dismissed.

Major Cole vs John Lyon was dismissed.

Benjamin West vs William Young Sr was dismissed.

Charles Metcalf's petition for a mill was continued to the next court.

Eliz^a Booth vs Rob^t Snead was dismissed. **[End p. 311]**

William Williams and wife brought action for equity against Rob^t Russell, who failed to answer the complaint. Ordered that attachment be awarded against Russell.

Thomas Willet's lessee vs Jonathan Willet (for ejectment) was agreed and dismissed.

John Barclay sued Thorowg^d Smith, who denied making the promise as alleged. The matter was referred to next court for trial.

Emanuel Harman vs Scarbrough Broadwater (for assault and battery) was agreed and dismissed.

John Hampton vs George Hope (for equity) was abated by the death of Hope.

James Justice's female executor vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

Thomas Burton vs James Hornsby and wife was abated by the death of the defendant.

Simpson Bloxom sued John Fitchett, who was granted time. **[End p. 312]**

James Berry vs George Pruitt was agreed and dismissed.

James Henry's petition for a mill was dismissed for want of prosecution,

Henry Gascoyne vs Hillary Green (for equity) was continued.

William Littleton vs William Andrews was referred to the determination of Charles Bagwell and Thomas Hickman, whose award would be the judgment of the court.

John Chandler vs William Evans (in three suits) was referred to the determination of Charles Bagwell, James Arbuckle and Clement Parker.

William M^cLaughlin's executor sued Levin Kellam, who failed to appear. Attachment was awarded against Kellam's estate to pay the debt.

Samuel Mathews vs James Ingram (for debt) was continued.

George Davis vs Ezek^l Delastatius was agreed and dismissed.

Scott & Ker & Co vs Ephraim Johnson was dismissed. **[End p. 313]**

Peter Shield vs William Bennett (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

William Cutlar vs James Thresham (for assault and battery) was abated by the death of Cutlar.

Jonathan Harding vs William Cutlar was abated by the death of Cutlar.

Charles Parks, who had previously brought attachment against the estate of Samuel Melvin, again brought action against Melvin. The sheriff reported that he had attached a horse and three beds with furniture. Ordered that Parks have judgment for the debt against Melvin with interest, and that the attached items be condemned to pay it.

Patrick Tilfer (or Tilser) brought action against Leah Pettigrew's executor, who pled that the plaintiff was an "alien enemy." The case was dismissed.

Justice William Parramore entered court.

Coventon Corbin's executor vs Jessee Evans' executor was continued.

Levin Teackle vs Thomas Parramore was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 314]**

Major Cole vs John Lyon was agreed and dismissed.

Charles Metcalf's petition for a mill was continued to the next court.

The inquiry into a proposed mill, for which Shadrack Bayley petitioned, occurred on 15 September 1775, when a jury of "good and lawful men" of the area met upon the land –

Richard Bundick	Solomon Young	Major Cole	Joshua Copes
Mark Littleton	Hezekiah Baker	Salathiel Baker	John Baker
Henry Wright	Ambrose Willet	George Savage	George Marriner

– and after viewing it, valued the requested acre at £2:00:00 and determined that George Abbott would suffer damages of £8:00:00 "by overflowing his land." The mill would damage no one else. Sheriff Jn^o Arbuckle and the jurors signed the document. Bayley was granted permission to build the mill.

Clement Parker and others (administrators of Will^m Taylor) sued George Abbott. The jury –

Willet Lillaston	Levin Bunting	John Taylor	Shadrack Bayley
John Bundick	George Poulson	William Evans	Benj ⁿ Floyd
James Twiford	Thomas James	Thomas Lillaston	Benjamin West

– found that Abbott had made the promise in the complaint and awarded Parker damages **[end p. 315]** of £330:07:04 ½ and costs.

John Bundick had been indicted for larceny upon information provided by Robert Rodgers. The following jury –

Willet Lillaston	Levin Bunting	John Taylor	Shadrack Bayley
George Poulson	Thomas Lillaston	Benjamin West	Thomas Hickman
Charles Snead	Thomas Parramore	Major Davis	Henry Custis

– found Bundick not guilty. Ordered that he be discharged of the crime. A further hearing would be held with respect to the costs.

Charles Snead and others brought action for equity against Sackar Parker, who failed to answer. Ordered that the 50 acres (more or less) mentioned in the bill be sold at auction by the sheriff and that the money be condemned to pay the following debts:

- Charles Snead Sr: £5:15:00 and 138 lbs tobacco with interest from 26 April 1767
- James Berry: £9:04:07 and 138 lbs tobacco with interest from 30 April 767
- Anthony West: £3:15:00 and 69 lbs tobacco with interest from 26 April 1767
- John Ryley Parker: £50:00:00 and 128 lbs tobacco with interest from the date of Parker's bond to William Burton.

The sheriff was to report next court for a final decree. **[End p. 316]**

Thomas James and Benjamin Floyd swore they each attended five days, and Joseph Custis four days, as witnesses for John Bundick, who was to pay them according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Clem^t Parker petitioned for a road; ordered that Thomas Bayley and John Custis lay off the same, which was to be the judgment of the court.

Benjamin West vs William Young was dismissed.

The minutes (which were recorded by Litt Savage) were signed by James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 23 February 1779

**Present: Thomas Teackle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis
Nath^l Beavans (p. 317)**

John Collins vs Rob^t M^cClean (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Joshua Watson vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed.

James Berry vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed. **[End p. 317]**

Rob^t James vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed.

Jenifer Marshal vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed.

Ezek^l Delastatius vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed.

William Laws vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed.

Charles West vs Archib^d Jackson (for attachment) was agreed.

The will of George Bell (deceased) was proved by Leah Bell. Executor Stephen Bell was sworn (security: Joseph Moore and Ezekiel Tatham). Ordered that Thomas Bloxom, Ralph Justice, Meshack Mears and Solomon Young appraise the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Bartholomew Mears (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 318]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Teackle Waltham was submitted. The appraisers were to audit/settle the same.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of John Waltham (deceased) audit/settle the same.

George Colony acknowledged a deed to Rob^l James.

John Teackle acknowledged a receipt “endorsed on an Indenture from Simpson Bloxom to Littleton Dennis.”

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Benjamin Kipp (deceased) was submitted.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Thomas Elliot (deceased) was submitted.

Ezekiel Tatham was appointed constable in Accomack Parish in the place of Edmund Cord, who resigned. Tatham qualified by taking the oaths.

Ordered that Thomas Jacob, William Scarbrough and Americus Scarbrough audit/settle the estate of Benjⁿ Kipp (deceased).

Ordered that Elizabeth Brittnam, the widow of Samuel Brittnam, a poor soldier who died in the service of the Continental States, be allowed £3:00:00 per month for the support of herself and two children from 1 January 1778 to now.

An audit/settlement of the estate of George Drummond (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Litt^l Townsend (deceased) was submitted, as was an audit, settlement and account of the estate sale.

An inventory/appraisement/audit/settlement of the estate of William Drummond (deceased) was submitted, as was an account of the estate sale. **[End p. 319]**

Spencer Drummond with wife Comfort acknowledged a deed to Thomas Whealton.

Ordered that Susannah Howard, widow of Nehemiah Howard, a poor soldier who died in the service of the Continental States, be allowed £3:00:00 per month for the support of herself and two children from 1 April 1777, to this date.

William Badger vs Thomas James (for debt) was redocketed because it had been dismissed by mistake.

William Badger brought action of debt against Thomas James, who failed to appear. Badger was to recover £5:13:04 with interest from 3 March 1774.

George Abbott and wife acknowledged a deed to John Teackle.

Ordered that Bridget Cobb, widow of Stratton Cobb, a poor Soldier who died in the service of the Continental States, be allowed £4:10:00 per month for the support of herself and three children from 31 March 1778, to this date.

Ordered that Zorobabel Rodgers, William Banfield Walker and Levin Window divide the estate of Luke Luker (deceased) as well as audit and settle the same. **[End p. 320]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Jonathan Kellam (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Thomas Cutlar (deceased) was submitted.

Elizabeth Hinman acknowledged a deed to Thomas Russell.

William Townsend with wife Susannah acknowledged a deed to John Sherlock.

William Townsend with wife Susannah acknowledged another deed to John Sherlock.

Those appointed to view and lay off a road for which Col Clement Parker petitioned, reported that the new road began at two large pines on the line between Parker and Robert Snead, went on that line, crossed Snead's land by a cherry tree on high ground, went up the branch a little above Snead's house, crossed the branch on Tully Wise's land, went along the edge of the old field to the upper end of an old orchard and a stake, crossed Wise's land to the line between Wise and Thomas Chandler by a mulberry tree and followed that line till it met the line between Chandler and Booth. Signed 23 February 1779, by Thomas Bayley and John Custis. The road was ordered established.

John Abbott Bundick Jr with wife Nanny acknowledged a deed to John Abbott Bundick Sr.

John Chandler with wife Patience acknowledged a deed to Absalom Lewis. **[End p. 321]**

William Waltham was appointed guardian to orphan John Waltham (security: Edmund Bayley and Isaac Waterfield).

The will of Fereby Stringer (deceased) was proved by Benjamin Stringer and Americus Watson. Executor Rachel Stringer was sworn (security: Moses Benston, Benjⁿ Stringer and Benston Bradford). Ordered that Jonathan Addison, Benjⁿ Stringer, Rowland Savage and Zorobabel Hornsby appraise the estate. Rachel Stringer, widow of Fereby, relinquished all benefit she might claim from her husband's will [*in favor of what was allowed her by law*].

Jaco Hinman chose Benjamin Royal as her guardian (security: John Garrot and Thomas Russell).

Justice Nath^l Beavans left court; Tully Wise entered.

William Willet (security: Jonathan Willet and John Chandler) was granted administration of the estate of Solomon Willis (deceased). Ordered that John Custis, Jonathan Scott, Smith Snead and Charles Snead appraise the estate of Solomon Willis. **[End p. 322]**

A power of attorney from Enoch Lyon to Edw^d Taylor was proved by witness George Hickman.

An inventory/appraisement/audit/settlement of the estate of William Hickman (deceased) was submitted.

Robert Spiers was appointed guardian to James and Caleb, the orphans of Edmund Watson (security: William Ward).

The will of Spencer Bagwell (deceased) was proved by James Henry and Elizabeth Fitzhugh; heir John Bagwell had no objections. Executor Sophia Bagwell was sworn (security: Clement Parker and Charles Bagwell). Ordered that James Henry, Levin Bunting, John Kellam and John Custis appraise, audit, settle and divide the estate.

John Abbott Bundick Sr with wife Bridget acknowledged a deed to John Abbott Bundick Jr.

Southy Tignal was appointed guardian to orphan William Martin (security: Isaac Waterfield and Phillip Tignall).

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Delilah Moore to John Elliot till lawful age. **[End p. 323]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Ezekiel Moses to Abel Holly till lawful age.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Bordan Moore to Thomas Elliot till lawful age.

Zorobabel Rodgers swore that he found an account in the books of William Riley (deceased) vs orphan Nancy Parker, which he presented. Ordered that it be recorded.

Guardian Henry Custis swore to his account against orphans Sarah, Robinson and Revell Custis.

On the motion of Zorobabel Rodgers (executor of Teackle Taylor, deceased), it was ordered that Edward Ker, John Hutchinson and Augustine Lecatte audit and settle the estate.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Archibald Jackson (deceased) audit and settle the same.

Ordered that Sarah Jones, wife of John Jones, a poor soldier now in the service of the Continental States be allowed £3:00:00 per month from 1 January 1779, to this date for the support of herself and two children.

The same order as above for Nanny Simpson, widow of Salathiel Simpson, a poor soldier who died in the said service. [*Nanny was allowed £3:00:00 per month*] from July 1777, to this date.

Ordered that Comfort Bloxom, widow of Charles Bloxom, a poor soldier who died in the service of the Continental States be allowed 30 shillings per month for her support from 1 January 1779, to this date.

Thomas Hickman was appointed guardian to orphan Damy White (security: William Evans, Solomon Dix and George Savage).

Justice W^m Parramore entered court.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley. **[End p. 324]**

Accomack County Court – 24 February 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, Thomas Bayley, Henry Fletcher, John Custis (p. 325)

John and Mary Stott (minors represented by Obedience Johnson) complained for equity against Arthur Roberts with wife Patience and Hezek^h James with wife Sarah. Ordered that Joshua Wyatt, Joakim Roberts, William Garrison and John Smith (Match[apungo]) divide the slaves by sale or otherwise and make report next court.

Justice Will^m Parramore entered court.

Charles Snead brought action for equity against Robert Drummond, Jona Willit and Major Chambers. After hearing the bill, the answer, the depositions and the arguments on both sides, the court was of the opinion that Snead was “a fair purchaser of Edmund Chambers, whose property the said slave then was.” Ordered that Snead recover the slave Lazar and court costs from defendant Drummond. The bill was to be dismissed as to Willet and Chambers, who were to recover their costs from Snead. Clement Parker, Anthony West and Levin Rodgers were to value the hire of the slave from the beginning of this suit (the September 1771 court) till now; they were to return an account next court for a final decree.

Justices Isaac Smith and William Parramore left court; Tully Wise entered. **[End p. 325]**

Comfort Lucas brought action for her dower against John Northam for the third part of a dwelling and plantation of 100 acres and third part of a water grist mill with appurtenances in Accomack Parish. The jury –

Henry Custis Jr	Tho ^s Lillaston	Thomas Bayley Jr	Rich ^d Justice
John Nichols	Joseph Hoof	John Kelly	Caleb Teackle
George Abbott	George Hope	William Evans	John Kellam

– found for Comfort and awarded her damages of £75:00:00. The court ordered that she recover her third of the dwelling and plantation and the grist mill as well as the awarded damages. Comfort asked that a writ be directed to the sheriff “to cause her to have her seisin of the said third part,” which was granted. Jacob Taylor, William Lucas and Major Davis each attended six days and Keziah Taylor attended four days as witnesses for Comfort, who was to pay them according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Jonathan Harding, who brought action of trespass against Cornelius Ironmonger, swore that Major Dunton was a material witness who was unable to travel to the courthouse. Ordered that James Arbuckle, David Bowman and Thomas Copes take the deposition and bring it to next court.

Covⁿ Corbin’s executor vs Jessee Evans’ executor was dismissed. **[End p. 326]**

Daniel Hall brought action of debt against Hezekiah White, who failed to appear. Ordered that Hall recover £5:00:00 with interest from 27 March 1770.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish vs William Melson and others (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

In John Chandler vs Will^m Evans (in three suits), with the consent of both parties, John Smith (Onan[cock]), Geo Parker and James Bosewell were added to the former arbitrators; their award would be the final judgment of this court.

Ordered that Joakim Milburn be paid £89:05:00 for building Jenkinson’s Bridge.

The minutes, which were recorded by Littleton Savage, were signed by Henry Fletcher . [End p. 327]

Accomack County Court – 30 March 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, Thomas Bayley, Thomas Teackle, John Custis (p. 328)

Thomas Stringer, who brought action for ejectment against Hillary Stringer and others, swore he believed that Elizabeth Benthall, Smart Stringer and John Joyne in Northampton County as well as Jacob Savage, William Aimes, Jonathan Garrison and Thomas Jacob of Accomack County were material witnesses and that they were aged or infirm persons. Ordered that John Wilkins (O P), William Floyd and George Savage in Northampton and John Smith (Sea Side), Arthur Robins and Arthur Roberts in Accomack take the depositions of the above witnesses and return them to next court.

An account of the estate sale of Edmund Watson (deceased) was submitted as was an audit and settlement of the estate.

An inventory/appraisement/audit/settlement of the estate of Jonathan Sacker Barnes (deceased) was submitted as was an account of the estate sale.

Ordered that Priscilla Tignah (sic) be allowed £30:00:00 from October 1777, to March 1779 for the support of herself and three children.

Ordered that Jessee Evans be allowed £24:00:00 for keeping a poor soldier's orphan for twelve months. [End p. 328]

The inquiry into a proposed mill, for which Thomas Bayley petitioned, occurred on 23 April 1777, when Sheriff William Selby and a jury of "good and lawful men" of the area met upon the land –

John Custis	Raymond Riley	Thomas Lillaston Jr	William Drummond
John Riley	Richard Drummond	Charles Metcalf	John Bull
Thomas Lewis	Jacob Ayres	Isaac Melson	Thomas Lillaston

– and after viewing it, valued the requested acre at £3:10:00 and determined that the proposed mill would cause Robert Turnal to suffer damages of £8:00:00. The mill would damage no one else. The sheriff and the jurors signed the document. Bayley was granted permission to build the mill.

Ezekiel Young petitioned that he owned land on one side of a branch leading into Hunting Creek convenient for building a water grist mill; he asked that an acre of land belonging to Thomas Lillaston be laid off on the opposite side for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to value the land and assess the damage that might occur on adjacent property.

Solomon Milby chose Addison Douty as guardian (security: Isaac Waterfield and Hezekiah Douty).

Joshua Blake was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year.

Justice Tully Wise entered court. [End p. 329]

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound Nehemiah Nock to Stephen Bell till lawful age to learn the trade of blacksmith “it appearing to the Court that the father of the said Child takes no Care of his maintenance, education or Support.”

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound Custis Dorman Killam to James Dorman till lawful age to learn the trade of bricklayer.

Hillary Stringer and others brought action of ejectment against Thomas Stringer; Hillary swore that he believed Anne Tompkins in Northampton to be a material witness and that she was an aged person. Ordered that John Wilkins (O P), William Floyd and George Savage take the deposition.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 31 March 1779

Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, William Parramore, Tully Wise (p. 330)

Ordered that John M^cClean, Alexander Stockley, David Bowman, Thorowgood Smith and Edw^d Ker “be appointed judges of the paper currency circulating in this county & that they apply to the Treasurer for the proper marker checks to distinguish counterfiets (sic).”

Ordered that George Corbin, Charles Bagwell and David Bowman be appointed commissioners of the tax for the county. [End p. 330]

Ordered that Col George Corbin be recommended to the governor as a proper person to hold the office of county Lieutenant.

The minutes (which were “truly recorded” by Litt^l Savage) were signed by Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 27 April 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, Nath^l Beavans, Thomas Bayley, John Burton, William Downing (p. 331)

The Governor appointed Henry Fletcher the sheriff of this county. “Henry together with John Gootee & Thomas Custis qualified as Sherifs by taking the Oaths . . .”

Caleb Fisher with wife Elizabeth acknowledged a deed to Smith Kellam.

Ordered that £1689:19:02 (from the sale of Luke Luker’s land) received from Edward Ker by Isaac Smith for the use of Elizabeth, Sarah, Ann, Rosanna and Susanna Luker remain in the hands of

Smith, except for the share belonging to the children that were of age. Since a considerable part of the money was “of the emissions that are called out of circulation & not after the first of June redeemable,” Smith was directed to have the money taken to the treasury to be exchanged; he was also directed to put the money at interest if practicable.

Thomas Stringer, who brought action of ejectment against Hillary Stringer, swore that he believed that Edward Robins Sr, Harman Joynes, Littleton Wyatt and Thomas Jacobs Sr were material witnesses and that they were either aged or infirm. Ordered that John Harmanson Sr, Michael Christian and John Mapp in Northampton and John Smith (Sea Side), Edward Ker and Arthur Robins in Accomack take the depositions and return them to next court.

George Corbin acknowledged a deed to Thorowgood Smith. **[End p. 331]**

Joshua Lawrence, who had previously been bound to Thomas Bayley Sr, was now bound by the churchwardens of St George’s Parish to Thorowgood Smith till lawful age to learn the art and mystery of a mariner.

The same was ordered as above “with respect to George Poulson” an orphan.

Robert Evans was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

Orphan Custis Kellam chose Fredrick Kellam as guardian (security: Argol Kellam).

A power of attorney from Daniel Welburn to William Parradice was proved by Ayres Gillet Jr.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of George Thomas (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that Scarbrough Clerk, widow of George Clerk, a poor soldier who died in the service of “these States” be allowed £3:00:00 per month for her support from 1 January 1779 to this date.

The churchwardens St George’s Parish bound Fletcher Heath to Richard Cutlar to learn the trade of blacksmith.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Kendal Wyatt (deceased) was submitted.

An account of the estate sale of William Wyatt was submitted.

In Charles Snead’s complaint for equity against Rob^t Drummond, Jonathan Willet and Major Chambers, “the persons appointed to value the Negroe named Lazar” reported that they had inquired into the value of his hire and then stated that “he is of the value of one hundred pounds current money of Virginia from September Court 1771.” Signed 3 April 1779, Clement Parker, Anthony West and Levin Rodgers. **[End p. 332]** Ordered that Snead recover £100:00:00 and costs. From this

decree the defendants asked to appeal to the next high court of chancery, which was granted after they posted security.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 27 April 1779

A court held for the examination of George Bunting, who was suspected of feloniously breaking and entering the house of Anne Holden during the night of 27 March and stealing thirty-nine pieces of bacon and about two bushels of salt, valued at £50:00:00

**Present: Isaac Smith, Nath^l Beavans, Thomas Bayley, John Burton, Clement Parker
John Smith, William Downing (p.333)**

Brought to the bar, George Bunting pled not guilty; after hearing Bunting and various witnesses, it was the court's opinion that George was guilty. It was ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith.

Accomack County Court – 27 April 1779

A court held for the examination of John Campbell for the same offense

Present: The same justices as above

Brought to the bar, John Campbell pled not guilty, but after hearing the witnesses, it was the court's opinion that he was guilty and should be sent to Williamsburg for further trial.

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith. [End p. 333]

Thomas Sandford, John Silverthorn, Thomas Fitchett and Mary Milburn each posted £500:00:00 for their appearance at Williamsburg on the second Tuesday in June to testify against George Bunting and John Campbell. "The confession of the said Criminals taken before William Williams Gent[*leman*] was also admitted as evidence." Signed Isaac Smith.

Accomack County Court – 27 April 1779

A court held for the trial of Jacob, a Negro man slave belonging to Elizabeth Warrington, suspected of feloniously breaking and entering the storehouse of Sacker Parker on 21 March and stealing a top sail, a top mast stay sail and a new ringtail [*sail*] valued at ten pence

**Present: Thomas Bayley, Tully Wise, Clement Parker, John Smith
John Custis, William Downing (p. 334)**

Set to the bar, Jacob pled not guilty. After hearing the witnesses, it was the opinion of the court that he was guilty. Ordered that the sheriff immediately administer thirty-nine lashes upon his bare back well laid on at the public whipping post.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 27 April 1779

A court held for the trial of Emmanuel, a slave belonging to William Williams, also suspected of feloniously breaking and entering the storehouse of Sacker Parker on 21 March and stealing a top sail, a top mast stay sail and a new ringtail [*sail*] valued at ten pence

**Present: Thomas Bayley, Tully Wise, Clement Parker, John Smith
John Custis, William Downing (p. 334)**

Set to the bar, Emmanuel pled not guilty; after hearing the witnesses, the court agreed and discharged him.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley. [End p. 334]

Accomack County Court – 28 April 1779

A court held for the examination of Abel Holly, suspected of feloniously breaking into Pungoteague Warehouse and stealing four barrels of flour belonging to John Roles

**Present: Isaac Smith, William Parramore, Thomas Teackle, Nath^l Beavans
Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clement Parker, John Burton (p. 335)**

Arraigned at the bar, Abel Holly pled not guilty. After hearing Holly in his own defense and various witnesses, the court was of the opinion that he was guilty and ordered that he be sent to Williamsburg for further trial. Holly, who was consideredailable, posted £3000:00:00 with his securities John Walker, John Melson, John Stott and Elisha Mears posting £2000:00:00 for Holly's appearance at Williamsburg for trial. Witnesses Levin Window, John Roles, Robert Hutchinson, Nathan Addison, Caleb Watson and Mary Lawrence each posted £200:0:00 to ensure they attended the trial to testify against Holly.

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith

Accomack County Court – 28 April 1779

**Present: Isaac Smith, William Parramore, Thomas Teackle
Nath^l Beavans, Clement Parker, John Custis, John Burton (p. 335)**

Thomas Stringer, who brought action against Hillary Stringer and others for equity, swore that he believed that Joseph Kellam, John Taylor (cordwainer), Director Smith and Bayley Harman were

material witnesses who were aged or infirm. Ordered that John Smith (Sea Side), Arthur Robins and Arthur Roberts take the depositions and return them to next court. **[End p. 335]**

Ordered that William Taylor (heir of John Taylor, deceased) be cited to show why a certain writing, said to be John's will, should not be proved.

Amy Coward complained against Solomon Bunting for equity. Ordered that Abel West, Edmund Bayley and John Walker Jr divide the slaves and personal estate by sale or otherwise and make report to the next court for a final decree.

Richard Abbott swore he attended seven days as a witness for George Hope in his suit against John Hampton. Hope was to pay Abbott according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

The commission to a deed from James Henry with wife Sarah to Clement Parker was submitted.

Two commissions to separate deeds from William Townsend with wife Susannah to John Sherlock were submitted.

Ordered that George Cutlar and Benjamin Peck be appointed to audit/settle the estate of Joshua Foster (deceased) in the place of John Smith and John Bonewell (deceased) and report to next court.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Zadock Shepherd for bastardy with Elizabeth Nock. Zadock, who submitted himself to the court, posted £250:00:00 with his securities (Robt James, Major Cole and Richard Justice) posting a like amount to save the parish from the cost of supporting the child. Zadock was to pay Elizabeth £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of the child. **[End p. 336]**

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Benjamin Hickman for bastardy with Anne Kerby. The "Same Rule" as above was granted against Hickman and his security, Thomas Hickman.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against William Stockley for bastardy with Peggy Dolby. The "Same Rule" as above was granted against Stockley and his security, George Bradford.

Ordered that Molly Copes, widow of Solomon Copes, a poor soldier who died in the service of "these States" be allowed £3:00:00 per month for her support from 28 January 1778, to this date.

John Benston, who posted a recognizance for keeping the peace upon information supplied by James Selby, was dismissed after paying costs (security: William Selby).

Jessee Wilkerson, who posted a recognizance for keeping the peace upon information supplied by James Selby, was dismissed.

John Upsher, who posted a recognizance for keeping the peace upon information supplied by William Stockley, was dismissed with William paying costs.

William Richardson, who posted a recognizance for keeping the peace upon information supplied by Sarah Richardson, was dismissed with Sarah paying costs.

Justice William Parramore, Thomas Teackle and Clement Parker left the court.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of George Knight (deceased) was submitted.

Thomas Bayley with wife Anne acknowledged a deed to John Custis. **[End p. 337]**

In William Littleton vs William Andrews, the arbitrators to whom their difference was submitted awarded Andrews £15:00:00 plus the costs of the suit. Signed Charles Bagwell and Thomas Hickman. (CaSa: 6 Oct 1779)

John Custis acknowledged a deed to Thomas Bayley Sr.

Ordered that Agnes Hogshire, widow of Rob^t Hogshire, a poor soldier who died in the service of “these States” be allowed £6:00:00 per month for her support from 26 January 1779 to this date.

Ordered that Elizabeth Mendom, widow of Robert Mendom, a poor soldier who died in the service of “the States” be allowed £3:00:00 per month for her support from 1 April 1777, to 1 January 1779.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Ezekiel Lichfield (deceased) was submitted, as was an audit of the estate.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Ephraim Vessels was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Charles Blake (deceased) was submitted.

An audit/settlement of the estate of William Whealton (deceased) was submitted.

A deed from Thomas Bradford to William Stockley was proved by William F Ross, Peter Dolby and Elisha Dolby.

Ordered that Thomas Bayley, Ezekiel Young and William Lillaston audit, settle and divide the estate of John Ironmonger (deceased). **[End p. 338]**

The will of Charles Taylor (deceased) was proved by William Young, Richard Taylor and Mathew Killman with the consent of heir John Taylor. Executor Elizabeth Taylor was sworn (security: Thomas Kelly). Ordered that William Young, Thomas Riley, Benjamin Royal and William Andrews appraise, audit and settle the estate.

The will of George Hope (deceased) was proved by Custis M^cCloud, Thomas Evans and Elizabeth Cowley. Heir Thomas Hope appeared and contested the validity of the will, so various witnesses were sworn and examined. It was the court's opinion that the executor should qualify and give security with the validity being a point to be discussed. It did not appear that the witnesses signed the will in the presence of the testator. Executor Ezekiel Young qualified (security: — m Custis and John Riley). Ordered that John Burton, Nath^l Beavans, John Teackle and William Emmerson appraise, audit and settle the estate.

Valentine Nikell, who brought action against Robert Annick, swore that Redmond Hackett, who was about to leave the state, was a material witness. Ordered that Isaac Smith, Edmund Custis and Thorowgood Smith take Hackett's deposition.

In Ezekiel Young's petition for a mill, the former order was established.

The minutes were signed by Isaac Smith. [End p. 339]

Accomack County Court – 29 April 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, Nath^l Beavans, William Parramore, John Custis (p. 340)

Simpson Bloxom vs James Turford was redocketed because it had been dismissed by mistake.

Mary Beavans vs Samuel Beavans (for equity) was continued.

Abraham Bosewell vs James Bosewell was abated by the death of James.

Catharine Justice brought action for equity against James Twiford, who failed to appear. Ordered that Twiford pay Catherine £100:00:00 with interest from 31 July 1771, plus costs. [*Illegible words*] ten acres of land may be liable for the payment of the interest.

George Parker vs Littleton Wyatt Jr was continued.

Mary Corbin vs Samuel Melvin was agreed and dismissed.

John Gootee vs William Selby was dismissed at Gootee's cost. [End p. 340]

John Taylor's petition for a mill was dismissed.

Robert Dashiield was to recover from John Read £3:00:02 with interest from 25 July 774.

Major Brickhouse, who sued Jacob Rodgers, failed to appear. Rodgers was to recover five shillings plus costs.

John Read, who sued Kendal Rodgers, failed to appear. Rodgers was to recover five shillings plus costs.

Eliz^a Rodgers, who sued Zorabab^l Heath, failed to appear. Heath was to recover five shillings plus costs.

Sarah Kellam, who sued Zorabab^l Heath, failed to appear. Heath was to recover five shillings plus costs.

Eliz^a Williams vs John Holt was dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Simpson Perkins, who was not found and was again ordered arrested. **[End p. 341]**

John Pettigrew sued Meshack Mears, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Edward Ker sued William Beloate, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

In James Berry's suit against George Prewit and William Prewitt, William had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless William appeared next court, judgment for the debt would pass against him and his bail (Levin Pruit). George, whom the sheriff could not find, was again ordered arrested.

Thomas Marshall agreed that Neal M^cMullen's administrators had sustained damages because of Marshall's nonperformance of an agreement. The plaintiff was to recover damages and costs.

John Mapp brought action of debt against Savage Cowdry, who failed to appear. Mapp was to recover the debt from Cowdry and Sheriff William Selby; the amount was originally £420:00:00, but was to be discharged by the payment of a lesser sum with interest. (CaSa: 18 Oct 779) **[End p. 342]**

Niel M^cMullen's administrators petitioned against Benjamin Royal and his wife Tabitha, who failed to appear. Ordered that the plaintiffs recover £2:10:11 and costs with interest from 23 March 1772. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Niel M^cMullen's administrators petitioned against John Nelson (blacksmith), who was to pay £1:10:09 and costs with interest from 16 January 1772. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Niel M^cMullen's administrators petitioned against Shadrack Dennis, who was to pay £1:08:03 ½ with interest from 20 April 1772.

Jabez Pitt (executor of Jabez Pitt, deceased) brought action of debt against John Smith (Pitt's Creek) and Michael Robins, who failed to appear. Smith with his bail (Coventon Ewell) and Robins with his bail (Robert Pitt) were to pay £7:11:07 with interest.

Samuel Henderson sued Joseph Mathews, who failed to appear. Ordered that November's order be confirmed and that the damages be ascertained by a jury.

Samuel Henderson sued Shadrack Mears, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Thomas Hinman sued William Andrews, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury. **[End p. 343]**

Susannah Dennis (executor of Litt^l Dennis, deceased) sued John Benston, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Susannah Dennis (executor of Litt^l Dennis, deceased) sued Ephraim Milman, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Susannah Dennis (executor of Litt^l Dennis, deceased) sued Howel Glading, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Susannah Dennis (executor of Litt^l Dennis, deceased) sued John Michael, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Caleb Teackle sued James Cox, who failed to appear. A former order was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

James Hamilton Dugale vs John Riley was dismissed.

Samuel Henderson sued William Ross, who failed to appear. Henderson was to recover £1:18:05 with interest from 3 February 1773. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Samuel Henderson, who sued Thomas Broadwater, was to recover £4:17:03 with interest from 8 January 1773. **[End p. 344]**

John Pettigrew, who sued Charles Gill, was to recover £5:00:00 with interest from 22 March 1774.

Anne Warrington, who sued Samuel Beavans was to recover £5:00:00 with interest from January 1773. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

John Mears sued Caleb Teackle (bail: John West), who failed to appear. Mears was to recover £50:00:00 with interest from 30 October 1775.

Samuel Henderson vs Thomas Slocomb was agreed and dismissed.

The King vs William Arbuckle was dismissed.

William Cutlar vs Absalom Foster was abated by the death of Cutlar.

James Geogehan vs John Morrison was agreed and dismissed.

James Geogehan vs Ephraim Milman was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 345]**

James Geogehan vs John Hutchinson was abated by the death of Hutchinson.

Jessee Evans with wife Mary vs Richard Hickman (son of Will^m) was agreed and dismissed.

John Smith vs Ambrose Mitchell was abated by the death of Smith.

The King vs Levin Gunter was dismissed.

Ephraim Mathews sued Nathaniel Evans, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Mathews was to recover damages for Evans' nonperformance of an agreement; damages were to be determined by a jury.

Peter Hack Sr sued Israel Almsworth (bail: Edmund Scarborough), who was to pay damages.

Benjⁿ Stansberry sued Anthony Barrira (bail: John Teackle and Rob^t James), who was to pay a debt.

The justices of Accomack County sued Smith Snead, who was to pay a debt.

Catharine Justice sued John Powell (bail: Edw^d Custis) who was to pay a debt. **[End p. 346]**

The order for the sheriff to take the estate of Abel Johnson into custody was dismissed.

Edward Ker vs Zorobabel Heath was dismissed.

Litt^l Dennis' female executor vs Will^m Patterson was agreed and dismissed.

John Bowdoin & Co vs Ambrose Mitchell was abated by the death of Bowdoin.

The King vs Major Savage was abated by the death of Savage.

The King vs George Knight was abated by the death of Knight.

The King vs William Savage was abated by the death of Savage.

The King vs Will^m Savage (blacksmith) was abated by the death of Savage.

The King vs Geo Gilchrist was abated by the death of Gilchrist.

The King vs John Fox was abated by the death of Fox. **[End p. 347]**

The King vs John Hart was abated by the death of Hart.

John Robins Downing and others vs Charles Lecatte's female administrator was dismissed.

Ayres Gillet vs George Bradford was abated by the death of Gillet.

Smith Snead vs Peter Hardy was abated by the death of Hardy.

John Barclay vs Jacob Rodgers was abated by the death of Rodgers.

The King vs Mary Booth was dismissed.

James Berry vs George Prewit was dismissed.

William Bland sued John Drummond (son of John), who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

John Throckmorton sued John Drummond (son of John), who could not be found and was again ordered arrested. **[End p. 348]**

Edward Ker sued Americus Sturgis, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

Regarding the will of George Hope, it was the court's opinion that the will be established in all its points; it appeared to the court that the will was legally witnessed in the testator's presence.

Regarding Charles Metcalf's petition for a mill, ordered that the inquiry be set aside because of a defect; another order to view it was issued.

John Michael vs John Gootee (for equity) was continued.

Ordered that Richard Rodgers, William Coleburn, John Spiers and Levin Stewart appraise the estate of James Harrison (deceased).

Thomas Bayley with wife Anne brought action of equity against Jacob Ayres and Jonathan Willett. The arguments and depositions were heard; the court decided that the agreement between Drummond and Ayres mentioned in the bill was fully proved, so they ordered that a conveyance from Ayres to the complainants for the acre of land be executed “agreeable thereto.” A peripheral injunction was awarded in the ejectment brought by the defendant Willet against the Bayleys, who were to recover their costs against Ayres. Willet was to recover his costs against the Bayleys.

Jonathan Willet’s lessee vs Thomas Bayley was dismissed.

Ordered that Nath^l Beavans and John Burton test the weights and scales at Guilford Warehouse and hire workmen for necessary repairs.

Ordered that Thomas Teackle and John Smith test the weights and scales at Pungoteague Warehouse and hire workmen for necessary repairs. **[End p. 349]**

Elizabeth Powell (security: Thomas Bayley Jr) was granted administration of the estate of Rob^t Powell (deceased). Ordered that Levin Bunting, John Bagwell, Salathiel Fitchett and Smith Millener appraise the estate.

John Savage’s lessee brought action of ejectment against Mary Ashby for land in St George’s Parish. It was the court’s opinion that the law was for the defendant, who was to recover costs. From this judgment, the plaintiff appealed to the 8th day of the next general court, which was granted with him giving security.

Those appointed to view the road for which Gilbert Pielee petitioned reported that it would not be inconvenient for anyone and that it was well cleared. Signed James Henry and Levin Bunting. Ordered that the road be established.

On the motion of John Mears (son of Will^m), John Mears (son of Littl) was cited for misusing Shadrack and Elizabeth Mears (orphans of Litt^l Mears).

Thomas Bayley and others vs Jacob Kesler (for debt) was abated by the death of Kesler.

James Kelly vs Thomas Brooks was dismissed.

Joseph Dunton vs James Drummond was abated by the death of Drummond. **[End p. 350]**

Drummond's executors vs George Oldham was agreed and dismissed.

James Scott vs Noah Beloate was abated by the death of Scott.

James Scott vs Robinson Mehourn was abated by the death of Scott.

James Scott vs Noah Beloate was abated by the death of Scott.

James Scott vs John Crippen Jr was abated by the death of Scott.

James Scott vs George Oldham was abated by the death of Scott.

James Scott vs Patrick Galts was abated by the death of Scott.

John Barclay vs Rob^l Snead Jr was dismissed.

Jonathan Harding vs Cornelius Ironmonger was submitted to the determination of Robinson Savage and Thomas Copes, whose award was to be the judgment of the court.

James Henry vs George Byswick was dismissed. **[End p. 351]**

Luther Martin vs James Ingram was dismissed.

James Scott vs Gilbert Pielee was abated by the death of Scott.

William Andrews sued Samuel Holt, who said he was not guilty; the trial was referred till next court.

Jamimah Booth vs Jean Baptist Duler was dismissed.

John Pettigrew sued Jean Baptist Duler, who was granted time to try to settle.

Jean Baptist Duler sued John Pettigrew, who was granted time to try to settle.

Ordered that the sheriff summon a grand jury of twenty-four members to the next court.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thomas Bayley. **[End p. 352]**

Accomack County Court – 30 April 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, John Custis, Thomas Bayley, Tully Wise

William Ward with wife and others brought action for equity against William Stockley and wife; Stockley was granted time to answer the complaint.

Solomon Boston vs Southy Northam (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Thomas Taylor vs Peter Hardy was abated by the death of Hardy.

Joshua Foster's executors vs Jamimah Booth (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Taylor vs John Bennit (for assault and battery) was agreed and dismissed.

The King vs Archib^d Jackson was abated by the death of Jackson.

The King vs Geo Nock was dismissed. [*This entry was repeated.*] **[End p. 353]**

In the King vs William Polk &c, the defendant said he was not guilty; the trial was referred to next court.

In the King vs William Stockley &c, the defendant said he was not guilty; the trial was referred to next court.

The King vs Abednigo Gunter was abated by the death of Gunter.

The King vs Rich^d Hutson Guy &c was dismissed.

The King vs Rob^t Jenkinson was abated by the death of Jenkinson.

The King vs Tully R Wise was abated by the death of Wise.

The King vs Eyres Gillet was abated by the death of Gillet.

The King vs Geo Knight was abated by the death of Knight.

The King vs Richard Abbott was dismissed. **[End p. 354]**

Alexander M^cLaughlin brought action of debt against Sarah Kellam, who failed to appear. M^cLaughlin was to recover from Sarah and her bail (William Kellam) £50:00:00, which would be discharged by a lesser sum with interest.

Charles Bagwell brought action of debt against John Bull (bail: Thorowgood Smith) for £40:00:00 with interest from 7 May 1766.

George Gilchrist sued Rob^t Culley, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court judgment would pass against him for damages sustained when he failed to perform an agreement. The damages would be determined by a jury.

Robinson Custis sued Robert Culley, who failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court judgment would pass against him and his bail (the executor of William Cutlar).

Susanna Dennis (executor of Litt^l Dennis deceased) sued Jabez Pitt (executor of Jabez Pitt deceased) “in custody.” In this case the court passed the “Same Rule” as above. **[End p. 355]**

William Taylor sued Levi Nock (bail: John Walker), against whom judgment was to pass.

Benjamin Turlington brought action of trespass against Peggy Beloate (bail: Sarah Leatherbury), against whom judgment was to pass.

Benjamin Turlington brought action of trespass against Sarah Beloate (unnamed bail), against whom judgment was to pass.

James Berry sued Jacob Lewis (bail: William Young, the executor of George Hope), against whom judgment was to pass.

Edward Ker sued Thomas Robinson (bail: John Custis and Thomas Lillaston), against whom judgment was to pass.

John Montgomery’s administrators sued John Pettigrew (bail: Southy Silverthorn), against whom judgment was to pass.

John Blake’s executors sued Isaiah Johnson (bail: John Johnson), against whom judgment was to pass. **[End p. 356]**

Levin Wilkerson sued Lisney Gootee (bail: Sam^l Beavans), against whom judgment was to pass.

Edward Jester &c sued Robert Bailey (bail: Jonathan Bunting), against whom judgment was to pass.

Edward Ker &c sued Bartholomew Twiford (bail: executor of Daniel Twiford), against whom judgment was to pass.

Thomas Bonewell and others sued Bartholomew Twiford (bail: executor of Daniel Twiford), against whom judgment was to pass.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued George Abbott; judgment was to pass against Abbott and Sheriff William Selby.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Joshua Harman (bail: John Teackle), against whom judgment was to pass.

John Sherlock sued John Wallace (bail: David Watson), against whom judgment was to pass.

John Dalton (executor of John Glading deceased) sued James Berry Pitt (executor of Jabez Pitt, deceased), who failed to appear. The order of last August was confirmed; damages were to be determined by a jury.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Rob^t M^cClean, who said he was not guilty. The trial was referred to next court. **[End p. 357]**

Abraham Outten sued Johannes Watson, who said he did not enter the obligation. The trial was referred to next court.

Elijah Nock sued Thomas Hope, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Reuben Joine sued (for assault and battery) James Cox, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Thomas James sued Jean B Dular, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

John Badger sued Jean B Dular, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

John M^cMeth sued William Undril, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Isaac Hill sued (for assault and battery) Robert M^cClean, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Joshua Watson sued John Northam, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

John Wise sued Micajah James, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court. **[End p. 358]**

Benston's lessee sued (for ejectment) Jonas Benston, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

John Pettigrew sued William Laws, who denied making a promise. The trial was referred to next court.

John Pettigrew sued Jonathan Laws, who denied making a promise. The trial was referred to next court.

John Pettigrew sued Jean Baptiste Dular, who denied making a promise. The trial was referred to next court.

Jean B Dular sued John Pettigrew, who denied making a promise. The trial was referred to next court.

Thomas Crippen and others sued Thomas Copes and others, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

Zachariah Gunter sued Obednego Gunter over a disputed property line. Ordered that the executor of the plaintiff appear to hear the judgment and show why it should not be enforced.

Levi Nock sued Harman Taylor, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and Sheriff James Arbuckle for the debt.

Abel West (executor of John West deceased) sued Thomas James, who failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him and his bail (James Twiford). **[End p. 359]**

John West's executor sued (for debt) Rebecca Watts (executor of John Watts, deceased), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against her and Sheriff James Arbuckle.

Edmund Bayley sued Harman Taylor (for debt), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and his bail (John Mears).

Ann Thomkins sued (for debt) John Smith (Pungo [Pungoteague]), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and Sheriff William Selby.

Custis Rodgers vs Severn East (for a citation) was dismissed.

Rich^d Abbott and wife vs Sarah Stran and others (minors) was continued.

The Common Wealth vs Isaac Riggs was abated by the death of Riggs.

The Common Wealth vs John Sample was dismissed.

The Common Wealth vs Charles Snead was dismissed.

The Common Wealth vs Peter Hardy was abated by the death of Hardy. **[End p. 360]**

The Common Wealth vs Doctor Gault was abated by the death of Gault.

The Common Wealth vs Isaac Riggs was abated by the death of Riggs.

The Common Wealth vs Thomas Dillo was abated by the death of Dillo.

The Common Wealth vs Thomas Bacock was dismissed.

The Common Wealth vs John Traverse was dismissed.

John Swift, who sued William Horn, failed to appear to prosecute. He was to pay the defendant £0:05:00 and costs.

John Snead, who sued John Kelly for broken covenant, failed to appear to prosecute. He was to pay the defendant £0:05:00 and costs.

John Rodgers, who sued Robert Parker (son of Rob^t), failed to appear to prosecute. He was to pay the defendant £0:05:00 and costs.

Kendal Kellam, who sued Custis Rayfield, failed to appear to prosecute. He was to pay the defendant £0:05:00 and costs. **[End p. 361]**

Charles Yates, who sued Henry White, failed to appear to prosecute. He was to pay the defendant £0:05:00 and costs.

John Richards, who sued Samuel Dugard, failed to appear to prosecute. He was to pay the defendant £0:05:00 and costs.

John Bonewell's executor vs Revell Custis &c (for debt) was dismissed because there was no return.

James Kelly vs Thomas Brooks was dismissed.

Eliz^a Parker vs Thomas Evans &c (for debt) was dismissed.

Isaiah Evans vs Thomas Evans &c (for debt) was dismissed.

The Common Wealth vs Solomon Langford (who was to keep the peace upon information provided by Andrew Russell) was dismissed with Langford paying costs.

John Waddy brought action of debt against Thomas Kellam, who was granted time to try to settle.

Edmund Custis sued Jessee Cannon, who was granted time to try to settle.

Frances Kellam sued Argol Kellam, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 362]**

Americus Sturgis sued Henry Lewis, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

The presentment of John Pettigrew (upon information provided by Sarah Johnson) was agreed and dismissed.

Patience Milby and others vs Daniel Rodgers (for equity) was dismissed.

Jessee Cannon vs Thorowgood Smith was continued.

The citation against William Broadwater was dismissed.

Thomas Robinson vs Peter Hardy was abated by the death of Hardy.

The presentment against Jonathan Kellam was abated by the death of Kellam.

Rous Fossett and others sued Charles Wells, who failed to appear. Judgment passed against him for the goods in question plus costs.

Tully R Wise, Skinner Wallop &c sued William Burdett, who was granted time to try to settle. The part of the suit relating to Wise was abated by the death of Wise. **[End p. 363]**

Zorobabel Rodgers (executor of Will^m Riley deceased) vs Nanny Budd (for equity) was continued.

John Montgomery's administrators vs George White was abated by the death of White.

George Finney &c vs William Finney (for equity) was continued.

Mary Jenkinson vs Custis Jenkinson (for equity) was continued.

John M^cMeth vs Johannes Watson was agreed and dismissed.

George Cutlar vs Custis Derby was continued for trial.

John Plake's [Blake's] executor vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope.

John Pettigrew vs James Bosewell was abated by the death of Bosewell.

Levin Ballard vs Elisha Taylor (for debt) was dismissed.

John M^cMeth vs Laban Chandler (for trespass) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 364]**

Francis Kellam brought action against Argol Kellam for the recovery of goods. The sheriff reported that no one showed him the goods, so another order was issued.

James Turford sued Robert Parker, who failed to appear. Judgment was entered for Turford for £8:14:04 and 398 lbs tobacco for the debt and 250 lbs tobacco for costs on a judgment obtained in this court on 30 December 1772. Parker was also to pay the costs of this prosecution and writ.

Arthur Teacke sued John Rowles, who was to pay £0:01:03 damages and 410 lbs tobacco on a judgment obtained on 30 March 1774.

Anne Thompkins vs William Seymour's executor (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Anne Thompkins vs Luke Luker's executor (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

The justices of Accomack vs George Latchum's administrators (for debt) was dismissed.

The justices of Accomack vs George Hope was abated by the death of Hope. **[End p. 365]**

John Waltham and others vs William Waltham (for equity) was continued.

William Andrews sued William Young for trespass. The jury –

Thorowgood Smith	Henry Custis	William Drummond	Robert Drummond
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Cornelius Ironmonger	Smith Snead	John Taylor	John Bull
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Charles West	Southy Northam	Thomas Whealton	Thomas Copes
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– found Young guilty and assessed the damages at one penny. It was agreed that the parties share the costs.

William Ross brought action against Spencer Smith. The jury –

William Young	Richard Young	Woodman Bloxom	Solomon Johnson
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Hope Ewell	George Hickman	Selby Simpson	Rob ^t James
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Benj ⁿ Royal	Levin Bunting	Willet Lillaston	Levin Dix
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– found Smith guilty and assessed the damages at £5:00:00 plus costs. (CaSa: 6 Nov 1779)

Jamimah Booth was licensed to keep an ordinary at her house for a year.

The following witnesses swore to the number of days they attended to testify for William Ross against Spencer Smith: James Jester (seven days), Thomas Bloxom (six days), William Conquest (five days) and Shadrack Taylor (five days). Ross was to pay them according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*]. **[End p. 366]**

The minutes (which were recorded by Littleton Savage) were signed by Isaac Smith.

Accomack County Court – 25 May 1779

Present: James Arbuckle, Clement Parker, William Williams, John Custis

Thomas Teackle, John Burton, Thomas Bayley, William Downing (p. 367)

The will of John Taylor (deceased) was proved by Caleb Chandler and William Sacker Chandler. Executor George Cutlar was sworn (security: John Riley and Caleb Chandler). Ordered that Benjamin Peck, Major Ironmonger, Michael Bonewell and Nath^l Badger appraise, audit, settle and divide the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Levin Custis (deceased) was submitted.

The will of John Robins Downing (deceased) was proved by James Robinson and John Mears with the consent of George Corbin, who was appointed to represent minor heir John Downing. Executor Sophia Downing was sworn giving as her security John Mears (Ockohannock) and John Mears (Sea Side). Ordered that John Spiers, John Ashby, James Dorman and Thomas Custis appraise the estate.

Ordered that James Arbuckle, Thomas Bayley and John Custis inspect the prison and hire workmen to make repairs. **[End p. 367]**

The grand jury was sworn and retired –

John Riley, foreman	John Morrison	William Patterson	Joseph Kelly
William Morgan	Shadrack Bayley	Robert Small	William Vessells
Benjamin Royal	Richard Justice	Isaac Waterfield	John Walker Sr
Solomon Reed	Anthony West	Charles Bayley	Drake Drummond
William Nock	Levi Aimes	Edmund Bayley	America Scarbrough

The will of Southy Simpson (deceased) was proved by James Arbuckle, George Corbin, Thomas Bayley and Henry Custis, who declared that they thought the entire will to be the handwriting of Southy. Heir Selby Simpson had no objections. Executors Comfort Simpson, John Parker and Southy Simpson were sworn (security: John Burton and Henry Custis). Ordered that Thomas Crippen, John Bundick, Thomas Evans and John Dix appraise the estate.

Justice Thomas Bayley left the court.

The will of Esther Savage (deceased) was proved by William Savage and Jamimah Parks. William Vere (security: George Stewart) was granted administration of the estate with will annexed. Ordered that Thomas Crippen, John Custis, Charles Bagwell and Ezekiel Young appraise the estate.

Ordered that James Arbuckle, Thomas Bayley and John Custis inspect the prison and hire workmen to make repairs. *[This was the second time this order was recorded.]*

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Solomon Reed for bastardy with Elizabeth Welllman. A £500:00:00 bond was posted by John Walker and John Spiers to save the parish from supporting the child and for paying £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to Elizabeth.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound Solomon Trigger to Ezekiel Broadwater till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound James Triggs (sic) to Sebastian Delastatus. **[End p. 368]**

The will of John Pitts (deceased) was proved by William Selby and Joseph Waggaman with the approval of the heir. Executor George Stewart was sworn (security: William Selby) ordered that Joseph Waggaman, James Broadwater, William Broadwater and Jacob Broadwater appraise the estate..

A deed from John Robins to John Wilkerson was proved by William Selby, Joseph Waggaman and Thomas Sharpley.

John Benston acknowledged a deed to William Selby.

John Waltham and others had brought action of equity against William Waltham. Those appointed to divide the slave in question reported that Jacob, the Negro slave of John Waltham Sr (deceased), was sold at auction on 21 October 1778, for £421:05:00, and the money was divided as follows:

- to the heirs of Teackle Waltham (deceased), one fourth part £105:06:03
- to the heirs of John Waltham (deceased), one fourth part 105:06:03
- to the heir of Stephen Waltham (deceased), one fourth part 105:06:03
- to William Waltham, one fourth part 105:06:03

Signed by John Smith and Americus Scarbrough. Ordered that the division be held firm.

An inventory/appraisement and audit/settlement of the estate of Thomas Perry (deceased) was submitted.

Those appointed to view Major Colony's proposed road reported that it was nearly the same distance and as well cleared and "causwayd" as the old road "tho not so well as we could wish." Signed by Thomas Teackle, Thomas Jacob and Edmund Bayley. The new road was ordered established.

Elijah Bird with wife Bridget acknowledged a deed to Daniel Kelly. **[End p. 369]**

Ordered that Levin Wilkerson pay Hannah Merrill £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child, of which Wilkerson was the supposed father.

Ordered that Augustine Leatte, John Reid and Edward Ker audit and settle the estate of Shadrack Groten (deceased).

A deed from Samuel Henderson to James Selby was proved by Ralph Corbin and William Downing.

The will of Miles Freeman was proved by Robert James. Executor Thomas Crippen was sworn (security: William Young Jr). Ordered that William Nock, Ezekiel Tatham, Ebenezer Cutlar and Sacker Parker appraise the estate.

Joseph Blake was appointed guardian to orphan Nanny Blake (security: John Howard).

A deed from William Broadwater with wife Polly to Meshack Fiddeman was proved by George Stewart, Joseph Waggaman and John Gootee.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Thomas Bagwell was submitted.

Comfort Lucas had complained for her dower against John Northam; the sheriff reported that on 10 May 1779, he went on the land, and with twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick, set apart one third of the land and mill. The sheriff recorded the measurements and mentioned the landmarks, including a stake in the garden, the lane, **[end p. 370]** the land of Henry Fletcher and the mill dam. Comfort was also to have one third of the barn, framed kitchen, milk house and cornstack as well as a third of the mill. The men who made the division signed the document:

Henry Fletcher	Joseph Moore	Southy Lucas	John Gootee
William Bishop	Thomas Hope	Sacker Parker	Geo T Taylor
Richard Justice	Bennet Mason	Elijah Nock	Moses Bloxom
William Bloxom	Richard Bloxom		

Ordered that the division be established with Comfort recovering her costs.

Ordered that Lisney Gootee pay Anne Nicholas £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child, of which Gootee was the supposed father.

Ordered that “the male labouring Tithables” in the household of Elisha Mears work on the road in overseer John Ashby’s district.

John Cropper Jr acknowledged a deed to Thomas Bayley.

Thomas Bayley Jr acknowledged a deed to John Cropper Jr.

Ordered that Parker Barnes be recommended to the Governor to be appointed captain of a company of militia in the place of John Pettigrew.

Ordered that William Fisher be recommended to the Governor to be appointed lieutenant of the above company.

Ordered that George Bundick be recommended to the Governor to be appointed ensign in the place of Andrew Russel.

The grand jury made the following presentments:

- Isaiah Cole presented for larceny (true bill)
- John Northam presented for entertaining Negroes (true bill)
- Custis Hickman (road overseer) presented [*for not maintaining*] the road from New Church (true bill)
- James Selby presented for assault and battery of John Benston (true bill)
- Francis Aires presented for assault and battery of John Benston (true bill)
- Henry Heath presented “for entering with force & arms &c” (true bill)

Ordered that prosecution issue against the above.

Ordered that George Savage, William White and Thomas Evans audit and settle the estate of John Crippen (deceased). **[End p. 371]**

Ordered that John Spiers, Nath^l Badger and Major Ironmonger audit and settle the estate of Charles Richardson (deceased).

A deed from Southy Simpson to James Arbuckle was partly proved by the oath of Corbin (sic).

William Young Sr (who had sued William Andrews) was to pay [*25 lbs tobacco per day*] the following witnesses who testified for him: William Young Jr (two days) and Richard Young (one day).

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 26 May 1779

**Present: James Arbuckle, John Custis, Thomas Bayley, John Burton
Nath^l Beavans, William Downing (p. 372)**

The lists of tithables were to be taken by the following justices:

- William Williams from the Maryland line on the Sea Side of Wallop’s Road to Assawaman Branch
- William Downing from the Maryland line on the Bay Side of Wallop’s Road to the post going to Pocomoke and the line between Sandford and Mrs Holden
- Nath^l Beavans from Assawaman branch on the Sea Side of Wallop’s Road to the line between the parishes
- John Burton from the line between Sandford and Holden and post leading down to Pocomoke on the Bay Side of Wallop’s Road to the line between the parishes
- James Arbuckle from the parish line on the Sea Side of Wallop’s Road to Allen’s Branch
- John Custis from the parish line on the Bay Side of Wallop’s Road to the head of Chessonessex
- Tully Wise from the head of Chessonessex on the Bay Side of the middle Road to Revel’s Branch
- Thomas Teackle from Revell’s Branch on the Bay Side of the Middle Road to the Northampton line **[End p. 372]**
- William Parramore from Allen’s Branch on the Bay Side of the Middle Road to Mears’s Branch

– John Smith from Mears’s Branch on the Sea Side of the Middle Road to the Northampton line.

Ordered that overseers of the roads be replaced as follows:

- Massey Benston to replace Southy White
- William Marshall to replace Robert Watson
- Charles Leatherbury to replace Edmund Leatherbury
- John Poolman to replace Custis Hickman
- John Dix to replace Elijah Lillaston
- Nath^l Bird Jr to replace Solomon Bird
- Shadrack Bayley to replace William Savage
- William Andrews to replace Richard Justice
- Richard Young to replace John Lewis.

Ordered that the road leading down from the County Road to James Arbuckle’s house be added to Solomon Dix’s district.

William Andrews vs Fredrick Major was agreed and dismissed.

James Henry brought action of attachment against Stephen Mister. The sheriff reported that he had attached a Negro woman slave belonging to Mister, and the court ordered that she be sold with the money condemned to pay the debt and costs to Henry.

Ordered that John Spiers, George Cutlar and Charles Leatherbury audit and settle the estate of Thomas Edmunds (deceased).

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Littleton Mercy was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Arthur Silverthorn was agreed and dismissed.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs John Young was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 373]**

Ezekiel Delastatius sued George Fisher, who failed to appear. Delastatius was to recover £1:06:05 ½ with interest from 15 November 1772. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Emmanuel Harman, who was to pay £1:12:07 with interest from 18 November 1772.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued William Bennet, who was to pay £3:05:07 with interest from 8 December 1773. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Ezekiel Delastatius sued John Baker Jr, who was to pay £2:10:07 ½ with interest from 10 September 1772.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Thomas Bloxom, who was to pay £2:10:06 with interest from 3 November 1773.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued William Taylor (carpenter), who was to pay £2:00:06 with interest from 14 November 1772.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued John Bishop, who was to pay £2:09:01 with interest from 12 September 1773. **[End p. 374]**

Ezekiel Delastatius sued John Pettigrew, who was to pay £4:01:02 with interest from 10 October 1773.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Thomas Fisher Jr, who was to pay £3:01:04 with interest from 8 November 1773. (CaSa: 8 nov 1779)

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Levi Dix &c, who were to pay £3:10:04 ½ with interest from 7 December 1772.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued John Bloxom Jr, who was to pay £1:16:06 with interest from 12 September 1773.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Lucretia Bloxom (administrator of Litt^l Bloxom), who was to pay £3:16:03 ½ with interest from 21 September 1772.

Margaret Gillen sued Garret Slover, who was to pay £4:02:06 and costs.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued George Abbott, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed against Abbott with damages to be ascertained by a jury next court.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Joshua Harman, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury at the next court.

Catharine Justice sued John Powell, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court. **[End p. 375]**

Edward Ker sued Barthlomew Twiford, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court.

Thomas Bonewell sued Barthlomew Twiford, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court.

John Blake's executors sued Isaiah Johnson, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court.

Levin Wilkerson sued Lisney Gootee, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court.

Edw^d Jester and wife sued Robert Bayley, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court.

James Berry sued Jacob Lewis, against whom damages would be ascertained by a jury next court.

The justices of Accomack brought action of debt against Smith Snead, who failed to appear. Snead was to pay £12:04:08 with interest from 1 January 1765.

Ann Tompkins brought action of debt against John Smith (Pungo[Pungoteague]), who failed to appear. Smith and the sheriff were to pay £26:00:00 with interest from 1 January 1776.

James Berry brought action of debt against Will^m and George Prewit, who failed to appear. William and George (bail: Levin Prewit) were to pay the debt with interest. **[End p. 376]**

Ezekiel Young's petition for a mill was continued to next court.

Charles Metcalf's petition for a mill was continued to next court.

The justices of Accomack brought action of debt against George Latchum's administrators. Alex^r Davis swore that he believed Edmund Core was a material witness and that Core was infirm. Ordered that William Williams, Nath^l Beavans and Alex^r Stockley take Core's deposition.

William Downing and others petitioned for permission to reroute a road; ordered that John Burton, Nath^l Beavans and Howell Glading view the same and make report.

Jacob Taylor petitioned to reroute a road near Coverly's leading into Hunting Creak Road; ordered that Charles Bagwell, Abraham Willet and John Dix Sr view the same and make report.

Ordered that the road leading down from the County Road to John Custis's plantation be added to the precinct in which John was overseer.

Caleb Teackle's action for attachment against Robert Conwell [?] was continued.

The will of Ayres Gillet (deceased) was contested by Peggy Gillet, widow of the deceased. Ordered that the matter lie over till the next court.

The Common Wealth vs John Riley, who was to keep the peace upon information provided by Jiles Taylor, was dismissed with Riley paying costs.

In Jonathan Harding vs Cornelius Ironmonger, the arbitrators (Robinson Savage and Thomas Copes) awarded Harding £30:00:00 and all costs to be paid by 15 May 1779. Harding was to pay Major Dunton [25 *lbs tobacco*] for attending one day as a witness.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle. **[End p. 377]**

Accomack County Court – 29 June 1779

Present: Isaac Smith, Thomas Teackle, James Arbuckle, Thomas Bayley (p. 378)

William Selby qualified as a justice by taking the oaths and entered court.

Robert James petitioned that he owned land on one side of Kicotank Branch suitable for building a water grist mill, and he asked that an acre of land belonging to George Hope on the other side be condemned for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to view and value the acre and determine the impact on adjacent property.

George Abbott with wife Sarah acknowledged a deed to John Teackle.

Ordered that Joseph Mathews be overseer [*of the roads*] in the place of Alexander Stockley.

George Hope's executor brought action against John Hampton, who, according to the sheriff, had nothing in the bailiwick. A copy of the August court's order was produced, in which Hampton was to pay Hope £200:00:00 and 376 *lbs tobacco* with costs.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Peter Rodgers (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that Thomas Fitchett be surveyor of the road in the place of Elijah Milburn.

Justice James Arbuckle left court. **[End p. 378]**

A deed from Southy Simpson to James Arbuckle was proved by James Henry and Griffeth Stith; witness George Corbin had already sworn.

Justice James Arbuckle entered court.

A writing said to be the will of Abednigo Gunter (deceased) was presented; the witnesses refused to swear that Abednigo was in his proper senses, so the court determined that it was no will. Nathaniel Badger (security: Abel Badger) was granted administration of the estate. Ordered that George Cutlar, John Spiers, Henry Heath and Thomas James appraise the estate..

Athaliah Bloxom (security: William Andrews and Daniel Kelly) was granted administration of the estate of Levi Bloxom (deceased). Ordered that Robert Small, Tho^s Bloxom, Solomon Johnson and Griffeth Kelly appraise, audit and settle the estate.

Ezekiel Ross brought action of trespass against Levi Bloxom (bail: William Andrews), who was granted time to try to settle.

Peter Lafarque sued Savage Cowdry (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

George Bundick Jr sued John Teackle (attorney: George Corbin), who was granted time to try to settle.

James Sandford &c sued Thomas Burton (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

James Sandford sued George Garrison, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 379]**

Charity Wise sued William Welch (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

John Benston sued Rob^t M^cClean (attorney: George Corbin), who was granted time to try to settle.

Reuben Bonewell sued John Bonewell (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

Elijah Booth sued William Scott, who was granted time to try to settle.

Handson Briscoe sued Eliz^a Guy, who was granted time to try to settle.

Thomas Robinson sued John Rodgers, who was granted time to try to settle.

Southy Bull brought action for assault and battery against John Cropper (attorney: George Corbin), who was granted time to try to settle.

John Bull brought action for assault and battery against John Cropper, who was granted time to try to settle.

William Dunton brought action for assault and battery against John Cropper, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Kellam brought action for assault and battery against John Cropper, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 380]**

James Robinson sued Edw^d Ker, who was granted time to try to settle.

Major Cole brought action for trespass against John Lyon (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

Levin Marshall sued Robert Watson (attorney: James Taylor), who was granted time to try to settle.

William Riley's executor sued (for debt) Charles and Smith Snead, who were granted time to try to settle.

William Young &c sued Abel Holly, who was granted time to try to settle.

Laban Godwin brought action for assault and battery against Warrington Staten (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

Severn Bunting sued Lisney Gootee, who was granted time to try to settle.

William Andrews sued Richard Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle.

William Andrews sued (for recovery of goods) Richard Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Ishmael Andrews sued Richard Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Tabitha Taylor sued (for dower) Sophia Downing, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 381]**

Thomas Bonewell sued Charles Bayley (attorney: James Taylor), who was granted time to try to settle.

John M^cMeth sued Thomas Slocomb (attorney: James Taylor), who was granted time to try to settle.

Ezekiel Taylor sued (for trespass) Sacker Parker (attorney: James Taylor), who was granted time to try to settle.

Jabez Pitt sued Rob^t Pitt (attorney: James Henry) for the recovery of seized goods. Pitt was granted time to try to settle.

W^m Shipham sued Ephraim Mathews (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

W^m Shipham sued (for debt) Ephraim Mathews (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

Robert Watson sued (for debt) Nehemiah Marshal, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Pettigrew sued Peter Hardy's executor (attorney: James Taylor), who was granted time to try to settle.

John Turnal sued W^m Waltham (attorney: James Henry), who was granted time to try to settle.

Mary Rodgers sued John Hutchinson, who was granted time to try to settle.

Robert Showell sued William Parramore, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 382]**

Levin Wilkerson sued Mary Anne Jenkinson, who was granted time to try to settle.

Jessee Taylor sued Jn^o M^cClain, who was granted time to try to settle.

Henry Heath sued John Mahowin (attorney: James Taylor), who was granted time to try to settle.

Peter Hack sued (for trespass) Stephen Mister (bail: Thomas Bayley Jr), who was granted time to try to settle.

William Parradice sued Jessee Taylor, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him for damages arising from his nonperformance of an obligation. Damages would be determined by a jury.

Thomas Robinson sued Thomas Bayley Jr (bail: W^m Millener), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

William Welch sued (for trespass) John Parker Sr, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him and sheriff Henry Fletcher.

David Watson sued Caleb Teackle, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him for nonperformance of an obligation.

John Finney sued Margaret Dawson and others (bail: Parker Vannelson) for assault and battery. Unless they appeared next court judgment would pass against them.

Thomas Fisher sued Jonathan Laws (bail: Elijah Jervis), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him. **[End p. 383]**

Jessee Taylor sued Will^m Miles (bail: Ezekiel Broadwater), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Edmund Custis sued Robert Melson (bail: Thomas James), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

John Sherlock sued Robert Guy (bail: William Dunton), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Edward Ker &c brought action of debt against Major West, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court judgment would pass against West and Southy Simpson, the recent sheriff.

William Burdett brought action of debt against John Benston, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Levin Gale brought action of debt against William Vere, who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

William Richard's executor brought action of debt against Thomas Lewis (bail: John Chandler), who was to appear next court or have judgment pass against him.

Eliz^a Guy vs Gear Chadwick was agreed and dismissed.

Mordecai Booth sued Joseph Tunnell, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested. **[End p. 384]**

William Burdett brought action of debt against Coventon Ewell, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

William Burdett (assignee of Taylor) brought action of debt against John March, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Luther Martin brought action of debt against John Pettigrew, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Luther Martin brought action of debt against John Michael, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Levin Gale vs Thomas Marshal (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

James Martin vs James Bosewell (for debt) was abated by the death of Bosewell.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish vs John Fitchet (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

James Henry vs Enock Lyon was continued to the next court.

William Spiers vs Coleburn Peal (for equity) was continued to the next court.

Este Waman vs Capt Le Croix was dismissed.

Este Waman vs George [*no other name listed*] was dismissed.

Este Waman vs Tho^s Casaker was dismissed.

Este Waman vs John F–anes [?] was dismissed. **[End p. 385]**

John Stott &c vs Arthur Roberts (for equity) was continued to the next court.

William White brought action for trespass against Robert Morrison who failed to appear and had attachment issue against his estate for £250:00:00 and costs.

Drake Drummond's lessee brought action of ejectment against Susanna Wise, who pled not guilty. The trial was referred to next court.

John Custis vs Redmond Hackett (for assault and battery) was dismissed.

Preeson Snead vs Charles Taylor was agreed and dismissed.

John Brimer vs Solomon Boston was agreed and dismissed.

John Kendall sued Skinner Wallop who admitted owing £52:00:00, but the debt would be discharged by payment of a lesser sum with interest from 7 February 1778.

James Tait vs Duncan Glenn was dismissed.

William Andrews vs Fredrick Major was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 386]**

George Lynham sued out a writ to recover seized goods against Redmond Hackett for a vessel in Hackett's possession. The sheriff reported that he seized the vessel on 5 May 1779, and delivered her to Felix Robin Du Gravier. Hackett failed to appear to put in his claim to the vessel, so the court granted Lynham judgment for the same.

Elizabeth Watkinson vs George Poulson was agreed and dismissed.

Amy Coward and others vs Solomon Bunting (for equity) was continued.

Thomas Hope's lessee vs James Duncan was continued for trial.

Anthony West's lessee vs John West (for ejectment) was continued for trial.

George Lynham obtained attachment against the estate of Redmond Hackett for £9040:16:00 "due on account of a Cargo," and the sheriff reported he had laid part in the hands of William Parramore, Thomas Parramore, George Oldham and George Corbin, all of whom had been summoned to garnish. Since Hackett did not appear to put in his plea, Lynham was awarded the full debt and costs. £138:00:00 in the hands of Oldham was condemned to go toward the debt.

Joseph Moore sued John Pettigrew, who admitted owing £10:19:00 with interest from 20 March 1778. [End p. 387]

An inventory/appraisalment of the estate of Anthony West (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisalment of the estate of Jestinian Evans (deceased) was submitted.

A deed from Robinson Custis to William Willet was proved by Smith Snead and Thomas Doe.

An inventory/appraisalment of the estate of Solomon Willis (deceased) was submitted. Ordered that John Custis (Bay Side), Smith Snead and Charles Snead audit and settle the estate.

Justices William Selby, Isaac Smith, Thomas Teackle and Thomas Bayley left the court; Clement Parker, John Custis and John Smith entered.

An inventory/appraisalment of the estate of John Groten (deceased) was submitted.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Kendall Harrison to Elijah Aimes till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

Ordered that Charles Bagwell, Charles West and Thomas Crippen audit and settle the estate of Jestinian Evans (deceased).

Justice Clement Parker exited the court; Thomas Bayley entered.

The will of Ayres Gillet (deceased) was proved by the oaths of Mary Ried and John Ramsay.

The will of John Smith (deceased) was proved by William Finney and John Finney.

Ordered that William Selby and William Downing hire workmen to repair the Pocomoke Warehouse and scales and test the weights.

John Ramsay swore he had attended four days, and Mary Bird swore she attended three days as witnesses to prove the will of Ayres Gillett (deceased).

John Smith chose Peter Hack Jr as guardian (security: Levin Joine). **[End p. 388]**

Jonathan Harding (who had been sued by Cornelius Ironmonger) was to pay his witness Thomas Lewis for attending one day [*25 lbs tobacco*] to testify.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Spencer Bagwell (deceased) was submitted.

Thomas Cassati sued Peter Dela’Croix (bail: David Bowman), who pled that he did not make the obligation. The trial was referred to tomorrow.

Charles Fournier sued Peter Dela’Croix (bail: David Bowman), who pled that he did not make the obligation.

Stephen Aimat sued Peter Dela’Croix (bail: David Bowman), who pled that he did not make the obligation.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9:00. The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 30 June 1779

Present: James Arbuckle, John Custis, Thomas Bayley, Tully Wise (p. 389)

Levin James (security: George Parker) qualified as executor of the will of William Seymour (deceased).

The will of John Smith (deceased) with codicil was proved by Elizabeth Smith. George Parker and Peter Hack were sworn (security: Levin Joine). Ordered that Isaac Smith, Thorowgood Smith, Edmund Custis and William Townsend appraise the estate. **[End p. 389]**

Abraham Outten sued Johannes Watson; Thomas Custis Jr promised that Watson would satisfy the “condemnation of the Court or render his body to Prison” or Custis would do it for him. Watson then pled that he did not make the obligation as alleged. Trial was referred to next court.

Court was adjourned for the examination of Ishmael Andrews.

A court held for the examination of Ishmael Andrews, suspected of forgery

Present: The same justices as above (p. 390)

Ishmael Andrews pled not guilty; various witnesses and the prisoner were examined, and it was the court’s opinion that he was not guilty. Andrews was discharged.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle.

The adjourned court was again opened.

John Michael and [blank] Milburn complained against John Gootee for equity. As Milburn had died, the case was abated as to him. After hearing the bill, the depositions and arguments, the court justices were divided. The same was continued for trial till tomorrow.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed James Arbuckle. [End p. 390]

Accomack County Court – 1 July 1779

**Present: James Arbuckle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis
Tully Wise (p. 391)**

John Michael's complaint against John Gootee for equity was heard yesterday and the court was divided. After fully debating the matter, it was the court's opinion that the deed in the bill was legally executed and that there was no fraud in the conveyance, which was confirmed. The complaint was dismissed with Gootee recovering his costs. From this decree Michael asked to appeal to the next high court of chancery, which was granted with him giving security.

Justice James Arbuckle left court.

The will of Amey Millener (deceased) was proved by George Arbuckle. James Arbuckle relinquished the executorship. William Millener was sworn (security: John Dix Jr) and was granted administration of the estate. Ordered that Thomas Bayley Jr, William Arbuckle, Jacob Sherwood and Daniel Bull appraise the estate.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Henry Crosley to William Millener to learn the art and mystery of a mariner.

Ordered that James Arbuckle and John Custis (Bay Side) inspect the repairs done on the prison and report next court.

In Charles Fournier vs Capt LeCroix, the jury –

Caleb Teackle	Ja ^s Lewis	Jn ^o Taylor	Elijah Grinnalds
Drake Drummond	Woodman Bloxom	John Dix	Will ^m Drummond
Custis Hickman	Ja ^s Twiford	Reeson Snead	W ^m Evans

– retired to reach a verdict. Memo: It was ordered certified that Capt LeCroix, before this case was heard, had been publicly advised (by justices who were friendly to him) to employ counsel “in order to elucidate his cause which he obstinately refused to do.” [End p. 391]

In Stephen Aimal vs Capt LeCroix – the “Same Jury & Same proceedings.”

In Thomas Cassait vs Peter DelaCroix – the “Same Jury & Same proceedings.”

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 2 July 1779

Present: James Arbuckle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, Tully Wise (p. 392)

In Cha^s Fournier vs Peter De La Croix, yesterday’s jury found that the defendant did make the obligation as alleged and awarded Fournier damages of £132:00:00 plus costs.

In Stephen Aimat vs Peter De La Croix, yesterday’s jury awarded Aimat damages of £4:16:00 plus costs.

In Thomas Cassati vs Peter De La Croix, yesterday’s jury awarded Cassati damages of £23:02:00 plus costs. **[End p. 392]**

Samuel Henderson sued James Twiford, who swore he believed that Thomas Slocomb was a material witness who was about to leave the county. Ordered that Thomas Bayley, John Riley and Elijah Grinalds take Slocomb’s deposition.

Custis Hickman’s presentment for not keeping the road in repair was dismissed with him paying costs.

Ordered that Charles West and John West (son of Jonathan) be fined for not appearing as jurymen when summoned. For their contempt they were each to pay the Common Wealth 400 lbs tobacco plus the cost of this prosecution or face arrest.

Sturgis’s lessee brought action of ejectment against [*Jacob*] Sturgis; the jury –

Robinson Custis	William Parker	John Parker	W ^m Finney
John Riley	George Hickman	Major Ironmonger	W ^m Andrews
Joseph Mathews	Willet Lillaston	William Burdett	Thomas Cropper

– found the defendant guilty as alleged and assessed damages at one shilling besides costs. The lessee was to have a writ of possession for his term to come. The defendant appealed the decision to the general court, which would be allowed after he gave security.

Benjamin Stansberry brought action of debt against Anthony Barrira, who failed to appear. Stansberry was to recover £406:04:00 with interest from 30 June 1778, from Barrira and his bail (John Teackle and Robert James).

Susanna Barnes swore she had attended nine days as a witness for Sturgis’s lessee against Jacob Sturgis; ordered that the lessee pay her according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Jacob Sturgis retracted his request for an appeal and begged the court to suspend the writ of possession until 25 December 1779, which was ordered accordingly. [End p. 393]

In the Common Wealth vs Isaiah Cole, the jury –

Caleb Teackle	Levin Dix	James Lewis	John Taylor
Elijah Grinalds	Woodman Bloxom	John Dix	Will ^m Drummond
Custis Hickman	James Twiford	Reeson Snead	W ^m Evans

– found Cole guilty as alleged in his indictment [*for larceny*]. Ordered that he immediately receive thirty-nine lashes on his bare back well laid on at the public whipping post and that he pay costs.

The inquiry into Charles Metcalf’s petition for a mill was made on 7 May 1779, by sheriff Henry Fletcher and –

James Twiford	Absalom Foster	Ephraim Watson	John Elliot
Robert Rodgers	John Bull	Smith Millener	Phillip Parker West
Southy Satchel	John Custis	John Bagwell	Richard Bull

– who viewed the area including adjacent land on both sides of the run which could be affected or flooded. They valued the acre to be condemned for the use of the mill at £12:00:00 and the damage to Robert Bell at £68:06:08 by destroying his timber and overflowing his land. No other person would suffer damage. The sheriff and jurors signed the document, which was ordered recorded; Metcalf was granted permission to build the mill.

The minutes (recorded by Litt^l Savage) were signed by James Arbuckle. [End p. 394]

Accomack County Court – 27 July 1779

A court held for the trial of Thom, a Negro man slave belonging to Sacker Parker, suspected of felony

**Present: James Arbuckle, Clem^t Parker, George Stewart, John Smith
Tho^s Bayley, William Downing (p. 395)**

Set to the bar and arraigned, Thom pled not guilty. The prisoner and various witnesses were examined, and it was the opinion of the court that Thom was guilty of stealing goods valued at £5:00:00. He was sent back to jail so the court could “have time to advise whether the said slave is intitled to benefit of Clergy.” The case was adjourned till tomorrow.

Accomack County Court – 27 July 1779

**Present: James Arbuckle, William Williams, George Stewart, William Parramore
Tho^s Bayley, John Custis, Clem Parker, John Smith, William Downing (p. 395)**

Ordered that George Corbin,, John Burton and Benjⁿ Peck audit and settle the estate of Richard Hinman (deceased). [*These auditors must have been very efficient, for the following entry read:*] “An Audit & Settlement of the Estate of Richard Hinman decd being returned is ordered to be recorded.”

An audit and settlement of the estate of William Teackle (deceased) was submitted.

An account of the estate sale and audit/settlement of the estate of Littleton Harman (deceased) was submitted.

Sarah Kellam (security: John Warrington) was granted administration of the estate of William Kellam (deceased). [End p. 395] ordered that Major Colony, John Mears, Daniel Sullivan and William Bell appraise the estate as well as audit and settle the same.

The will of Charles Marshal (deceased) was proved by Thomas Marshal and George Marshal. Executor Rosannah Marshall was sworn (security: Levin Thomas). Ordered that Thomas Marshal, George Marshal, Danl Marshal and Ralph Corbin appraise, audit and settle the estate.

John Waddy brought action of debt against Tho^s Kellam (bail: Thomas Underhil); the same was continued for trial to next court

Argol Kellam Sr (security: Custis Groten) was granted administration of the estate of Levi Kellam (deceased). Ordered that Will^m Garrison, W^m Taylor, Hezekiah Kellam and John Taylor appraise the estate.

William Downing had petitioned for a road, but Edw^d Ewell appeared and contested the same, which was continued. [End p. 396]

Those appointed to hire the repairs on Guilford Warehouse reported they hired the lowest bidder to work on the following, which they found to be most necessary: 6 main prizes [*used for pressing tobacco into hogsheads*] with necessities belonging to them; one heading prize and gallows; 2 double blocks with sufficient ropes; 2 large windlasses with good arms of white oak timber; 8 skids and the doors with frames at the feet and spikes at each end of white oak; 20 barked skids 20 feet long to lay the hogsheads on and all necessary iron work with three inch plank the length of the skids for a platform under the prizes. This work was to be done “in a neat strong and workman like manner” by 1 June 1780 by Woodman Bloxom and William Andrews for £150:00:00. Signed 13 May 1779, by Nath^l Beavans and John Burton. As for trying the weights, they “could not procure the Lead.”

The will of James Bosewell (deceased) was proved by Parker Barnes and Elizabeth Cook. Executor Margaret Bosewell was sworn (security: William White and John Riley). Ordered that Parker Barnes, Jn^o Abb^t Bundick, Will^m Finney and William Warner appraise the estate.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against John Roberts for bastardy with Mary Delastatius. John with Jessee Taylor (his security) posted £500:00:00 to save the parish from the cost of supporting the child.

The Common Wealth brought action against Will^m Baker, who was to keep the peace upon information supplied by Mary Baker. The matter was dismissed with Baker paying costs. By the consent of the parties, it was ordered that William pay Rich^d Bloxom £30:00:00 for “maintaining the said Mary his wife five months.” **[End p. 397]**

Orphan Mary Parker chose John Wise (son of Johannes) as guardian (security: Elijah Stakes and John Topping).

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of William Coward (deceased) audit and settle the same.

Thomas Stringer’s lessee, who brought action of ejectment against Hillary Stringer, moved that Michael Christian, John Harman and John Burton be added to those taking the deposition of witnesses; it was so ordered.

Those viewing Jacob Taylor’s proposed road reported the new road to be well cleared and about 60 or 70 yards longer than the old road. Signed by Charles Bagwell and Ambrose Willet. Ordered that the same be established.

Richard Hickman swore he attended three days and John Barnes swore he attended two days as witnesses for William Evans against John Chandler. Ordered that William pay them according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Ordered that William Parramore nominate the hands to be employed on the road under overseers Thomas Burton and Zorobabel Kellam.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of William Tunnel (deceased) audit and settle the same.

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound Zorobabel Willis to Kendal Beech till lawful age to learn the trade of cart wheel wright.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against John Derby for bastardy with Mary Andrews. Derby, with his securities (Alexander Stockley and John Burton), posted a bond to pay Mary £36:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for child support. **[End p. 398]**

In two actions, William Evans sued John Chandler. Those appointed to arbitrate the differences fully examined the proofs and allegations and ordered that all “actions, suits, quarrels and controversies” between the parties shall cease; John Chandler was to pay all costs and charges related to the same and William Evans was to pay Chandler £27:03: 09 with interest from 22 July 1779, within three months from this date. As soon as the payment was made, Chandler and his wife were to reconvey to Evans the land where “William Evans now lives (which said Land was some time ago conveyed to said Chandler by said Evans & wife).” If Chandler failed to reconvey the land, he would be

ordered to pay Evans £5000:00:00. Signed 27 July 1779, by Clem^t Parker, Cha^s Bagwell, James Arbuckle and George Parker. **[End p. 399]**

Ordered that Major Budd pay Ann Simpson £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Ordered that John Riley pay Nanny Flanagan £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Ordered that Major Chambers pay Mary Powell £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Ordered that Thorowgood Smith pay Aner Bell £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Ordered that Geo Prewit pay Lydy Lewis £25:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Isaiah Cole (against whom the Common Wealth had brought action) was to pay [*25 lbs tobacco per day*] to his witnesses Thomas Leatherbury (six days) and Major Ironmonger (three days).

Ordered that John Custis regulate and make appointments in overseer George Parker's district.

Ordered that Thomas Bayley Sr regulate the road overseen by W^m Andrews as well as certain bounds between Andrews and overseer Thomas Young; Bayley was also to divide the workers.

Ordered that William Welsh be overseer in the place of Benjⁿ Nock.

Levin Claywell vs Major Ironmonger was agreed and dismissed.

George Lynham brought attachment against Redm^d Hackett; summoned to declare what he had in his hands belonging to Hackett, George Corbin reported the following:

1779 May – Capt Redmond Hacket [*was due from*] George Corbin –

– One day for carting six hogsheads of tobacco from Horntown to Musketto Point with two Negroes	£12:00:00
– For carting eight hogsheads from Musketto Point to Col Parramore's	60:00:00
– To Col Parramore for storage	6:00:00
– For carting five hogsheads from Col Parramore's to town	50:00:00
– Three casks destroyed in transporting	9:00:00
– "Reprizing" [<i>pressing into the cask</i>] the said three hogsheads	15:00:00
– Cash paid to Arthur Teackle	80:00:00
Balance in Corbin's hands:	128:00:00

Total:	£360:00:00
On the other side of the account:	
“By one Loan Office receipt for:”	£360:00:00

The court ordered that the above sum of £128:00:00 be condemned to satisfy the debt and costs.
[End p. 400]

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 28 July 1779

Present: George Stewart, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 401)

Charles Bagwell qualified as a justice of the peace and entered court..

Abraham Outten with wife Jamimah acknowledged a deed to William Townsend.

Ordered that the ones who hired out the repairs on Guilford Warehouse inspect the same and report next court.

Americus Scarbrough and others petitioned to reroute a road. Ordered that the area be viewed and a report be made concerning the conveniences or inconveniences of the alteration. Ordered that the inhabitants “within the said Scarburgh’s gate except his family & his mother’s [*household*]” be exempt from working on any other road. William Scarbrough was appointed overseer. The road must run on the land of Americus Scarbrough.

Ordered that court be adjourned for one hour.

The court of oyer and terminer adjourned yesterday, now convened for further consideration of the case of Thom, the man slave belonging to Sacker Parker.

Present: The same justices as above

It was argued before the court whether Thom was entitled to the benefit of clergy. It was the opinion of the court that he was not, so it was ordered “that he be carried from hence to the place from whence he came and from thence to the place of Execution and there be hanged by the neck until he be dead.” Ordered that the execution take place on Tuesday 17 August. Thom was valued at £1200:00:00, which was certified.

Memo: “The said Thom received a pardon.”

The minutes were signed by George Stewart. **[End p. 401]**

The court again opened for public business and proceeded.

Ordered that an attachment of contempt issue against Jacob Taylor and Southy Prewit to show why they refused to obey the sheriff, who summoned them to guard Thom as a prisoner.

James Henry (executor of William Drummond) brought action of debt against John Smith (Pocomoke), who failed to appear. Judgment passed against him for £9:14:04 with interest from 1 January 1779. (FiFa: 17 Oct 1779)

Edw^d Ker vs Will^m Beloate was dismissed.

W^m Drummond's executor, who petitioned against John Smith (Pocomoke), was granted a judgment for £5:00:00 and costs. The debt was released. (FiFa for costs: 17 Oct 1779)

The Common Wealth vs John Wise (who refused to serve as a juryman) was dismissed with West paying costs.

The Common Wealth vs Cha^s West (who refused to serve as a juryman) was dismissed with West paying costs.

Ordered that Abraham Outten, Major Ironmonger and William Gibb audit and settle the estate of John Wharton (deceased).

Justice James Arbuckle entered court. **[End p. 402]**

The will of Ayres Gillet (deceased), which had been previously proved by witnesses, was now litigated regarding the personal estate. After hearing both sides, the court was of the opinion that as to the land, the will was good and ordered that it be recorded. As to the personal estate, it appeared to the court that after the testator made the will, he "married a second wife and had three children by her now living." From various declarations made during his lifetime, it was apparent that he intended to provide for this wife and children. "It is also the court's opinion that he did not continue in the same mind [*as the statements in the will*] till his death and that the same amounted to a revocation." Executor John Gillett took oath (security: George Stewart) and was granted a certificate for obtaining probate. Ordered that Savage Cowdry, Thomas Marshal, Ezekiel Delastatus and Skinner Wallop appraise the estate.

Ezekiel Bradford's lessee vs Nath^l Bradford (for ejectment) was continued at Nathaniel's cost.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of John Ironmonger was submitted.

An account of Zadock Ironmonger's part of his father's estate was submitted.

An audit and settlement of the estate of John Ironmonger (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that Jonathan Mears be overseer of the road in the place of John Fitchett.

John Parker (Sea Side) was appointed guardian to Eliz^a Marshal (orphan of Charles Marshal); Parker's security was Charles West.

Ordered that the road leading from the head of Chessonessex to Onancock Town be added to overseer George Parker's district and that the road from Onancock to Deep Creek Mill be added to Tully Wise's district; Widow Smith's tithables were to be added to George Parker's district. **[End p. 403]**

Ezekiel Bradford's lessee brought action of ejectment against Nathaniel Bradford. The jury –

John Hannaford	Johannes Watson	John Riley	Anthony West
William Townsend	Henry Heath	Charles West	Edmund Leatherbury
Drake Drummond	Thomas Hickman	Richard Bull	William White

– retired to reach a verdict.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 29 July 1779

Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clem^t Parker, Charles Bagwell (p. 404)

An audit and settlement of the estate of William Justice (deceased) was submitted.

In Edw^d Ker vs Bartho^w Twiford, Ker swore that John Hopkins and Samuel Hurst were material witnesses; ordered that Henry Keel, John Henry and James Shaw in Dorchester County, Maryland, take their depositions.

Isaac Smith entered court.

William Williams and wife complained against Robert Russell for equity. Ordered that attachment issue against Russell for not answering the complainants's bill.

Samuel Heath Jameson brought action for equity against Walter Jameson's executors, who were ordered to pay Samuel £674:10:08 with interest from 1 January 1779. **[End p. 404]**

Ezekiel Bradford's lessee brought action for ejectment against Nath^l Bradford for land in St George's Parish. Yesterday's jury heard the arguments and found for the plaintiff, awarding him all the land except 125 acres contained in the first two deeds; damages were set at one shilling. From this decree the plaintiff disagreed; he was granted permission to appeal to the 12th day of the next general court. With the consent of the plaintiff, it was ordered that the writ of possession be stayed till 1 January 1780. Memo: The plaintiff failed to give bond to prosecute the appeal.

Robins K Mathews vs Benj Dunton was agreed and dismissed. Mathews was to pay his witness, John Kelly (who attended twelve days) according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Court justice Isaac Smith left court; James Arbuckle entered.

William Millener was appointed guardian to Southy Millener (orphan of Henry Millener); William's security was John Riley.

Will^m Wharton and others complained against John Hannaford and his wife for equity. Ordered that Smith Snead, Clem^t Parker and John Kellam make partition of the slave in question by sale or otherwise and report to the next court.

William Parradice petitioned against Isaac Hill, against whom judgment was issued by default for £1:17:06. **[End p. 405]**

Charles Snead Sr and others complained against Sacker Parker for equity. The sheriff reported that he had sold the land mentioned in the bill to John Riley Parker on 20 May 1779 for £113:00:00, and that he had paid the same to the complainants in proportion to their debts:

– to Charles Snead Sr	£ 9:02:04 $\frac{1}{2}$
– to Anthony West	5:14:09 $\frac{1}{4}$
– to James Berry	12:06:07 $\frac{3}{4}$
– to John R Parker	73:04:02 $\frac{3}{4}$

Ordered that the sale of the land be confirmed and established.

William Paradise (who sued Isaac Hill) was to pay his witness William Thornton for attending three days [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Joseph Heath's lessee brought action of ejectment against Parker Vannelson. The jury –

George Cutlar	Will ^m Andrews	W ^m Parradice	Will ^m Stockley
Michael Bonewell	John Kelly	Henry Custis	Benston Bradford
John Sherlock	Jacob Phillips	James Vessels	William Prewit

– awarded the plaintiff damages of one shilling plus his term yet to come on the premises.

John Dalton (executor of Glading) brought action against Jabez Pitts (executor of Jabez Pitts, deceased). The same jury as above determined that Dalton had sustained damages (because the defendant had not performed an obligation) of £308:04:00 plus court costs. This amount was to be levied on the goods and chattels of Pitts (deceased); if the goods were insufficient, executor Pitts was to pay the sum from his own goods and chattels. **[End p. 406]** Ordered that Dalton pay his witness Elijah Mathews for attending three days [*25 lbs tobacco per day*]. Dalton released all but £14:06:00 with interest from the date of this judgment, “there appearing to be error in the above Judgment.”

In William Parridice vs Jessee Taylor, the same jury as above (except Selby Simpson replaced William Parradice) awarded Parradice £137:10:00 plus costs. Parradice was to pay his witness John Holt for attending three days [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

In John Sherlock vs James Wallace, the same jury as above (except William Parradice replaced John Sherlock) found Wallace not guilty; he was to recover his costs from Sherlock, who was also to pay his witnesses John Hannaford and William Smith each for attending three days [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed James Arbuckle. **[End p. 407]**

Accomack County Court – 30 July 1779

Present: James Arbuckle, John Custis, Clem^t Parker, Charles Bagwell (p. 408)

In the King vs Henry Scarbrough's heirs, the defendants were to plead next court or have judgment pass against them by default.

In James Henry vs William Andrews, the arbitrators awarded Henry £41:19:08 plus costs.

William Andrews vs James Henry was dismissed.

William Andrews vs James Henry (for equity) was dismissed.

James Henry (executor of Leah Pettigrew), who sued William Andrews for debt, was awarded £10:01:10 and 341 lbs tobacco with interest and costs. **[End p. 408]**

In Edw^d Ker vs Ezek^l Young, it was ordered that the executor of the defendant Marshall (who had died) have a writ issue against him to cause him to hear the final judgment.

William Ward and wife vs William Stockley and wife (for equity) was dismissed.

Simpson Bloxom sued James Twiford, who pled not guilty; trial was referred to next court.

Edw^d Ker sued (for trespass) Stephen Mister (bail: Thomas Bayley Jr), who pled not guilty; trial was referred to next court.

William Taylor sued Levi Nock, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed with damages to be ascertained by a jury.

Peter Hack sued Israel Allenworth, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed.

Edw^d Ker sued Jn^o Dunbar, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed.

John Montgomery's female administrator sued John Pettigrew, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed.

John Harris sued James Holden, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed. **[End p. 409]**

Thomas Bonewell sued Charles Bayley, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed.

John Finney sued Margaret Dawson and others, who failed to appear. The order of last court was confirmed.

John Chandler's lessee vs William Evans (for ejectment) was agreed and dismissed.

Arthur Upsher sued Tho^s Snead who admitted owing £34:17:06 with interest from 4 January 1774.

Edw^d Ker vs John Dunbar was dismissed.

The justices of Accomack County brought action of debt against George Latchum's administrators, who were granted time to try to settle.

Margaret Dawson sued John Aimes, who was granted time to try to settle.

Rob^t Pitt vs Southy Simpson was abated by the death of Simpson.

William Mitchel vs William Vere (for debt) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 410]**

Allen Jones brought action of debt against William Vere (bail: William Selby), who failed to appear. Jones was to recover £25:03:03 ½ with interest from 25 April 1773.

Joseph Nock brought action for equity against Arthur Watson and others, who failed to answer the complaint. Ordered that an attachment issue against the defendants to force an answer.

Arthur Savage &c brought action for equity against Robert Savage &c, who failed to answer; ordered that an attachment issue against the defendants to force an answer.

Edw^d Ker &c brought action of debt against Major West, who was to pay £26:19:09 with interest from 1 January 1774.

William Burdette was to recover from John Benston £19:17:04 with interest from 5 March 1776. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Eliz^a Riley (executor of William Riley deceased) was to recover from Thomas Lewis £3:10:04 with interest from 20 October 1767. **[End p. 411]**

Eliz^a Riley (executor of William Riley deceased) was to recover from Charles and Smith Snead £61:02:11 with interest from 14 April 1779.

Cha^s Smith vs Rob^t Powell (for trespass) was abated by the death of Powell.

Anne Bagge vs August Lecatte was agreed and dismissed.

Ja^s Arbuckle &c (executor of Geo Knight deceased) were granted a judgment against Jonas Benston for £4:09:00 and costs.

Henry Dennis brought action for equity against Isaac Hill, who could not be found; another action issued against him.

James Henry vs Enoch Lyon was dismissed.

William Tizaker vs Jn^o Parker (executor of Rob^t Parker) was agreed and dismissed.

Levin Taylor vs Robert Davis was agreed and dismissed.

George Lipsham vs Redmond Hacket was dismissed. **[End p. 412]**

Thomas Bayley Sr opposed Ezekiel Young's petition for a mill, so the matter was continued till next court.

William Drummond's executor sued John Howard, who failed to appear. Drummond produced a witness who swore to his account, so it was ordered that Drummond recover £5:00:00. Memo: The plaintiff released the debt. (CaSa: 18 Oct 1779)

Solomon Reed vs Anthony Barrira (for debt) was continued.

Court justice Thomas Bayley entered court.

George Cutlar brought action against Custis Derby for the recovery of goods. The jury –

Revell Custis	Thomas Bayley	Solomon Read	John Dix
Joseph Garrett	John Bull	Levin Stewart	Willet Lillaston
Benston Bradford	John Rodgers	Robert Millener	John Wise

– found that the goods were the lawful property of Cutlar and assessed damages caused by their detention at one shilling. It was the court's opinion that the goods could not be recovered and that the plaintiff was to recover the damages.

The court was adjourned for the trial of a supposed criminal.

**A court held for the examination of James Reynolds, suspected of feloniously stealing
£500:00:00 from Linion Beard**

Present: The same justices as before

Arraigned before the bar, prisoner James Reynolds pled not guilty. After he and the witnesses were heard, it was the court's opinion that he was not guilty and he was discharged.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle. **[End p. 413]**

Court was again opened.

Ordered that the following suits be tried at the September court:

- Drummond's lessee vs Shadrack Taylor
- Accomack justices vs William Selby
- Jameson's executors vs Vestry of St George's Parish
- Jeffery's executors vs Ja^s Selby
- John Barclay vs Thor^o Smith
- John Brimer vs Jn^o Pettigrew
- Jn^o Fitchett vs Simpson Bloxom
- Middleton Mason vs Will^m Trader
- Jamim^h M^oReady vs Skinner Wallop
- Samuel Henderson vs Ja^s Twiford
- Ezkl Delastatius vs Rob^t Coxwell
- Henry Heath vs Geo Stewart
- Anthony West's lessees vs Den (sic)
- Sam^l Marshal vs Th^o Lewis
- Mary Beavans vs Sacker Parker
- Thomas Riley's executor vs Skinner Wallop

Ordered that the following suits be tried at the August court:

- Stephⁿ Kellam vs Tho^s Kellam
- Jacob Broadwater vs W^m Taylor
- Sacker Parker vs Jn^o Custis
- Will^m Simple vs Rob^t Martin
- Mark Freeman vs Rob^t Martin
- Revell Custis vs Will^m Wyatt (two suits).

Bunting's lessee vs Rob^t Bell (for ejectment) was abated by the death of Bell.

In Simpson Bloxom vs John Fitchett (for equity), the bill was to be filled next court or be dismissed.
[End p. 414]

The following suits were agreed and dismissed:

- George Parker vs Litt^l Wyatt
- John Pettigrew vs John Riley
- John Taylor vs Cha^s Bayley's executor (for equity)
- James Mathews vs James Ingram
- George Oldham vs James Taylor.

Joseph Kellam vs William Dunton (executor of Watson) was referred to the determination of Edw^d Ker and Zorab^l Rodgers, whose award would be the judgment of the court.

Simpson Bloxom vs Ja^s Twiford was dismissed.

Coventon Corbin vs John Tunnel was abated by the death of Corbin.

Skinner Wallop, who sued Harman Taylor, failed to appear to prosecute. Taylor was to recover five shillings and costs.

William Parramore, who sued William Evans, failed to appear. Evans was to recover five shillings and costs.

Coventon Ewell, who sued Jacob Taylor, failed to appear. Taylor was to recover five shillings and costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Tho^s Rodgers' executor, who sued Jn^o Rodgers' executor, failed to appear. The defendant was to recover five shillings and costs. **[End p. 415]**

The King vs Will^m Kellam (on an indictment) was abated by the death of Kellam.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish vs Will^m Spiers (for broken covenant) was dismissed.

Ja^s Henry vs William Andrews was dismissed.

Thomas Riley's executor vs Andrew Simpler was continued for trial.

Charles Taylor vs Cha^s Richardson and wife was abated by the death of the defendant.

Rob^l James petitioned for a mill, but George Hope contested the same; the matter was continued for trial next court.

The minutes (which were recorded by Litt^l Savage) were signed by James Arbuckle. **[End p. 416]**

Accomack County Court – 31 August 1779

**Present: George Stewart, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis
Charles Bagwell (p. 417)**

An inventory, audit and settlement of the estate of William Coward (deceased) was submitted.

Samuel Coward brought action for equity against Solomon Bunting; those appointed to divide the slaves and personal estate of William Coward (deceased) reported that “Anna Adah & Samuel Coward the deficiency of the Estate not to be made up.” The appraisement of each article was recorded in the “Book where wills & deeds are recorded” and the amounts were as follows:

– No: 1 Anna Coward’s lot	£1062:15:09
– No: 2 Samuel Coward’s Lot	1094:10:04
– No: 3 Anna (sic) Coward’s lot	1062:16:06
Total	£3220:11:07

Ordered that the division be held firm and stable.

Bagwell Wharton and others brought action for equity against John Hannaford and his wife; those appointed to make partition reported as follows: They had sold the Negro slave for £1300:00:00 and allotted to each party their equal share of £325:00:00, signed 21 August 1779, by Smith Snead and Clement Parker. Ordered that the division be established.

Solomon Bunting was appointed guardian to Samuel Coward (orphan of William Coward), security was Drake Drummond. **[End p. 417]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Thomas Aimes (deceased) was submitted.

Parker Barnes swore to his accounts against orphans William Barnes and Nancy Barnes.

Peggy Savage swore to her account against orphan Arthur Savage.

Woodman Bloxom swore to his account against John Bloxom.

George Garrison swore to his account against Jacob Lurton.

William Young Jr swore to his account against Littleton Arvitrader.’‘

Ambrose Willet swore to his accounts against orphans Ezekiel Ailworth and James Ailworth.

William Chapman swore to his account against Gilbert Morris.

William Bell swore to his account against George Kellam.

William Young Sr swore to his account against Sarah Bandy.

Arthur Robins swore to his account against Rob^t Savage.

Zorobabel Rodgers swore to his account against Cha^s B Taylor (orphan of Teackle Taylor).

Barthlomew Taylor swore to his account against “ano” Cha^s B Taylor.

Laban Mapp swore to his account against Adah and Patrick Harman.

Levi Dix swore to his account against Esther and Margaret Pettit.

Zorobabel Chandler swore to his account against John Window.

Catharine Coleburn swore to her account against Isaac Coleburn.

Henrietta Coleburn swore to her accounts against orphans Revell, Robert, William and Richard Coleburn.

John Dix swore to his account against orphan John Parker.

Tho^s Hickman swore to his account against Damy White.

Hezekiah Dowty swore to his account against orphan Gilbert Milby.

Ordered that Edw^d Ker, John Mears and Caleb Mears settle the estate of Zorobabel Aimes (deceased).

Ordered that Jonathan West be allowed to keep orphans Hannah and Mary Rodgers for the profits of their estate without giving account. **[End p. 418]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Dennis Tignor (deceased) was submitted.

In Argol Kellam and others vs Francis Kellam, permission was granted to add James Dorman as a defendant.

Edw^d Ker vs Americus Sturgis (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Luther Martin vs Nath^l Badger (executor of Gunter) was dismissed with Badger paying costs.

William Young Sr was appointed guardian to orphan Sarah Bandy.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Joseph Kellam to William Colony till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of William Hyslop (deceased) was submitted.

Court justice Thomas Bayley left court.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Ismae Rose to Eli Hornsby till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter.

Richard Sparrow (orphan of John Sparrow) chose William Young Jr as guardian (security: Zorob^l Rodgers).

An audit/settlement and account of the estate sale of Jestinian Evans were submitted.

Will^m Burdett brought action of debt against John March, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

Court justice John Smith entered court.

John Riley (who sued John Pettigrew) was ordered to pay [*25 lbs tobacco per day*] to his witnesses William Hutson (nine days) and Comfort Hutson (ten days). **[End p. 419]**

Ordered that Thomas Teackle settle, divide and appoint the hands between overseers of the road Edmund Scarbrough and John Bagg.

Ordered that Daniel Robins be overseer of the road from the Maryland line to Wise's Mill.

Ordered that Howell Glading be "overseer of the road leading from Oak Hall, Wallop's Road over to sea side road by Capt Tunnell's."

Peggy Gillet was appointed guardian to George, Tabby and William Gillet, orphans of Ayres Gillet (security: Tully Wise and John West of Chessonessex).

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against William Sterling for bastardy with Rachel Taylor. William with his security (Rich^d Sterling) posted bond for the payment of £30:00:00 per year in child support.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound William Tignor to Joshua Taylor till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter.

Ordered that Thorowgood Smith and Edm^d Custis be appointed trustees for the town of Onancock in the place of Isaac Smith (who was about to leave the county) and John Smith (deceased).

The will of John Harman (deceased) was proved by John Ashby and Nicholas Shield. Executors John Harman and Cornelius Harman were sworn (security: Nicholas Shield, John Walker and -----). Ordered that John Spiers, Rich^d Rodgers, John Ashby and Levin Stewart appraise the estate. **[End p. 420]**

Peter Hack Sr sued Thomas Hurst (bail: James Dorman), who was granted time to try to settle.

Ordered that Rich^d Bundick be overseer of the road from the Old Mill Branch to the forks of the road by Rich^d Hickman's. Ordered that Richard Hickman, Charles White and Elijah Colony work on the same.

Ordered that the hands belonging to John Dix, Levin Dix, John Bundick and Widow Simpson work on the road where John Dix was overseer.

Ordered that Ayres Stockley's guardian "make the road good" from William Conquest's to the road that was rerouted by Nehemiah Stockley.

A deed from William Undrill and his wife Eliz^a to Anne Fiddeman was proved by John Nielle, William Downing and James Broadwater.

A deed from William Undrill with wife Elizabeth and Anne Fiddeman to Samuel Wilson was proved by William Downing, John Nielle and James Broadwater.

Revell Custis, who sued William Wyatt, swore that Mathew Wyatt, who was infirm, was a material witness. Ordered that Mathew's deposition be taken.

The minutes were signed by George Stewart; court was adjourned till tomorrow. **[End p. 421]**

Accomack County Court – 1 September 1779

**Present: William Williams, Clement Parker, George Stewart, John Custis
Thomas Bayley, Charles Bagwell (p. 422)**

An inquiry concerning the mill for which Augustine Lecatte and Isaac Waterfield petitioned was returned by Sheriff James Arbuckle. The jury he summoned –

Barthlomew Taylor	Thomas Hall Parker	William Andrews	John Derby
Edmund Poulson	John Fletcher	Elisha Hornsby	John Hronsby
Zorobabel Aimes	Joseph Aimes	Southy Read	Caleb Aimes

– viewed the area and determined that William Groten would suffer damages of 20 shillings from flooding; they valued the requested acre at £2:10:00. John Milby would suffer damages of ten

– found Taylor guilty as alleged and assessed Broadwater’s damages at £140:00:00 plus costs. (CaSa: 6 nov 1779) **[End p. 423]** Broadwater was to pay witnesses Stephen Taylor (two days, plus

traveling 56 miles from Northampton and back) and Jesse Broadwater (two days) according to law [25 *lbs tobacco per day, plus more for travel*].

“The King no Common Wealth”⁷ brought action against William Bennet, who was indicted for assault and battery on Benjⁿ Thomas Watson. The jury –

Isaac Melson	George hope	William Stockley	William Townsend
Thomas Slocomb	Nath ^l Badger	John Mehorn	Solomon Reid
Johannes Watson	Jacob Broadwater	Richard Bundick	Jonathan Bunting

– found Bennet guilty and assessed the damages sustained by Watson to be £60:00:00 plus costs. (CaSa: 6 Oct 1779) Bennet was to pay witnesses Benjamin T Watson (twenty days) and Major Cole (twelve days) according to law [25 *lbs tobacco per day*].

Ordered that Clement Parker, John Cropper and Abraham Outten audit and settle the estate of Edmund Poulson.

Tully Lillaston swore to his account against orphan Sarah Watson.

Caleb Teackle vs Rob^l Coxwell was set for trial next court.

Caleb Teackle vs James Cox was set for trial next court. **[End p. 424]**

Ordered that Comfort Bloxom the widow of Charles Bloxom, a poor soldier who died in the Continental service under General Washington, be allowed £5:00:00 per month from 23 February 1779 to this date for her support.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound Benjamin Hinman to Major Cole till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Daniel Richardson (deceased) was submitted.

The minutes, which were recorded by Litt^l Savage, were signed by William Williams.

Accomack County Court – 28 September 1779

Present: William Selby, Thomas Teackle, Thomas Bayley, John Burton (p. 425)

Ordered that Mary Bunting’s tithable (Gingo) and Catharine Middleton’s tithable (William Middleton) be added to John Custis’ list.

⁷ It appears that Littleton Savage mistakenly wrote “The King” and instead of crossing it out, corrected himself by essentially saying, “No, [I meant the] Common Wealth.”

Ebon Hargress's tithables (himself and Severn Willis) were added to William Parramore's list.

The following defendants, whom the sheriff could not find, were again ordered arrested:

- Anthony Deforist, sued by Rob^t Pitt
- Will^m Merrit, sued by John Sandford
- Nimrod Merrit, sued by John Sandford
- John Turnal, sued by John Sandford
- Levin Hickman, sued by John Sandford
- Cha^s Davis Sr, sued by John Sandford
- Cha^s Davis Jr, sued by John Sandford
- Ephraim Mathews, sued by Thorowgood Smith
- John M^cClain, sued by George Scott
- W^m Ewell, sued by George Scott.

Spencer Drummond was appointed overseer of the road in the place of Henry Fletcher.

Levin Stewart vs George Scott was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 425]**

Ordered that the different vestries in the county appoint processioners.

William Fitchet and wife Anne acknowledged a deed to William Colony.

William Fitchet and wife Anne acknowledged a deed to Salathiel Fitchet.

Robert Coleburn with wife Tabitha acknowledged a deed to Nicholas Shield.

Court justices Charles Bagwell and Nath^l Beavans entered court.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Nock, who requested to reroute a road, it was ordered that William Welch, John Walker and Thomas Braton view the road and make report.

Ordered that Thomas Teackle, Thomas Jacob and Abel West view the road for which Major Colony petitioned and make report.

Ordered that William Williams and Nath^l Beavans view the road formerly petitioned for by Nehemiah Stockley (deceased) and make report.

Guardian Sarah Cutlar swore to her account against orphan Margaret Cutlar.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Philip Harrison to John Guy till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

Guardian Henry Gascoyne swore to his account against orphan Eliz^a Gascoyne.

A deed from Nath^l Littleton Savage and his wife Anne to Thomas Fisher was proved by witnesses.

Court justices John Burton and Nath^l Beavans left court. **[End p. 426]**

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of John Harman (deceased) audit and settle the same.

An inventory and division of the estate of Joshua Foster (deceased) was submitted.

In Edmund Scarbrough vs Isaac Dunton's executor, the court appointed Thorowgood Smith in the place of Isaac Smith (who moved) to arbitrate and settle the differences.

Abel Wright (security: John Teackle) was appointed guardian to William Nock and Rachel Nock, orphans of John Nock.

The will of Robert Bell was partly proved by the oath of William Dunton.

Thomas Rodgers chose John Rodgers as guardian (security: Zorobabel Rodgers).

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of John Window (deceased) was submitted.

Those viewing the road for which Joseph Kelly petitioned, reported the proper course of a road to be run from the Girdle Tree Road to the head of Muddy Creek: The road should begin at Girdle Tree and run on the line between Bayley Hinman and William Bloxom till striking the line between Joseph Kelly and Shady Fitchet, then on that line till it got to the end of Fitchet's line. Then it should go in a straight direction through Kelly's land and maintain the same course through William Riley's land till striking the old road formerly called the Elbow and then run southwestward around Oliver Bell's plantation (which was swampy) to the head of Muddy Creek. If it was not practical "to get ground sufficiently high for the said road" on the outside of Oliver's fence, then it was the opinion of the viewers that Oliver should move the fence till suitable ground was obtained. Signed 20 June 1779, by John Teackle, Ralph Justice, Will^m Nock and Rich^d Justice. **[End p. 427]** Ordered that the road be cleared and that Woodman Bloxom be overseer.

Thomas Parker, who sued Robert Rodgers, swore that Edward Ker was a material witness; ordered that Thomas Teackle, Thomas Jacob and George Hack take Ker's deposition.

An audit/settlement of the estate of Edmund Poulson (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that George Stewart, Savage Cowdry and Thomas Marshal audit/settle the estate of Robert Bell (deceased).

Guardian Hezekiah Holloway swore to his account against orphan Rob^t Abbott.

Sophia Downing was appointed guardian to orphans Anne Downing and Frances Downing.

George Lynham brought attachment against Redm^d Hacket. Summoned as a garnishee, William Parramore swore he had nothing in his hands.

Guardian John Rodgers swore to his account against orphan James Caruthers.

Sheriff Henry Fletcher acknowledged a deed to John R Parker.

The inquiry on Augustine Leatte's proposed mill, which was recorded last court, was struck. Thomas Jacob was entered as defendant and it was ordered that the matter be redocketed for a further hearing.

Ordered that Eli Hornsby be cited to show whether his apprentice Thomas Rodgers was legally bound to him or not.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of James Harrison (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 428]**

John Shield was appointed guardian to Rachel Shield and Reuben Shield (children of John Shield); security Ephraim Watson.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Edw^d Widgeon for bastardy with Peggy Person. Widgeon and his security (Drake Drummond and Zorobabel Henderson) posted £500:00:00 to ensure that Widgeon paid Peggy £30:00:00 in quarterly payments for child support.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed by Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 29 September 1779

Present: Thomas Teackle, Charles Bagwell, Thomas Bayley, William Parramore (p. 429)

James Henry swore to his account against orphan Salley Drummond.

Guardian John Mears swore to his account against orphan Daniel Mears.

The arbitrators in William Andrews vs Richard Taylor made their award concerning the work done on Andrews' mill. It was their opinion that Richard Taylor should pay Andrews £8:00:00 for the work done by Young and another £2:00:00 for damages to cover the time the mill was not working. Ordered that the defendant pay the same plus costs. (CaSa: 19 Oct 1779) **[End p. 429]**

The Common Wealth's action against Selby Taylor, who had posted a recognizance upon information provided by John Gootee, was dismissed with Taylor paying costs. (CaSa: 15 Nov 1779)

A deed poll from Michael Budd to Aner Bell was partly proven by the oath of Smith Snead.

A deed poll from Isaac Smith and Robins K Mathews to Scarbrough West was partly proven by the oath of William Doe.

Those appointed to view John Smith's proposed road reported that they found the road would be greatly to the advantage of not only Smith but the neighborhood in general. Signed 29 September 1779, by Abraham Outten and William Finney. Ordered that the road from William Smith's to John Smith's line be added to overseer Nathan White's precinct.

Court justice Thomas Teackle entered and Thomas Bayley left court.

Robert Turnal with wife Susannah acknowledged a deed to Thomas Bayley.

Thomas Bayley petitioned that he owned land on one side of Hunting Creek Branch convenient for a water grist mill; he requested that an acre belonging to Major Rayfield on the other side be condemned for that purpose. Ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to view and value the same and report next court. **[End p. 430]**

Those appointed to hire out the repairs on Guilford Warehouse reported that they had inspected the same and found them agreeable to contract. Signed, Nath^l Beavans and John Burton. Ordered that William Andrews and Woodman Bloxom be paid £150:00:00 for the same.

Ordered that the following be recommended to the Governor as fit to be appointed officers of the militia (at this point court justice Clement Parker entered court):

- William Selby, for colonel of the upper battalion
- Selby Simpson, for lieutenant colonel of the same
- William Young, for major of the same
- Richard Justice, for captain of William Young's company
- Solomon Ried, for 1st lieutenant in Capt Rodgers' company
- James Twiford (son of John), for ensign in Capt Rodgers' company
- Americus Scarbrough, for captain of Lecatte's former company
- Caleb Aimes, for lieutenant in the same
- Elisha Mears, for ensign in the same.

Ordered that William Snead be appointed escheator for the county.

Ordered that Abraham Outten and Parker Barnes be appointed commissioners for the tax to be collected in commodities.

Thorowg^d Smith and Edmund Custis (feofees) acknowledged a deed to Litt^l Savage.

Guardian Abeh Hawley swore to an account against orphan John Fox.

Jenny Jackson was cited to show why she did not give counter security to William Young, who was her security for the administration of her husband's estate.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed, Thomas Bayley. [End p. 431]

Accomack County Court – 30 September 1779

Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clem^t Parker, Charles Bagwell (p. 432)

Eliz^a Luker complained for equity against Rose Luker and others. Ordered that Zorobabel Rodgers, William Walker, Edw^d Ker and Solomon Ried divide the slaves by sale or otherwise agreeable to the will of the deceased.

Robert Coxwell admitted owing Caleb Teackle £50:03:06 with interest from 18 March 1774. (CaSa: 15 Nov 1779)

Revel Custis and his wife brought action against William Wyatt for slander. The jury –
 Edmund Scarbrough William Welch John Silverthorn Anthony West
 Sam^l Henderson William Cord Jonathan Bunting William Drummond
 Henry Heath Joseph Baggs Elijah Nock Shadrack Taylor
 – found Wyatt guilty and assessed the damages at £300:00:00. The plaintiffs were to recover that amount and [end p. 432] and costs. Custis released £100:00:00. Reasons in arrest of judgment were filed. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779) Custis was to pay his witnesses [25 *lbs tobacco per day*]: Francina Muir (one day), James Badger (four days), Revel Custis (four days), Henry Mason (four days), Litt^l Savage (three days) and Letitia More (three days plus traveling 92 miles).

Revel Custis and his wife brought another action against William Wyatt. The jury –
 Reeson Snead John Sandford Argol Kellam John Fitchet
 John Mehourn Southy Satchel Rich^d Ried William Andrews
 Jonas Benston Bayley Hinman John Jenkins Ephraim Watson
 – found Wyatt not guilty as alleged; he was to recover his costs from Custis.

Sam^l Henderson sued James Twiford; the jury –
 Edw^d Revell Henry Custis William Wyatt John Rodgers
 John Gillet Henry Custis (sic) Charles West Selby Simpson
 Willet Lillaston Smith Snead Thomas Lillaston Gilbert Pielee
 – found that Twiford did make the obligation as alleged and assessed Henderson's damages at £91:01:03 ½ plus costs.

The justices of Accomack brought action against William Selby for debt. The jury –
 Edmund Scarbrough William Welch John Silverthorn Anthony West

George Abbot	William Cord	Jonathan Bunting	William Drummond
Henry Heath	Joseph Baggs	Elijah Nock	Shadrack Taylor

– awarded the justices £26:17:09 with interest from July 1767.

Court justice Tully Wise entered the court; John Custis left. **[End p. 433]**

John Barclay brought action against Thorowgood Smith; the jury –

Edw ^d Revell	Henry Custis	William Wyatt	John Rodgers
John Gillet	Henry Custis (sic)	Charles West	Selby Simpson
Willet Lillaston	Smith Snead	Thomas Lillaston	Gilbert Pielee

– found for Barclay, who was to recover £29:07:11 with costs. Barclay was to pay [25 *lbs tobacco per day*] to witnesses John Custis (nineteen days) and William Drummond (eighteen days).

Court justice John Custis entered court.

Solomon Ried brought action against Anthony Barrira. The jury –

Edmund Scarbrough	William Welch	John Silverthorn	Anthony West
George Abbot	William Cord	Jonathan Bunting	William Drummond
Henry Heath	Joseph Baggs	Elijah Nock	Shadrack Taylor

– retired to reach a verdict.

Ordered that Smith Snead, John Chandler and Charles Snead Sr audit and settle the estate of Obadiah Thornton (deceased).

Guardian Tully Wise swore to his account against orphan John Wise.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 1 October 1779

Present: **Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clement Parker, John Burton**
 Nath^l Beavans, Charles Bagwell (p. 434)

Eliz^a Drummond brought action against Walter Bayne and wife for partition. Ordered that the sheriff make partition of the land in question agreeable to law. **[End p. 434]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against William Doe for bastardy with Catharine Scott. Doe, with his security, posted £500:00:00 to ensure that he pay Catharine £30:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of the child.

The King brought action against the heir of Henry Scarbrough (deceased). “Upon a writing obligatory of the said Decedant father of the said Henry Def[endant] for the payment of £500:00:00 to the King dated the 30th day of September 1760.” The defendant, who was warned, failed to appear.

Ordered that judgment be entered for the King and that execution be awarded against the defendant for the debt and costs.

George Hope's executor had obtained a judgment against Jn^o Hampton and his bail, James Arbuckle, for the payment of £200:00:00 and 523 lbs tobacco plus costs of 409 lbs tobacco at a court held 29 June 1779. Arbuckle had been warned, but failed to appear. Ordered that judgment be awarded against him for the debt and costs.

William Andrews vs James Henry (for trespass) was dismissed by order of the arbitrators.

Joshua Lingo vs Rob^t Bell was dismissed at the cost of Ja^s Taylor.

John Hinman and others vs Skinner Wallop was dismissed.

Will^m Clayton and wife vs John Cropper Jr (for assault and battery) was continued for trial next December. **[End p. 435]**

Nath^l Bradford brought action against William H Bradford and Geo Bradford, who failed to appear. Nathaniel was to recover £22:09:02 with interest from 3 February 1774.

Joseph Nock complained for equity against Arthur Watson and others, who failed to appear. Ordered that attachment issue against the defendants, who were to answer next court.

Arthur Savage and others complained for equity against Rob^t Savage and others, who failed to appear. Ordered that attachment issue against the defendants, who were to answer next court.

George Corbin brought action against Skinner Wallop, who claimed he had not detained the slave in question. The matter was continued for trial at the December court.

Solomon Dix brought action for assault and battery against Isaac Smith, who pled not guilty. The matter was continued for trial at the December court.

Solomon Dix brought action for assault and battery against Levin Joyne, who pled not guilty. The matter was continued for trial at the December court. **[End p. 436]**

George Poulson brought action for a broken covenant against Walter Hatten, who pled not guilty. The matter was continued for trial at the December court.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Samuel Wise (deceased) audit and settle and divide the same.

Revel Custis and his wife brought action against William Wyatt, who was found guilty of slander. Yesterday Wyatt filed a bill of exception, which was overruled by the court and the verdict confirmed. Ordered that Custis and his wife recover the damages and costs. Wyatt asked to appeal, which was granted with him giving security.

Court justice Tho^s Bayley left court.

The jury sworn yesterday in the trial of Solomon Ried vs Anthony Barrira returned except for one juror; the jury was therefore withdrawn and a new trial awarded.

An inquiry on Thomas Bayley Sr's proposed mill was returned. Sheriff Henry Fletcher and his jury of "good and lawful men"—

Elijah Lillaston	Isaac Melson	Rich Grinalds	John Walker
Tho ^s Copes	William Young	William Andrews	Benj ⁿ Dunton
Willet Lillaston	Tho ^s Lillaston	Jonathan Willet	Nicholas Powel

— examined the area and valued the requested acre at £24:00:00; there would be no damage to Major Rayfield, who owned the acre, and the damage to Robert Turnal would be £14:00:00 for flooded and destroyed timber. **[End p. 437]** Ordered that Bayley have permission to build the mill.

~~John~~ (sic) Thomas Stringer's [*see footnote #8 on page 209*] lessee brought action of ejectment against Hillary Stringer for 300 acres in St George's Parish. The jurors —

James Twiford	Will ^m B Walker	William Young	John Rodgers
Zorobabel Rodgers	Thomas Burton	Edmund Wise	Solomon Ried
Augusting Lecatte	Elisha Mears	Thomas Bayley Jr	Nicholas Powell

— were sworn, but the deposition of Elizabeth Benthall (a witness who was summoned but did not appear), was not offered by the plaintiff as testimony. The defendant's attorney objected to this as the plaintiff had not proved to the court that she was unable to attend. The deposition was ordered read, to which the defendant "prayed the benefit of exception." The cause was continued for trial till tomorrow.

A deed from Thorowgood Smith and his wife Mary to Alexander Stokely was acknowledged by Mary, who was also privately examined regarding a deed from Thorowgood Smith and Mary to William Burdet; she also consented to the second deed.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed Tho^s Bayley. **[End p. 438]**

Accomack County Court – 2 October 1779

Present: **Thomas Bayley, John Smith, Elemt Parker, Tully Wise**
 Nath^l Beavans, Charles Bagwell (p. 439)

~~John~~ (sic) Thomas Stinger's lessee⁸ vs Hillary Stringer, Tho^s Aimes and Fereby Stringer for ejectment resumed as before. Ordered that the suit abate as to Aimes and Fereby Stringer (deceased). Yesterday's jury found that Hillary was guilty as alleged and that the plaintiff had a right to 300 acres on the head of Occohannock Creek now in the possession of Hillary Stringer, being one moiety of 600 acres. The damages were assessed at six shillings plus costs. Ordered that the plaintiff recover his term yet to come along with his damages. The plaintiff, who was granted a writ of possession, was to pay his witnesses according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*]: Bayley Harman (two days), Joseph Kellam (two days), Jonathan Garrison (three days), William Savage (two days), John Taylor (two days) and Director Smith (two days).

The minutes, which were recorded by Litt^l Savage, were signed by Thomas Bayley. [End p. 439]

Accomack County Court – 26 October 1779

Present: William Williams, John Burton, Thomas Bayley, Charles Bagwell (p. 440)

William Parker's tithables (himself and Comfort) were added to James Arbuckle's list.

Margaret Andrews tithables (Wally, James, Abner, Jilly, Agness and Fanney) were added to Thomas Teackle's list.

Smith Kellam with wife Mary acknowledged a deed to Timothy Kelly.

A deed from Thomas Kellam to Thomas Underhill was partly proved by the oaths of Amos Underhill and Daniel Underhill.

An audit, settlement, inventory and appraisement of the estate of Levin Taylor (deceased) was submitted.

The will of Edmund Core (deceased) was proved by Henry White and Edmund Powell. Executor Sarah Core was sworn (security: William Mathews and Ezekiel Tatham).

Court justice John Burton left court; justices John Custis, William Downing and Jn^o Smith entered.

Ordered that Nath^l Beavans, Joseph Mathews, James Berry and Major Davis appraise the estate of Edmund Core as well as audit and settle the same.

⁸ Note at the bottom of p. 439 reads: "see the reason for the word John being erased & the word Thomas inserted viz on orders of Court October 25 1785 [?]."

Ordered that Nath^l Beavans, William Downing and John Burton “receive” the repairs done on Pitts’s Warehouse and that William Selby join John Burton and Nath^l Beavans to hire repairs to be done on the wharf and receive them as well. **[End p. 440]**

The will of Rachel Mears (deceased) was proved by William Vere and Southy Bell. Shadrack Mears and Isaiah Baker were sworn (security: John Kitson and Robert Smau). Ordered that William Vere, Ralph Justice, Richard Bundick and Rich^d Justice appraise the estate as well as audit and settle the same.

Ordered that John Burton, Nath^l Beavans and Solomon Johnson set aside the estate of Barthlomew Mears (deceased), which was lent to his widow during her life or widowhood; they were to divide the same agreeable to the testator’s will.

Ordered that George Garrison, Thomas Burton and Benjamin Floyd audit and settle the estate of Caleb Upsher (deceased).

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Spencer Coleburn (deceased) audit and settle the same.

Upon the motion of Joseph Waggaman for permission to reroute a road, it was ordered that Francis Houston, William Selby and William Broadwater view the same and make report next court.

The will of Robert Bell (deceased), which had been proved by the oath of William Dunton, was now fully proved by the oath of James Kelly. Executors Elizabeth Bell and Richard Savage were sworn (security: Mosses Benson and John Edmunds). Ordered that George Garrison, John Custis, Francis Savage and John Edmunds appraise, audit and settle the estate.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Sabrah Simpkins (deceased) along with a division of the estate was submitted.

The Common Wealth brought action against Eli Hornsby regarding his apprentice Tho^s Rodgers upon information provided by Rodgers’ guardian. The matter was dismissed. **[End p. 441]**

James Robertson acknowledged a deed to John Bradford.

James Robertson acknowledged a deed to Spencer Mears.

Elizabeth Fitzhugh and Tabitha Bayley acknowledged a deed to Kendal Beech.

Kendal Beech with wife Rosanna acknowledged a deed to Elizabeth Fitzhugh.

Kendal Beech with wife Rosanna acknowledged a deed to Tabitha Bayley.

Thomas Jacob swore he attended three days as a witness for Thomas Stringer (in his suit against Hillary Stringer), who was ordered to pay Jacob according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

Thomas Stringer (by his attorney) moved that William Joynes and William Parsons (who were summoned as witnesses on behalf of Stringer, but were not sworn) be permitted to prove their attendance [*and be paid 25 lbs tobacco per day*]. The defendant objected, but the court ruled that they had a right to prove their attendance.

Richard Grinalds petitioned for a road; ordered that John Dix, Elijah Lillaston and Solomon White view the same and report next court.

Those appointed to view Major Colony's proposed road reported that the new road was "half a mile and four chains longer to go upwards than the old road and more convenient to go downwards." Signed, Thomas Jacob and Abel Wise. Ordered that Colony have permission to clear the road. **[End p. 442]**

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Henry Satchel (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Daniel Marshall (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Perry Leatherbury (deceased) was submitted. Ordered that Abraham Outten, Major Ironmonger and Henry Custis audit and settle the estate.

Court justice Thomas Bayley left court.

Thomas Bayley and William Tizaker (security: John Custis and Benjamin Peck) were granted administration of the estate of Levin Rodgers (deceased). Ordered that John Custis, John West, Anthony West and Tully Wise appraise, audit, settle and divide the estate.

The will of James Taylor (deceased) was exhibited for proof and continued.

Ordered that "it be certified that Robert Done is a person of an unblemished Character & morals and proper to be recommended as an attorney to practice in this County."

Jenny Jackson was cited to give new security to W^m Young, who was security for her administration on her husband's estate. Ralph Justice voluntarily entered himself as counter security in the place of William Young.

Ordered that Tully Wise, Charles Snead and Johannes Wise audit and settle the estate of Solomon Willis (deceased).

Ordered that overseers of the roads Jonathan Laws, Jonathan Mears, William Bloxom and Nath^l Bird together with their hands work on the new road from Girdle Tree to the head of Muddy Creek, for which Joseph Kelly and others petitioned.

Upon William Welch's petition for permission to reroute a road, it was ordered that Benjamin Nock, Henry Heath and John Walker view the same and report to next court. **[End p. 443]**

The will of Daniel Twiford was proved by William Welch. Robert Twiford was sworn (security: Solomon Bird). Ordered that Zorobabel Rodgers, Levin Window, Nathan Addison and William Walker appraise, audit and settle the estate.

On the motion of Solomon Ried, it was ordered that Violata Window be cited to give counter security to the estate of John Ried, who was security for her guardianship of her son ----- Outten.

Guardian Richard Bundick swore to his account against orphans Benjamin West and Randal West.

John Cropper Jr was appointed guardian to Coventon Corbin Cropper (security: John Teackle and John Custis).

William Andrews, who sued Samuel Holt, swore that John Morris was a material witness; ordered that a commission be directed to Sam^l Handy, James Martin and Peter Shelby in Maryland to take his deposition.

On the motion of John Teackle it was ordered that Richard Justice, Rob^t James and Ezekiel Tatham lay out a road from John Teackle's plantation to the main road, which would be established. **[End p. 444]**

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Shadrack Mears for bastardy with Esther Litchfield. Mears, with his security (Richard Justice and Ezekiel Tatham), posted bond to ensure he paid Esther £36:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for child support.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed William Williams.

Accomack County Court – 27 October 1779

**Present: William Williams, Thomas Bayley, George Stewart
Clement Parker, Nath^l Beavans (p. 445)**

The will of Thomas Lewis (deceased) was proved by James Twiford and William Gibb with the consent of heir Richard Lewis. The female executor refused to serve, so Benjamin Peck was sworn (security: John Teackle) and was granted administration of the estate with will annexed. Ordered that George Cutlar, Major Ironmonger, Edmund Wise and John Warrington appraise the estate.

William Ross, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Jacob Taylor, now submitted himself to the judgment of the court. Ordered that he pay a fine of £30:00:00 plus costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779) **[End p. 445]**

William Ross, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Spencer Smith was fined £5:00:00 plus costs.

Presented for swearing, William Ross was fined five shillings and costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Presented for swearing [*the second time*], William Ross, was fined five shillings and costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Presented for swearing [*the third time*], William Ross], was fined five shillings and costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Presented for swearing [*the fourth time*], William Ross, was fined five shillings and costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Presented for swearing [*the fifth time*], William Ross, was fined five shillings and costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

Eliz^a Drummond brought action against Walter Bayne with wife Sarah for partition; the sheriff returned a inquiry and the case was continued.

In Stringer's lessee vs Hillary Stringer, the sheriff reported that he had put Thomas Stringer in possession of the land as ordered. **[End p. 446]**

Patience Bayley had brought action for partition against Margaret Bayley, Isaac Waterfield and his wife Nany. Sheriff Henry Fletcher reported that he went upon the land on 22 May 1779, with Thomas Teackle (the county surveyor) and the following "good and lawful men"–

Thomas Aimes	John Watson	Zorobabel Watson	Solomon Ried
John Ried	Elisha Mears	William B Walker	James Roberston (sic)
John Walker Sr	Caleb Aimes	Richard West	Benston Bradford

– and viewed the property. One part bounded by the land of John Milby (deceased) and the branch next to Thomas H Parker and the land of orphan Edmund Groten contained 77 acres; another eight acres of woodland adjoined the land of Caleb Aimes and Edmund Groten next to the land of Isaac Waterfield (in the right of his wife Nanny). These lands were allotted to Margaret Bayley. Another part containing 70 acres was bounded by Margaret's land, and separated from Patience Bayley's land by a line beginning at the branch adjoining Thomas H Parker's land and ending at the above mentioned eight acres. This parcel was allotted to Isaac Waterfield in the right of his wife Nanny. The remaining parcel of land containing 70 acres was allotted to Patience Bayley. **[End p. 447]** Signed by the sheriff and the jurors. The partition was ordered established.

In James Henry vs Stephen Mister, the sheriff reported that Mister had satisfied the debt.

Charles Taylor brought action against John Bayley, and the sheriff reported that he had attached goods in the hands of George Hickman, who made oath to his account that he had £54:00:00. Ordered that the same be condemned to pay the debt with costs.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Southy Simpson (deceased) was submitted.

Ordered that Solomon Johnson, James Duncan and Elijah Bird audit and settle the estate of Shadrack Fisher (deceased). Ezekiel Delastatus vs Robert M^cClean was continued for trial at the December court.

Court justice Thomas Teackle entered court. **[End p. 448]**

John Ried's tithable (Isaac Boston) was entered on Thomas Teackle's list.

Ordered that William Williams and Nath^l Beavans view both the old road and new road for which Nehemiah Stokely petitioned and accept whichever road they chose.

Ezekiel Delastatus, who sued Robert M^cClain, swore he believed Robert White and Elizabeth Wallop to be material witnesses. Ordered that George Stewart, Thomas Marshal and Savage Cowdry take their depositions.

Upon the motion of Solomon Reid, who sued Anthony Barrira, a commission issued to Thorowgood Smith, Edmund Custis and Thomas Snead to take the deposition of witness John Sherlock.

Selby Vannelson, who petitioned against Hillary Turner, failed to appear to prosecute. Turner was to recover five shillings and his costs.

John Bonnewell, who brought action of trespass against Stephen Bonnewell, failed to appear to prosecute. Stephen was to recover five shillings and his costs.

John Brimer, who brought action of trespass against John Fitchett, failed to appear to prosecute. Fitchett was to recover five shillings and his costs.

Hezekiah Holloway was cited "for abusing Solomon Bird constable in Execution of his Office." The matter was continued to next court for trial. **[End p. 449]**

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of Keziah Berry audit and settle the same.

Littleton Wyatt swore he had attended two days as a witness for Thomas [*Stringer*] in his suit against Hillary Stringer. Ordered that Thomas pay Littleton according to law [*25 lbs tobacco per day*].

William Andrews admitted owing Nath^l Waples £2:15:00 with interest from 31 August 1773, and costs.

Robert Dashield vs Arthur Hill was continued at Dashield's expense.

William Undril vs John Burton (executor of Rees &c) was agreed and dismissed.

Robert M^cClain vs Charles Marshal was abated by the death of Marshal.

William Burdette sued Sacker Parker, who failed to appear. Burdette was to recover £3:16:08 with interest from 1 January 1774.

Solomon Boston, who sued Stephen Taylor, was to recover £2:05:07 with interest from 20 July 1768. **[End p. 450]**

James Geoghehan, who sued Robert Coxwell, was to recover £2:04:05 with interest from 10 November 1773.

James Geoghehan, who sued Cov^t Ewell, was to recover £2:17:01 $\frac{1}{4}$ with interest from 1 January 1774.

James Geoghehan, who sued John Bloxom, was to recover £3:00:01 $\frac{1}{2}$ with interest from 8 October 1774.

James Geoghehan, who sued Jessee Taylor, was to recover £2:0:09 $\frac{1}{2}$ with interest from 14 March 1774.

James Geoghehan, who sued [*smudged out and overwritten*], was to recover £2:01:02 with interest from 24 October 1773.

James Geoghehan, who sued Tho^s Broadwater, was to recover £3:12:02 with interest from 7 September 1774.

James Geoghehan, who sued John Traverse, was to recover £4:18:06 with interest from 26 June 1774.

Jonathan West vs Noah Beloate was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 451]**

Joshua Shiles, who sued William Kerby's executor, was to recover £1:08:08 with interest from 30 April 1771.

James Annas' executor, who sued Obed Kelly, was to recover £1:16:00 with interest from January 1778.

Luther Martin, who sued James Berry, was to recover £2:00:00 with interest from 25 May 1776.

Luther Martin, who sued Hezekiah Hargess, was to recover £4:02:06 with interest from 1 October 1775.

Luther Martin, who sued Jamim^h Booth, was to recover £3:00:00 with interest from 1 May 1774.

Luther Martin, who sued Jonas Benston, was to recover £3:00:00 with interest from 1 January 1775.

Luther Martin, who sued George Abbott, was to recover £4:00:00 with interest from 23 May 1776.

Levin Gale, who sued John Niell, was to recover £2:08:00 with interest from 25 August 1775. **[End p. 452]**

Levin Gale, who sued James Broughton, was to recover £1:10:00 with interest from 1 May 1779.

Luther Martin vs John Young was agreed and dismissed.

Luther Martin vs William Ross was agreed and dismissed.

Luther Martin vs Milby Russel was agreed and dismissed.

George Baker vs Robert Spiers was agreed and dismissed.

Levin Gale vs Thomas Byley Jr was agreed and dismissed.

William Burdette, who sued Custis Rodgers and wife, was to recover £4:16:04 with interest from October 1774.

Eliz^a Ried, who sued Zorobabel Rodgers and Will^m Young, was to recover 992 lbs tobacco.

Mary Andrews vs John Derby was dismissed with Derby paying costs.

Major Cole vs Levi Nock was dismissed. **[End p. 453]**

Luther Martin vs Elisha Vannelson was agreed and dismissed.

Caleb Teackle sued James Cox (bail: James Broughton); the jury –

Major Davis

Thomas Mason

Southy Warrington

John Nichols

Solomon Ried	Rich ^d Justice	Thomas Bayley	Americus Scarbrough
Tho ^s Copes	John Parker	Elijah Lillaston	James Twiford

– awarded Teackle damages of £29:00:09 for Cox's nonperformance of an obligation.

The will of Southy Ried was proved by Levin Claywell and John Ried.

Benjamin Dunton's tithables (himself, Jacob Lillaston Watt and Dinah) were added to James Arbuckle's list.

Robins K Mathews sued John Boicourt, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

Ephraim Mathews sued William Mathews, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Joseph Custis sued James Trader, who could not be found and was ordered arrested. **[End p. 454]**

William Welsh sued George Benston, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

John Ried sued Isaac Boston, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Thorowg^d Smith & Co sued Ephraim Mathews, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

George Scott sued Will^m Ewell Jr, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Zorobabel Henderson sued Reuben Kellam, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

Benjⁿ T Watson sued William Bennet, who could not be found and was ordered arrested.

John Pettigrew brought action for rendering an account against Thomas Crippen, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Taylor brought action of trespass against John Simpson, who was granted time to try to settle.

William Parradice sued Isaac Hill, who was granted time to try to settle.

Jonathan Harding and wife sued Robert Millener and others, who were granted time to try to settle.

William Evans sued Sebastian Cropper, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 455]**

William Evans sued (for equity) Sebastian Cropper's executor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Jonathan Hardin sued (for assault and battery) Johannes Watson, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Hardin and wife sued (for assault and battery) Johannes Watson, who was granted time to try to settle.

Margaret Jillins sued (for assault and battery) Johannes Watson, who was granted time to try to settle.

Anne Andrews sued James Twiford, who was granted time to try to settle.

Joseph Mathews sued Jonathan Powell, who was granted time to try to settle.

Robinson Custis sued Sophia Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Johannes Watson sued Clement Free, who was granted time to try to settle.

Clement Free sued Johannes Watson, who was granted time to try to settle.

Elizabeth Wooldrige sued John M^cMeth, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 456]**

The justices of Accomack sued John Parker, who was granted time to try to settle.

Litt^l Mears complained for equity against Harman Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Sandford sued Sam^l Merrett, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Sandford sued Nimrod Merrett, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Sandford sued John Tural, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Sandford sued Levin Hickman, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Sandford sued Charles Davis Sr, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Sandford sued Charles Davis Jr, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Pettigrew sued William Burdette, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Pettigrew sued William Andrews, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Pettigrew sued Scarbrough Bloxom, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 457]**

William Shrieves sued William Young Sr, who was granted time to try to settle.

James Selby sued John Benston, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Nicholson sued (for equity) William Ewell Sr, who was granted time to try to settle.

Ezek^l Delastatius sued William Burdette, who was granted time to try to settle.

Elijah Grinalds sued Southy Simpson's executor, who was granted time to try to settle.

Joshua Lingo sued (for trespass) George Bell, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Hickman, who sued Skinner Wallop, failed to prosecute; Wallop was to recover five shillings and costs.

Margaret Jillins vs John Metcalf was agreed and dismissed.

Joseph Huff vs George Hope was agreed and dismissed.

James Fagan vs John Sandford (for attachment) was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 458]**

Edward Ker brought action of trespass against Levin Mears, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him for damages caused by his nonperformance of an obligation.

Hugh Gillen sued Thomas Cropper Sr, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Ezekiel Delastatius sued Isaac Hill, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Joseph Mathews sued Charles B Finley, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Sarah Undril sued John Metcalf, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

David Jones sued Hugh Gillen, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Peter Hack Sr sued Thomas Hurst, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

John Pitts' executor sued Anthony Deforist, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Solomon Ried sued Robert Rodgers, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him. **[End p. 459]**

Ralph Lingo sued (for assault and battery) George Bell, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

John Pettigrew sued (for debt) Jacob Mason, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

John Pettigrew sued Jacob Mason, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Samuel Taylor sued William Lewis, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

William Stokely sued (for trespass) George Bell, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Anne Dolby sued Southy Silverthorn, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Michael Bonnewell Jr sued (for trespass) Thomas Bayley, who failed to appear; unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Hannah Merrill vs Levin Wilkerson (for assault and battery) was agreed and dismissed.

Bosewill's assignee vs James Bosewel's female executor (for debt) was agreed and dismissed.

Anthony West vs Noah Beloate was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 460]**

Eli Hornsby brought action for equity against Rob^t Rodgers, who failed to appear to answer the bill; ordered that attachment issue against him.

Americus Scarbrough, who sued George Abbott, was to recover £15:00:00 with interest from 28 January 1774, and 339 lbs tobacco with other costs. (CaSa: 6 Nov 1779)

Americus Scarbrough, who sued George Abbott, was to recover £5:00:00 and 339 tobacco with other costs. (CaSa: 6 Nov 1779)

The Common Wealth brought action against Jacob Taylor, who was cited for refusing to obey the sheriff, who summoned him as a guard. Taylor was to pay a fine of 250 lbs tobacco plus costs. (CaSa: 8 Nov 1779)

The Common Wealth brought action against Southy Prewit, who was cited for refusing to obey the sheriff, who summoned him as a guard. Prewit was to pay a fine of 250 lbs tobacco plus costs.

George Corbin vs Francis Barbout was dismissed.

Jonathan Mears vs Ephraim Milman was agreed and dismissed.

Solomon Ried vs James Dorman was agreed and dismissed. [End p. 461]

Thomas Hall Parker sued Robert Rodgers (bail: George Corbin), who was granted time to try to settle.

Benjamin Hutchinson vs Thomas Harrison was agreed and dismissed.

John Bradford and others vs Benjamin Ryal was agreed and dismissed.

John Pettigrew vs Ishmael Andrews was agreed and dismissed.

George Scott vs John M^cClain was agreed and dismissed.

Stephen Marshal vs Jessee Copes was agreed and dismissed.

The minutes, which were recorded by Litt^l Savage, were signed by William Williams. [End p. 462]

Accomack County Court – 30 November 1779

Present: William Williams, Nath^l Beavans, George Stewart, John Burton (p. 463)

Ordered that George Cutlar, Edmund Wise and John Warrington audit and settle the estate of Thomas Lewis (deceased).

William Downing and John Burton, who were to hire repairs on Pocomoke Warehouse, reported that they had hired William Selby to repair the scales beam and weights at Pitts' Warehouse (sic) for the sum of 2488 [lbs tobacco]. They had made inspection, and the repairs were done according to agreement. Ordered that Selby be paid by the treasurer.

Court justices John Custis and Charles Bagwell entered court.

An inquiry into the petition made by William Riley (now deceased) for an acre of land for a mill was made on 29 October 1776, by Sheriff James Arbuckle and the following jury –

Richard Bundick	Robert Turnal	Delphus Lewis	Wonny Rew
Absalom Rew	Benjamin West	Solomon Russel	Richard Drummond
John Barnes	Jacob Ayres	Jonathan Willet	William Drummond

– who viewed the land, valued the acre (which belonged to Major Rayfield) at £3:00:00; Rayfield would also suffer damages of £12:00:00. **[End p. 463]** Ordered that permission be granted to build.

William Selby and wife Mary acknowledged a deed to Lisney Gootee.

A deed poll from Charles Parks to Betty and Charles Parks was proved by William Selby and Robert Pitt.

Robert Pitt acknowledged a deed to Charles Parks.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Edw^d Martin (deceased) was submitted along with an account of the slaves.

A deed from John Robins to John Wilkenson along with a signed memorandum was proved by the oaths of Jessee Wilkenson, Joshua Wilkenson and Samuel Taylor.

An inventory/appraisement, estate sale account, audit and settlement of the estate of William Savage (blacksmith, deceased) was submitted.

The will of William Bell (deceased) was proved by Edmund Heath and Curtis Rayfield. Executor William Scarbrough was sworn (security: Edward Revel).

Litt^l Wyatt swore he attended four days as a witness on behalf of William Wyatt, who was sued by Revel Custis.

Ordered that Americus Scarbrough, Edm^d Scarbrough, Henry Gascoyne and Solomon Bunting appraise the estate of William Bell (deceased).

An inventory/appraisement and an account of the estate sale of Levi Kellam (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory, appraisement, audit and settlement of the estate of William Bratten (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 464]**

The will of Catharine Merchant (deceased) was proved by Joseph Waggaman and Dixon Hall. William Selby was sworn (security: George Corbin). Ordered that Joseph Waggaman, Robert Pitt, Dixon Hall and Coventon Ewell appraise the estate..

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought in a certificate signed by William Young, William Andrews and Thomas Riley, who were appointed to oversee the processioning of a line between William Young and Thomas Kelly, which was stopped by Kelly. Ordered that the county surveyor, along with a jury summoned for that purpose, lay off the disputed bounds and make report next court. The sheriff was to attend to “remove force if any offered.”

John Luker chose Churchill Aimes as his guardian (security: Levin Aimes).

The churchwardens of St George’s Parish bound John Luker to Churchill Aimes till lawful age to learn the trade of house carpenter.

A deed from John Bloxom and his wife Sarah to Ebenezer Whendon was proved by John Custis, Tully Wise and John West.

Court justice William Selby entered court.

Ordered that the appraisers of the estate of John Smith (deceased) audit and settle the same.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Levi Bloxom (deceased) was submitted.

Orphan Henry Scarbrough chose George Parker as guardian (security: George Corbin).

Athaliah Bloxom swore to an account against Woodman Bloxom. **[End p. 465]**

The grand jury was sworn and retired:

Henry Custis	Thomas Riley	William Vessels	Spencer Drummond
Ralph Corbin	John Dix	George Cutlar	Argol Kellam
Seth Ewell	William B Walker	Abel West	William Young
John Morrison	Thomas Fisher	Nicholas Powell	Robert Small
Drake Drummond			

Court justice John Custis left court.

Adah Coward chose Solomon Bunting as guardian (security: Levin Bunting).

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of William Groten (deceased) was submitted. Ordered that Augustine Lecatte, John Reid and Isaac Waterfield audit and settle the estate.

The will of John Taylor (deceased) was contested by heir Stephen Taylor.

Benjamin Floyd petitioned to build a water grist mill; ordered that twelve freeholders of the area go upon the requested acre of land to view and value it together with the timber, orchards or other improvements that might be damaged.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Shadrack Fisher (deceased) was submitted.

Rachel Whealton (security: John Finney and Ephraim Millman) was granted administration of the estate of Nehemiah Whealton (deceased). Ordered that John Kendal, Charles Tunnel, Elias Tunnel and Alexander Stokely appraise the estate.

A deed from Jessee Taylor and his wife Rachel to Joseph Fiddeman was proved by William Selby and William Mercy. **[End p. 466]**

Jonathan Chandler chose Meshack Mears as guardian (security: Charles Bagwell).

Orphan Fletcher Heath chose Richard Cutlar as guardian (security: Benjamin Hutchinson).

Charles Taylor vs Elizabeth Guy was dismissed.

Elizabeth Luker was appointed guardian to Catharine Cox (security: Michael Christian and William B Walker).

Joseph Adams, Solomon Smith and Coleburn Guy each swore they had attended one day as a witness for Elizabeth Guy at the suit of Charles Taylor.

A bond from Michael Budd to Anner Bell was proved by the oath of Charles Snead; the same had previously been proved by Smith Snead, the other witness.

Thomas Slocom (sic) was appointed guardian to orphan Thomas Wise (security: Clement Parker and Thomas Lillaston).

The suit of Sturgis, a lessee, against Elijah Mears was agreed and dismissed.

William Joynes swore he had attended five days as a witness and traveled 60 miles on behalf of Thomas [*Stringer*] in his suit against Hillary Stringer.

The minutes were signed by William Selby. **[End p. 467]**

Accomack County Court – 1 December 1779

**Present: William Williams, Clement Parker, William Selby, John Custis
Thomas Bayley, John Burton, Charles Bagwell (p. 468)**

The appraisers of the estate of James Ailworth (deceased) were to audit and settle the same.

The Common Wealth brought action against Boston, a slave belonging to Sophia Bagwell, who had posted a bond to keep the peace upon information provided by Gilbert Pielee. It was ordered that Boston remain bound for one month; Sophia posted £5000:00:00 to ensure that Boston kept the peace with everyone and especially with Gilbert Pielee.

The will of William Emmerson (deceased) was partly proven by the oath of Jenny Collins.

Court justice William Selby exited court.

John Custis petitioned to build a water grist mill; ordered that the sheriff summon twelve freeholders of the area to go upon the land to view and value it as well as determine damages that might be caused by flooding.

Elijah Mears with his wife Betty acknowledged a deed to Frederick Kellam.

The will of James Taylor (deceased) was again exhibited for proof. Executor William Taylor relinquished executorship and the will was continued at Stephen Taylor's cost. **[End p. 468]**

Edmund Custis acknowledged a deed to William Gibb.

Solomon Dix brought action for trespass against Isaac Smith. The jury –

William Shrieves	Zorobabel Kellam	Revell Custis	Geo T Taylor
Major Davis	Major Hornsby	Jacob Bird	James Broadwater
James Duncan	William Polk	William Stokely	John Reid

– was sworn, but the court justices were of the opinion that Dix “had not right to bring an action being incapacitated by not taking the oath of allegiance to the state.” The case was dismissed with Smith recovering five shillings and costs.

Solomon Dix vs Levin Joine for trespass, assault and battery was dismissed.

Andrew Gootee had been indicted for assault and battery on Samuel Ramsay. The jury –

William Shrieves	Zorobabel Kellam	Revell Custis	Geo T Taylor
Major Davis	Major Hornsby	Jacob Bird	James Broadwater
Thomas Hickman	William Polk	William Stokely	John Reid

– heard the evidence and found Andrew guilty. He faced arrest until paying a fine of £50:00:00 and costs.

Memo: “Lisney and John Morrison must not pay their part of the witness's attendance.”

Lisney Gootee had been indicted for assault and battery on Samuel Ramsay. The above jury found Lisney guilty. He faced arrest till paying a fine of £50:00:00 and costs.

John Morrison had been indicted for assault and battery on Samuel Ramsay. The above jury found Morrison guilty. He faced arrest till paying a fine of £50:00:00 and costs. **[End p. 469]**

The justices vs Latchum's administrators (for debt) was set for trial next court.

The King vs Pruitt (who was indicted) was dismissed.

John Ramsay swore he had attended eight days as a witness for the Common Wealth in the action against Gootee and Morrison.

Ordered that Rich Bull be appointed overseer of the road in the place of Jacob Bird.

John Sherlock, who had posted a bond to keep the peace upon information shared by James Wallace, now posted a one month £1000:00:00 bond for keeping the peace.

The grand jury made the following indictments and presentments:

- Joshua Copes, presented for not listing his tithable, Caesar Evans
- Joakim Roberts, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Amey
- Nicholas Potter, presented for not listing his tithable, Edmund Potter
- Charles Parks, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Harry
- Kendal Stokeley, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Lucy
- Anne M Evans, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Joshua
- Edm^d Ewell, presented for not listing his tithable, his son
- Meshack Fiddeman, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Evan
- Elisha Hill, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Zadock
- Joshua Allers, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Hava
- Reuben Westerhouse, presented for not listing his tithable, Negro Jacob
- Arthur Upsher, presented for not listing his tithable, his son Abel
- Tho^s Cropper, presented for letting Toby behave as a freeman
- Danl Hall (Massongo), presented for letting James behave as a freeman
- Nath^l Evans, presented for letting Ellander behave as a freeman
- William Custis, presented for letting Adam behave as a freeman
- Alex^r Stokeley, presented for letting Jack behave as a freeman
- George Gladen, presented for not listing himself as a tithable
- Elizabeth Phillips, presented for dealing with Negroes **[end p. 470]**
- John Sherlock, indicted for assaulting James Wallace
- George Poulson, indicted for assault and battery on Thomas Copes
- George Melson, indicted for assault and battery on Sarah Ironmonger
- Solomon Read, indicted for assault and battery on Nath^l Kellam

- James Berry, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Charles West, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Robert M^cClain, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Ezekiel Delastatius, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Robinson Custis, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Thomas Robinson, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Custis Derby, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Benjamin Hutchinson, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- John Bull, presented for retailing liquor without a license
- Amos Underhill, presented for retailing liquor without a license.

Ordered that prosecution issue upon the above.

The minutes were signed by William Williams.

Accomack County Court – 2 December 1779

Present: William Williams, John Custis, Clement Parker, Charles Bagwell (p. 471)

The King vs Major West (who had been indicted for incontinent living with Comf^t West) was dismissed with West paying costs.

The King vs Major West for the same offense was dismissed.

The King vs Comfort West for the same offense was dismissed.

The King vs Salathiel Underhill (who had been presented) was abated by the death of Underhill.
[End p. 471]

In the King vs Will^m Reid (who had been indicted for assaulting John Morgan), Ried was to pay costs.

In the King vs Edm^d Reid (who had been indicted for assaulting John Morgan), Ried was to pay costs.

In the King vs George Turner (who had been indicted for assaulting John Morgan), Turner was to pay costs.

In the King vs Rich^d Reid (who had been indicted for assaulting John Morgan), Ried was to pay costs.

In the King vs John Reid (who had been indicted for assaulting John Morgan), Ried was to pay costs.

William Delastatius, who had been presented for swearing, was to pay costs.

Egbert Russell, who had been presented “for listing himself as a Tithable in the year 1774” [*it seems evident that the clerk mistakenly omitted the word “not”*], was fined 500 lbs tobacco and costs.

Edm^d Bayley, who had been presented for not listing Negro Rose [as a tithable], was dismissed paying costs.

Eliz^a Guy, who had been presented for retailing liquor without a license, was dismissed paying costs.

George Hickman, who had been presented for retailing liquor without a license, was dismissed without costs.

John Cropper vs Edw^d Shores was dismissed with Edward paying costs. **[End p. 472]**

Cov^t Ewell had been indicted for assaulting William Delastatius; the eleven member jury –

Johannes Watson	William Stokely	Jacob Mason	Kendal Savage
Rich ^d Abbott	Reuben Joyne	John Aimes	John Poolman
Edm ^d Wise	John Gillet	Solomon Ewell	

– found Ewell guilty. He was to pay a fine of £25:00:00 plus costs.

Ruth Phillips had been presented for retailing “spiritous liquors” without a license. The above jury found her guilty and fined her £10:00:00 plus costs.

Skinner Wallop had been presented “for a nuisance by ponding water in the highway.” The above jury found him guilty and fined him £150:00:00 plus costs.

Eliz Guy was licensed to keep an ordinary at her house for a year.

Nathan Addison took oath (security: William Polk and Reuben Joyne) and was granted administration of the estate of Jamimah Parker Addison (deceased). Ordered that William Walker, Zorobabel Rodgers, James Broughten and John Rodgers appraise the estate..

The will of James Taylor (deceased) was proved by Jessee Wilkenson, Joshua Wilkenson and Joseph Fiddeman. Stephen Taylor gave oath (security: Levin Bunting and William Delastatius) and was granted administration of the estate with will attached. **[End p. 473]** ordered that James Broadwater, William Patterson, Jacob Broadwater and Samuel Henderson appraise the estate..

Court justice Thomas Bayley entered court.

Jessee Wilkenson and Joshua Wilkenson swore they had attended four days, and Joseph Fiddeman swore he attended three days as witnesses to prove the will of James Taylor (deceased).

Francis Barboutin took oath (security: David Bowman) and was granted administration of the estate of Francis Pelcerf (deceased). Ordered that James Arbuckle, Henry Custis, John Bonnair and Jabez Pitt appraise the estate.

Levin Wilkensen and Rob^t Pitt, who were summoned as witnesses for William Taylor (heir of James Taylor, deceased) failed to appear to give testimony, which was ordered certified.

Southy Prewit, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Nevit Taylor, was dismissed paying costs.

Southy Prewit, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Susanna Taylor, was dismissed paying costs.

Southy Prewit, who had been presented for swearing, was dismissed without costs.

Rob^t M^cClean, who had been indicted for assaulting George Marshall, was fined ten shillings plus costs.

The King vs Peter Rodgers, who had been indicted, was abated by the death of Rodgers. **[End p. 474]**

James Cox, who had been indicted for assaulting William Ried, was dismissed with Cox paying costs.

James Cox was tried for assault and battery on Reuben Joine; the jury –

Johannes Watson	William Stokely	Jacob Mason	Kendal Savage
Rich ^d Abbott	John Taylor	Jonathan Willet	John Poolman
Edm ^d Wise	John Gillet	Solomon Ewell	

– found Cox guilty and fined him £200:00:00 plus costs.

The will of Southy Reid (deceased) was proved by Elizabeth Reid, Susannah Reid and Levin Claywell. Tabitha Reid took oath (security: Nathan Addison and Levin Claywell). Ordered that William Phillips, John Reid, Augustine Lecatte and Benjamin Hutchinson appraise the estate..

John Aimes swore that he had attended twenty-three days; Reuben [Joine] attended thirteen days and David Watson attended eight days as witnesses against James Cox.

John Poolman swore he attended three days as a witness against Skinner Wallop.

William Polk had been presented for incontinent living, but a jury found him not guilty, and the case was dismissed.

William Stokely had been presented for incontinent living, but the same jury found him not guilty, and the case was dismissed.

Zorobabel Reid chose John Reid as guardian (security: Solomon Reid).

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley. [End p. 475]

Accomack County Court – 3 December 1779

Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clement Parker, Charles Bagwell (p. 476)

The Common Wealth brought action against Noah Beloate for incontinent living. The jury –

Henry Custis	Solomon Ewell	Solomon Gray	Rob ^t Snead
William Millener	Robert Millener	John Evans	John Taylor
Thomas Bayley	Charles Parker	William Bunting	William Andrews

– found Noah not guilty and dismissed the case.

Robert Snead, who had been presented for incontinent living, was found not guilty by the same jury. The case was dismissed.

George Poulson, who had been presented for incontinent living, was found not guilty by the same jury. The case was dismissed.

Ordered that John Sherlock be overseer of the road in the place of Benjamin Peck.

Andrew Lee, who had been presented for incontinent living with Eliz^a Hargess, was fined 500 lbs tobacco plus costs.

Southy Mears, who had been presented for incontinent living with Ansley Taylor, was fined 500 lbs tobacco plus costs.

Jonathan Bunting, who had been presented for blocking the main road, was to pay a fine and costs. [End p. 476]

Skinner Wallop, who had been presented for swearing two profane oaths, was to pay a fine of ten shillings plus costs.

Selby Simpson, who had been presented for not listing his chair [*carriage, which was to be listed for tax purposes*], was fined 500 lbs tobacco.

John Pettigrew, who had been presented for not listing his chair [*carriage, which was to be listed for tax purposes*], was fined 500 lbs tobacco.

Robert Pitt, who had been presented for not listing his chair [*carriage, which was to be listed for tax purposes*], was fined 500 lbs tobacco.

Sam^l Ward, who had been presented for not listing his tithables, was fined.

David Dolby, who had been presented for not listing his tithables, was fined.

Rob^t Snead, who had been presented for abusing Cutlar while he was executing his office, was fined £5:00:00 plus costs. Cutlar testified as a witness.

John Allen, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1776, was to pay costs.

George Reid, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1776, was to pay costs.

Smith Snead, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1776, was to pay costs. **[End p. 477]**

The Common Wealth vs Major Bayley was abated by the death of Bayley.

The Common Wealth vs Charles Parker, who had been presented, was dismissed.

George Cutlar swore he had attended four days as a witness for the Common Wealth against Rob^t Snead.

Major Rayfield, had been presented for not listing Lemuel Delastatus in 1776; Rayfield was to pay costs.

Benjⁿ Dunton, who had been presented, was to pay costs.

The Common Wealth vs Abel Bradford, who had been presented for not listing his tithables in 1776, was abated by the death of Bradford.

George Bradford, who had been presented for not listing his tithables in 1776, was to pay costs.

Will^m H Bradford, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1776, was to pay costs.

Garret Slover, who had been presented for not listing himself as a tithable in 1776, was to pay costs.

Sam^l Church, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1776, was to pay costs.

Rodger Ried, who had been presented for not listing Caesar Evans in 1776, was to pay costs. **[End p. 478]**

John Benston, who had been presented for not listing Negro Hannah in 1776, was to pay 500 lbs tobacco.

William Wilkenson, who had been presented for not listing Negro Littleton in 1776, was to pay 500 lbs tobacco.

Smith Millener, who had been presented for swearing, paid his fine and costs.

Peter Delastatus, who had been presented for not listing himself in 1776, was to pay 500 lbs tobacco.

John Nicholson, who had been presented for swearing one profane oath in 1776, was to pay five shillings.

Henry Custis (Sea Side), who had been presented, was to pay a 15 shilling fine.

John Kelly, who had been presented, had judgment pass against him.

The Common Wealth brought action against John Sherlock, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Violata Window. The jury –

Henry Custis	Solomon Ewell	Solomon Gray	Rob ^t Snead
William Millener	Robert Millener	John Evans	John Taylor
Thomas Bayley	Charles Parker	William Bunting	William Andrews

– found Sherlock guilty. He was fined £500:00:00 plus costs. Violata Window swore that she attended eight days, Nathan Addison attended four days and Sarah Window attended three days as witnesses against John Sherlock [*who would be expected to pay each witness 25 lbs tobacco per day*]. **[End p. 479]**

Kendal Kellam, who had been indicted for assaulting Custis Rayfield, was to pay costs.

Nathaniel Kellam, who had been presented, was to pay costs.

Thomas Russell, who had been indicted for assault and battery on Sarah Johnson, was to pay costs.

Archibald Armitrader, who had been presented for trespass on the land of John Houtten, was to pay costs.

George Northam, who had been presented for trespass on the land of John Houtten, was to pay costs.

Peggy Dolby, who had been presented, was dismissed without paying costs.

Alice Dunton, who had been presented, was dismissed without paying costs.

John Chandler, who had been presented, was dismissed without paying costs.

William Warner, who had been presented, was dismissed without paying costs.

Elijah Nock, who had been presented, was dismissed without paying costs.

Anne Holden, who had been presented for not listing her carriage in 1777, was fined 500 lbs tobacco.

Nicholas Potter, who had been presented for not listing his son as a tithable in 1779, was fined. **[End p. 480]**

James Broughton, who had been presented for not listing his carriage in 1777, had judgment pass against him.

Savage Cowdry, who had been presented for not listing his carriage in 1777, had judgment pass against him.

Jacob Broadwater, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1777, had judgment pass against him.

Arthur Vessels, who had been presented for not listing his tithable in 1777, had judgment pass against him.

John Biquert, who had been presented for swearing in 1777, had judgment pass against him.

David Edwards, who had been presented for letting trees stand in the road in 1777, was fined 15 shillings plus costs.

John Shea, who had been presented for not keeping the public road in repair in 1777, was fined 15 shillings plus costs.

Jonathan Mears' presentment was dismissed without costs.

Jonathan Northam's presentment was dismissed without costs.

James Selby, who had been indicted, had judgment pass against him.

Francis Aires, who had been indicted, had judgment pass against him.

Henry Heath, who had been indicted, had judgment pass against him. **[End p. 481]**

Mark Evans, who had been indicted for assaulting -----, ⁹ went to trial. The jury –
 Willet Lillaston Gilbert Pielee George Cutlar Benjamin Peck
 Edmund Wise Parker Parradice John Spiers John Taylor
 Johannes Watson Noah Beloate Northam Addison Robert Twiford
 – retired to reach a verdict.

Reuben Joine vs James Cox was to be tried next court.

Edw^d Ker sued George Lynham, who was again ordered arrested.

Ordered that Thomas Parramore, William Parramore and Thomas Burton audit/settle the estate of William Tinley (sic), deceased.

Thomas Bayley, Clement Parker and John West were to audit/settle the estate of George Drummond.

Ordered that Thomas Bayley, Clement Parker and John Custis audit and settle Charles Bagwell's administration accounts on the estate of Fairfax Smith and Patience Crippen (deceased).

Robert Millener's tithables (himself as well as Adam and William Millener) were added to the list in St George's Parish.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley. [End p. 482]

Accomack County Court – 1 January 1780

A court held for laying the county levy

Present: **Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clement Parker**
 John Burton, Charles Bagwell (p. 483)

Due from Accomack County (in lbs tobacco) to:

– The court clerk for his salary	1248
– The sheriff for his salary	1248
– The attorney for the Common Wealth for his salary	1500
– The clerk for attending called courts for the following criminals:	
Jan 6 – Thomas Hall Parker; Jan 11 – Benj ⁿ Hipwell; Jan 20 – Custis Rodgers	
and John Shield; Jan 28 – Ezar Kellam; Jan 29 – Fender (a slave); Apr 27 –	
George Bunting, Jn ^o Campbell, Jacob (a slave) and Emmanuel; Apr 28 – Abel	
Holly; June 30 – Ishmael Andrews; July 7 – Thom (a slave); July 30 – Jas	
Reynolds; Sept 1 – Eliz ^a Wooldrige (15 criminals @ 200 lbs tobacco each)	3000

⁹ On 30 May 1775, Mark Evans was indicted for assaulting Robert Justice Jr. *Accomack County Virginia, Court Orders 1774-1777*, p. 348.

– William Gibb for prosecuting Hipwell	200
– The attorney for prosecuting fourteen of the above criminals	2800
– The sheriff for attending and summoning the above courts	3000
– The sheriff for removing Bunting and Campbell from this jail to the public jail	300
– The sheriff for whipping two Negroes by order of the court	20
– The sheriff [<i>for whipping</i>] Isaiah Cole and Hickman's Negro, 10 lbs tobacco each	20
– The sheriff for serving two warrants upon sailors and summoning witnesses	90
– The sheriff for whipping one sailor	10
– The sheriff for committing Thom and 18 days' imprisonment	200
– The sheriff for committing Boston and five days' imprisonment	70
– The sheriff for committing two sailors and two days' imprisonment	80
– Constable George Cutlar for summoning two guards for the prison	20

Due from Accomack County (in currency) to:

– William Selby for repairs to Swansy Gutt Bridge and causeway	£464:00:00	
– Joakim Milburn for repairs to Jenkinson's Bridge	89:05:00	
– Littleton Savage for three record books	85:00:00	
– Littleton Savage for four books for bonds	14:00:00	
– The sheriff for feeding Bunting and Campbell	16:04:00	
– Thomas Burton for "providing for 4 men in small pox"	174:09:00	
– Thomas Bayley for medicines and visiting	70:16:00	
– The sheriff for handcuffs	18:00:00	
– Garret Slover for guarding Thom in prison for three days	9:00:00	
– Elijah Grinalds for repairing the jail	40:00:00	
– Charles Bagwell, an old account	1:02:06	
– The sheriff for collecting money and tobacco	70:10:09	940
– The depositum in the sheriff's hands	134:14:09	2599
Totals:	1187:02:00	17,345

– Litt^l Savage "allowed for paper £144 see page 506" [End p. 483]

Due to Accomack County from:

– 3919 tithables @ 4 lbs tobacco per poll		15676
– 3919 tithables @ 6 shillings per poll	£1175:14:00	
– By depositum in the sheriff's hands last year	11:08:00	1669
Totals:	1187:02:00	17,345

Ordered that the sheriff give security for collecting the levy, which was to "be discharged in money at 3 shillings" per pound of tobacco. He was to swear to account for what money or tobacco he received.

The minutes were signed by Thomas Bayley.

Accomack County Court – 1 January 1780

A court held for the examination of Tony Stephens, suspected of felony

Present: Thomas Bayley, John Custis, Clement Parker, Charles Bagwell (p. 484)

Prisoner Tony Stephens was set to the bar and arraigned; he pled not guilty. After examining the witnesses, it was the court's opinion that he was not guilty, and he was discharged.

The minutes, which were recorded by Litt^l Savage, were signed by Thomas Bayley. **[End p. 484]**

Accomack County Court – 25 January 1780

**Present: William Williams, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley
John Smith, Charles Bagwell (p. 485)**

William Andrews and wife acknowledged a deed to Thomas Fisher.

The churchwardens St George's Parish bound Henry Hope to Henry Armitrader till lawful age to learn the trade of ship carpenter.

Isaac Waterfield with wife Anne acknowledged a deed to Barthlomew Taylor.

An additional inventory, audit and settlement of the estate of William Wyatt (deceased) was submitted.

A deed from Noah Beloate with wife Elleanor and Sarah Leatherbury to Edmund Custis was proved by the oaths of George Corbin, George Cutlar and William Gibb.

A deed from Isaac Smith with wife Elizabeth to Edmund Custis was partly proven by the oath of George Corbin and Thorowgood Smith.

The presentment against Alex^r Stokeley was dismissed.

An inventory/audit/settlement/division of the estate of Solomon Russel (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Charles Richardson was submitted.

An inventory, audit and settlement of the estate of James Ewell (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 485]**

An inventory, appraisement, audit and settlement of the estate of Benjamin Parks (deceased) was submitted.

James Duncan became administrator of the estate of Barthlomew Mears (deceased) to finish the administration accounts of Rachel Mears (deceased). Ordered that William Vere, Ralph Justice, Solomon Johnson and Henry Fletcher appraise, audit and settle the estate of Barthlomew Mears.

The presentment against James Berry for retailing liquor without a license, was dismissed, and he was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for a year. Note: “not p^d for license.”

Elisha Hill’s presentment was dismissed.

Geo Gladden’s presentment was dismissed.

Meshack Fiddeman’s presentment was dismissed.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of James Ailworth was submitted.

Joshua Copes’ presentment was dismissed. Note: Costs were paid.

Joakim Roberts’ presentment was dismissed. Note: Costs paid.

Court justice James Arbuckle entered court. **[End p. 486]**

Cha^s Parks’ presentment was dismissed without costs.

Benjamin Hutchinson was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

Joshua Allen’s presentment was dismissed; he paid costs.

John Bull’s presentment was dismissed; he paid costs.

Kendal Stokely’s presentment was dismissed without costs.

Anne M Evans’ presentment was dismissed without costs.

John Bull was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

The churchwardens bound George Fitzhugh to Finley Rodgers till lawful age to learn the trade of shoemaker.

The churchwardens bound Sarah Turnal to Jacob Phillips to learn the trade of weaver.

The churchwardens bound Betty Giddens to Sebastian Cropper to learn the trade of weaver.

The churchwardens bound George Booth to John Sherlock.

The churchwardens bound William Onions to Parker Parradice to learn the trade of spinning wheel wright.

Orphan Sarah Read chose Levin Claywell as guardian (security: John Read). **[End p. 487]**

Ordered that Charles Bagwell, William Young Jr, Thomas Kelly and William Andrews set aside the estate of John Sparrow (deceased) from the estate of Keziah Sparrow (the recent widow of John Sparrow), who had since married Parker Parradice. Ordered that Bagwell, Young, Kelly and Andrews also audit and settle the administration accounts of Parker and Keziah Parradice.

Ann Rolly, who had posted a recognizance to keep the peace upon information provided by Sus^a Scott, was dismissed paying costs.

James Dorman was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

John Kendal was to replace Arthur Rowley (deceased), who had been appointed to audit/settle the estate of James Watts (deceased).

Ordered that John Barnes pay Jamimah Russel £100:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

The inquiry into the mill for which Benjamin Floyd petitioned was made on 27 December 1770, by sheriff Henry Fletcher and the following “good and lawful men” of the county –

Levin Stewart	John Kellam	John Harman	John Edmund
Ephraim Watson	Edm ^d Wise	Henry Heath	Jeconiah Pigot
James Twiford	Thomas James	Churchill Aimes	John Elliot

– who viewed the requested acre as well as the adjacent land that would be affected. The acre was valued at £24:01:08, and the damages to the heirs of James Harrison (deceased), who also owned the acre, would be £129:10:06 because of destroyed timber and flooded land. **[End p. 488]** The sheriff and jurors signed the document. Ordered that Floyd have permission to build the mill.

Rachel Downing chose Major Mears as guardian (security: James Dorman and George Mears.)

George Corbin, who sued Skinner Wallop, swore that William Burdette was a material witness; ordered that Burdette’s deposition be taken.

Charles Snead was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

Robert Watson acknowledged a bill of sale to Nehemiah Marshall,

Ordered that Levin Core pay Rachel Fisher £80:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle. **[End p. 489]**

Accomack County Court – 25 January 1780

A court held for the examination of John Lewis, suspected of feloniously stealing a quantity of cloth from Joshua Townsend

**Present: James Arbuckle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis
Charles Bagwell (p. 490)**

John Lewis, who was set to the bar and arraigned, pled not guilty. After considering the matter, the court was of the opinion that he was triable in this court. Ordered that he be bound over to the next grand jury court; he was to enter recognizance with sufficient security for his appearance at that time. The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 25 January 1780

A court held to question Robert Watson, suspected of stealing cloth from Joshua Townsend

**Present: James Arbuckle, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, John Custis
Charles Bagwell (p. 490)**

Concerning Robert Watson, the court rendered the same judgment as above. Watson posted £10,000:00:00 to ensure that the above John Lewis would personally appear at the next grand jury court “& that he do not depart without the leave of the said court.” William Marshall and Southy White “entered into Recognizance in the same manner as security for said Robert Watson.” John Bradford, Ezekiel Delastatus, Nehemiah Marshal and Thomas Beavans posted bonds of £100:00:00 each for their own appearance as witnesses against Watson and Lewis at the next grand jury court.

The minutes were signed by James Arbuckle. [End p. 490]

Accomack County Court – 26 January 1780

Present: George Stewart, William Parramore, Thomas Bayley, John Custis (p. 491)

Eliz^a Phillips, who had been presented for dealing with Negroes, was fined 24 shillings and costs (security: Gilbert Pielee). Note: paid.

Esther, Anne, Rachel, Mary and Susanna Sparrow brought action for equity against Richard Sparrow. Ordered that Charles Bagwell, William Young Jr, Thomas Kelly and William Andrews divide the slaves by sale or otherwise agreeable to the will of John Sparrow (deceased).

Court justice Ja^s Arbuckle and Clem^t Parker entered court.

The presentment against Reuben Westerhouse was dismissed without costs.

Arthur Upshur had been presented for not listing his son Abel; the fine was remitted, but Upshur was ordered to pay costs.

Danl Hall (Massongo) had been presented for not listing a tithable; the judgment was the same as above.

Ezekiel Delastatius had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the judgment was the same as above. Note: costs were paid.

Robinson Custis had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the judgment was the same as above.

Ezekiel Delastatius was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year. **[End p. 491]**

Thomas Robinson had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the fine was remitted, but Robinson was ordered to pay costs.

Court justice William Parramore left court.

Custis Derby had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the fine was remitted, but Derby was ordered to pay costs.

Benjⁿ Hutchinson had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the fine was remitted, but Hutchinson was ordered to pay costs.

Amos Underhill had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the fine was remitted, but Underhill was ordered to pay costs.

Charles West had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the fine was remitted, but West was ordered to pay costs.

Robert M^cClean had been presented for retailing liquor without a license; the fine was remitted, but M^cClean was ordered to pay costs.

Thomas Robertson and Custis Derby were licensed to keep taverns at their houses for a year.

Samuel Wilson brought two actions for trespass against Jonathan Bunting, who said he was not guilty. Both cases were continued to the next court for trial.

Ezekiel Delastatius vs Rob^t M^cClean was agreed and dismissed. **[End p. 492]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against John Cropper for bastardy with Susanna Melson. Selby Simpson, Thomas Bayley Jr, Robert Millener, William Millener, Smith Millener, William Undril and Thomas Copes Sr entered themselves as security (£500:00:00) for Cropper, who was to pay Susanna £80:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the child's support.

Mark Evans had been indicted for assault and battery on Robert Justice; by the consent of the parties, the matter was referred to the determination of Charles Bagwell, Selby Simpson and Thomas Crippen, whose award would be the judgment of the court.

William Snead qualified as escheator by taking the required oaths.

The will of Jude Butlar (deceased) was proved by Abraham Kellam and Housen Mapp. John Taylor was sworn (security: John Read). Ordered that Jonathan Garrison, William Taylor, Argol Kellam and William Garrison appraise the estate.

The same person appointed to layoff the dower of Anne (the widow of Will^m Drummond, and now the wife of John Riley) was to act as guardian to Elizabeth Robinson Drummond (heir at law to William, deceased) and divide the slaves according to the will. **[End p. 493]**

A writing said to be the will of Solomon Dix (deceased) was exhibited for proof; Selby Simpson and John Dix swore that they were well acquainted with Solomon's handwriting and that they believed the entire will was written by him. Executor Leah Dix was sworn (security: Selby Simpson). Ordered that Selby Simpson, John Dix, Thomas Evans and Charles West appraise the estate..

James Wallace sued (for assault and battery) John Sherlock (attorney: Jabez Pitt), who was granted time to try to settle.

Nicholas Bayley sued (for assault and battery) William Arbuckle who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: James Taylor).

Eliz^a Parker sued John Poolman, who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: George Corbin).

James Taylor sued (for equity) Jacob Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: J Taylor).

William Ross sued (for trespass) Elijah Northam, who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: George Corbin).

William Ross sued (for trespass) Jacob Taylor, who was granted time to try to settle. **[End p. 494]**

George Lynham sued (for debt) Emmanuel Laine (bail: William Parramore), who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: George Corbin).

Jermain Joffrion sued Emmanuel Laine, who was granted time to try to settle.

John Herauld sued Levin Stewart, who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: Geo Corbin).

John Snead sued Solomon Stevens, who was granted time to try to settle (attorney: Geo Corbin).

Edm^d Reid, who sued Americus Sturgis, failed to appear to prosecute. Sturgis was to recover five shillings and his costs.

Zorobabel Harman sued William Scarbrough, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

George Dewey sued John Walker, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested.

Thomas Harrison sued John Walker, who could not be found and was again ordered arrested. **[End p. 495]**

Sarah Merril vs Will^m Warrington was agreed and dismissed.

Ephraim Mathews sued (for assault and battery) William Mathews, who could not be found. Ordered that attachment issue against William for £500:00:00.

Edw^d Ker sued George Lynham, who could not be found. Ordered that attachment pass against George for £1000:00:00 plus costs.

David Baker sued John Smith, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Ordered that judgment pass against Smith and Charles Parks, who was security for Smith's appearance and damages. Unless Smith appeared next court, the damages would be determined by a jury.

John Snead sued Solomon Stevens (bail: William Doe), who failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

Jabez Pitt sued John Herauld, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

John Kellam sued Charles Taylor, who had been arrested but failed to appear. Unless he appeared next court, judgment would pass against him.

A citation issued against William, John and Thomas Parramore, the executors of Thomas Parramore deceased), to show why they did not return an inventory of the estate. **[End p. 496]**

Ordered that John Cropper pay Susanna Melson £120:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of Asa, a bastard child reputedly fathered by Cropper.

An inventory, appraisement, audit and settlement of the estate of John Custis (deceased) was submitted.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Leah, Joshua, Mary, Spencer and Abel (the bastard children of Elizabeth George) to John Cropper till lawful age.

The minutes, which were recorded by Litt^l Savage, were signed by James Arbuckle.

Accomack County Court – 29 February 1780

Present: Thomas Teackle, John Custis, Thomas Bayley, John Burton (p. 497)

An inventory and account of the estate sale of Jude Butlar (deceased) was submitted.

An inventory, appraisement, audit and settlement of the estate of Catharine Merchant (deceased) was submitted.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought in a certificate signed by those appointed to supervise the processioning of a line between Nicholas Shield and Henry Heath, which process was stopped by Shield. Ordered that the county surveyor lay off the disputed bounds and submit an account next court. The sheriff was to attend the survey to "remove force if any offered." **[End p. 497]**

The county surveyor was to lay off the bounds of the disputed property line between James Collins and John Johnson, as above.

The county surveyor was to lay off the bounds of the disputed property line between Andrew Stewart and Argol Kellam, as above.

The county surveyor was to lay off the bounds of the disputed property line between Jonathan West and Anthony West, as above.

Ordered that Zorobabel Layler be appointed overseer of the road in place of John Baggs.

The will of William Emmerson (deceased) was proved by John Teackle. The other witness (Jenny Collins) had previously given oath. Executor Hannah Emmerson was sworn (security: John Teackle). Ordered that William Nock, Nath^l Beavans, Robert James and Ezekiel Tatham appraise the estate.

Joseph Mathews took oath (security: John Teackle) and was granted administration of the estate of Thomas Hope (deceased). Ordered that Henry Beavans, Alexander Stokely, Ezekiel Tatham and William Mathews appraise the estate.

Ordered that John Martin be appointed constable in the place of John Mears.

William Downing acknowledged a deed to William Selby.

An inventory, appraisement, audit, settlement and division of the estate of William Kellam (deceased) was submitted along with an account of the estate sale. **[End p. 498]**

Ordered that Edmund Poulson be appointed constable in the place of Robert Hutchinson.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against George Prewit for bastardy with Rachel Parks, who had given birth to a female child. Prewit (with securities John Riley, Sacker Nelson and Will^m Prewit) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Rachel £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments. George also paid costs.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against George Prewit for bastardy with Lydy Lairs, who had given birth to a male child. Prewit (with securities John Riley, Sacker Nelson and Will^m Prewit) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Lydy £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments. George also paid costs.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Nath^l Evans for bastardy with Catharine Butlar. Evans (with security William Downing) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Catharine £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Evans also paid fees.

Robert M^cClain was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish brought action against Abrah^m Shrieves for bastardy with Sabrah Butlar. Shrieves (with security Southy Northam) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Sabrah £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Shrieves also paid fees.

The churchwardens St George's Parish brought action against George Ironmonger for bastardy with Anne Bull. George (with securities Tho^s Ironmonger and Thomas Bayley Jr) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Anne £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. George also paid fees.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Micajah Annis for bastardy with Lily Rescoute. Micajah (with securities Tho^s Lillaston Jr, Drake Drummond and William Rilly) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Lily £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Micajah also paid fees.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Jn^o Satchel for bastardy with Eliz^a Hornsby. Satchel (with security Levin Stewart and Rob^l Guy) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Eliz^a £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Satchel also paid fees. **[End p. 499]**

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Teackle Bull for bastardy with Nany Rodgers. Teackle (with security Michael Bonewell, clerk) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Nany £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Teackle paid the fees.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Kendal Kellam for bastardy with Elesha Hill. Kellam (with securities Henry Minson, Nath^l Kellam, John Fowler and William Kellam) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Sabrah £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Kellam also paid the fees.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Custis Hyslop for bastardy with Bridget Cobb. Custis (with securities George Hyslop and W^m Hyslop) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Bridget £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Custis also paid the fees.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish brought action against Andrew Lee for bastardy with Eliz^a Hargess. Andrew (with securities John Sherlock and Southy Bull) posted £3000:00:00 to ensure that he paid Eliz^a £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments to support the child. Andrew also paid the fees.

Azariah Johnson had posted a recognizance to keep the peace upon information provided by James Sollins. He now posted a one month bond (security: Robinson Savage and Ezekiel Delastatus) for keeping the peace and paid costs.

Tho^s Robinson and his wife Patience had posted a recognizance to keep the peace upon information provided by Jam^s Booth. They now posted a three year bond (security Thomas Custis) for keeping the peace; they were also to pay costs.

Ordered that Lisney Gootee pay Anne Nichols £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Ordered that Raymond Riley pay Abigail Rew £150:00:00 per year in quarterly payments for the support of a bastard child.

Ordered that William Mister be tax free during the court's pleasure. **[End p. 500]**

Those appointed to lay off a road for which John Teackle petitioned reported that the best place for the road to begin was on the east end of "John Hope's field (whereon George Hope formerly lived)" then to run northerly near to where the old road went by the head of a gully. It was to pass through the land of John Hope to within about six poles of George Colony's house and then to George Hope's woods and around his field till striking the line between George and Eliz^a Hope. It was to go on that line till reaching the main road. The new road should be 16 ½ feet wide. Signed 28 February 1780. Ordered that the road be established.

Ordered that William Patterson be appointed constable in the place of William Broadwater.

An inventory/appraisement of the estate of Thomas Tatham (deceased) was submitted.

A deed from Eliz^a Warrington to George Bundick was proved by Parker Barnes and William Bundick.

Thomas Evans acknowledged a deed to Ambrose Willet.

John Young acknowledged a deed to John Riley.

Jessee Cannon was cited to show why Joshua Perkins should not be “removed from him.”

Spencer Hickman acknowledged a deed to John Young.

Court justice Cha^s Bagwell and Clem^t Parker entered court.

John Sherlock petitioned to reroute a road. Ordered that John Bradford, Isiah (sic) Evans and William Gibb view the same and report next court. **[End p. 501]**

Those appointed to view a road for which Benjⁿ Nock petitioned, reported that the new road was only ten yards further than the old one and that it was equally as good. Signed William Welch and John Walker. Ordered that the new road be established.

The will of Elizabeth Tizaker was proved by Southy Colony and Sarah Leatherbury. William Tizaker (the husband of Elizabeth, deceased) consented and was sworn (security: George Cutlar). Ordered that Edmund Leatherbury, Abraham Outten, John Hannaford and William Townsend appraise the estate.

A deed from Americus Sturgis to Fredrick Kellam was proved by witnesses.

Ordered that John Kendal, Alexander Stokely and William Williams be appointed “~~in the room of Nehemiah Stokely & William Turner~~” to audit and settle the estate of Charles Blake (deceased) and report next court.

Will^m Folio vs Americ^s Scarbrough was agreed and dismissed.

An audit/settlement of the estate of John Sparrow (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 502]**

The will of Nathaniel Bird (deceased) was proved by Oliver Bell and Charles Broadwater with the consent of heir Nath^l Bird, who was sworn (security: William Andrews and James Duncan). Ordered that Solomon Bird, William Young, Richard Kelly and Isaiah Johnson appraise the estate.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Nicholas Bloxom to George Hyslop till lawful age.

Benj Floyd was cited to appear next court to answer objections made against him by John Kellam (guardian of orphan John Bagwell) for erecting a mill on a certain stream.

William Andrews vs Salath^l Baker was agreed and dismissed.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound John Bull to Richard Bull till lawful age to learn the trade of cabinetmaker.

Edw^d Ker had been granted attachment against George Lynham. The sheriff now reported that he had attached one bucket. Unless Lynham appeared next court, Ker would be granted judgment against him for damages, which were to be determined by a jury.

Solomon Bunting and his wife brought action for equity against John Scarbrough. Ordered that attachment issue against Scarbrough for failing to appear to answer the complaint. **[End p. 503]**

Southy Bell was appointed guardian to orphans Anne and Esther Sparrows (security: Thomas Crippen).

Ordered that Zorobabel Rodgers, Rich^d Rodgers and William Tizaker audit and settle the estate of Sarah Rodgers (deceased).

Thomas Robinson was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

Ordered that John Smith, Richard Savage and Will^m Garrison audit and settle the estate of Jude Butlar (deceased).

John Parks and Solomon Ewell swore they each attended seven days as witnesses for Mark Evans when he had been indicted.

A deed from Thomas Lewis to Richard Lewis was proved by James Twiford, William Gibb and Isaac Lewis.

Edmund Custis and wife acknowledged a deed to John Sherlock.

The churchwardens of St George's Parish bound Robinson Scott to Walter Scott till lawful age to learn the trade of cooper.

The churchwardens of Accomack Parish bound John Broadwater to John Ramsay till lawful age to learn the trade of cordwainer.

An audit and settlement of the estate of Solomon Willis (deceased) was submitted.

An audit and settlement of the estate of Levi Bloxom (deceased) was submitted.

An audit and settlement of the estate of William Tunnel (deceased) was submitted. **[End p. 504]**

John Sherlock, who had posted a recognizance to keep the peace upon information provided by James Wallace, submitted himself to the judgment of the court, which fined him £100:00:00 and costs; he would face arrest until he complied.

Littleton Savage, who sued William Selby (the recent sheriff), was to recover what was due him – the balance for clerk's fees that had been collected by the sheriff but "which remains unaccounted for by the said William." Selby was also to pay costs.

Nathaniel Evans was appointed surveyor of the road in the place of Jessee Dickenson.

A deed from John Chandler and his wife Patience to William Evans was proved by witnesses.

Ezekiel Young's petition for a mill was continued to next court for a hearing.

Edmund Scarbrough took oath (security: Thomas Custis) and was granted administration of the estate of William Shae (deceased). Ordered that William Scarbrough, Americus Scarbrough, John Rowles and Edmund Bayley appraise the estate.

Court justice George Stewart entered court. **[End p. 505]**

Ordered that Littleton Savage, clerk of this county, be allowed £144:00:00 "for paper for the service of the county." The sum was to be charged in the last levy.

An audit and settlement of the estate of Francis Litchfield (deceased) was submitted.

Court was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10:00. Signed George Stewart.

Accomack County Court – 1 March 1780

Present: George Stewart, Clement Parker, Thomas Bayley, Charles Bagwell (p 506)

Thomas Custis and John Gootee "sherifs & Collectors of the Tax" posted £40,000:00:00 (security: Gilbert Pielee and Peter Hack) for collecting the tax "imposed by the last act of assembly."

William Snead (security: William Townsend) posted £2000:00:00 for his faithful performance as escheator of the county.

Charles West and his wife Tabitha acknowledged a deed to William Drummond.

Presson Snead was licensed to keep a tavern at his house for a year.

The minutes were signed by George Stewart. [End p. 506]

Accomack County Court – 1 March 1780

**A court held for the trial of George, a slave belonging to Amy Bunting,
suspected of petit larceny**

**Present: Thomas Bayley, William Parramore, Clement Parker, John Custis
Charles Bagwell (p. 507)**

Set to the bar and arraigned, George pled not guilty. After the prisoner and various witnesses were examined, it was the court's opinion that he was guilty. Ordered that he immediately receive thirty-nine lashes on his bare back well laid on at the public whipping post and that he stand in the pillory for one hour.

The minutes, which were "Truly recorded by Litt^l Savage, were signed by Thomas Bayley.