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PREFACE

The Mississippi Historical Records Survey program was organized as a Nation-wide project of the WPA to inventory State, county, municipal archives, early American imprints, church records, and manuscripts in collections. In Mississippi the Historical Records Survey has operated as a unit of the Statewide Records Project in the Service Division, and has been sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and some seventy county boards of supervisors. The Survey is being discontinued in order that its personnel may be diverted to activities which have a direct and unqualified relation to the war effort. However, this volume is being published since all data had been compiled for publication previous to the redirection of the activities of the project.

The preparation of inventories of county archives included the writing of administrative histories or essays which traced the development, analyzed the structure, and described the functions in each county of each of the agencies whose records were inventoried. It soon became obvious that if each inventory of county archives was to depict the particular history, governmental organization, and records system of each county, it would be necessary to resort to the minutes of the county governing bodies for the source material to do so. Experiments in transcribing pertinent passages from the minutes indicated that full coverage or uniform results could not be obtained by leaving the selection of the material to the judgment of field workers. For that reason, in 1939 and 1940, workers were assigned to transcribing in full, the minutes of the various governing bodies in some forty counties.

This volume, Transcription of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 2, Adams County, Volume I, Minutes of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace 1799-1801, is a transcription of unbound papers located in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. These papers are either the rough minutes kept by the clerk to be entered in a volume later or they are the final minutes themselves. In either event, these papers, apparently incomplete, are the only records available of the court proceedings of the first inferior court to function in the Mississippi Territory and of the first body vested with county administrative and police powers and duties.

The papers were transcribed by project workers in longhand with pencil. The transcriptions were made word for word, line for line, and page for page in conformance with a manual of instructions. At the close of each day the material copied that day was proofread against the original and was transmitted to the State office of the Survey where it was read and filed. If any portion of the transcription, such as handwriting or spelling, was thought to be deficient, the transcription was returned to the workers in the county for correction, verification, or clarification. The transcribers entered the word "sic" after each word misspelled in the original to indicate that the error was not made in the process of copying. After the transcribed copy was accepted as complete and correct, all editorial "sic's" were deleted and the pencil transcription was then typed. The typed copy was proofread against the handwritten transcription, stencils were cut from the typed copy, and the stencils were then proofread against the typed copy.

Although the workers' copy was made line for line, the mimeographed version does not follow this rule. The transcription presented here is a word for word, paragraph for paragraph, page by page transcription. Page numbers were assigned as the original papers carried no page numbers, and these assigned numbers have been indicated in brackets preceeding each page of the transcription. The inclusive page numbers have been shown in parentheses in the upper right hand corner of each mimeographed page. The editorial device used to indicate the original page endings is a fine dotted line drawn entirely across the mimeographed page.

In the index, an effort was made to include every place name and proper name and to group under subject heads, the significant items of information contained in the records concerning the administrative and police powers and duties of the court.

General regulations and procedures applicable to all Historical Records Survey units in the 48 states have been followed in Mississippi. The officials of the WPA gave the project their cordial support and assistance. The Survey gratefully acknowledges the interest and cooperation in this undertaking of the Adams County officials and of Dr. William D. McCain, Director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The original minutes were transcribed by Fannie Fleming and Lessie King, Historical Records Survey employees in Adams County. The transcriptions were edited by Andrew Brown, Assistant State Supervisor. The stencils were cut by Lillie Ates and Marjorie Whitley. The index was prepared by Josephine Jones, Hazel Marshall, and Connie Pearson.

This, and the succeeding volume, Transcription of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 2, Adams County, Volume II, Minutes of the County Court, 1802-1804, are being published under the sponsorship of the Adams County Board of Supervisors.

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THE COURT OF GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE

The court of general quarter sessions of the peace was established February 28, 1799¹ by Governor Winthrop Sargent and two Territorial Judges sitting as the Territorial Legislature, and was given administrative and police powers as well as inferior criminal jurisdiction.

The court was composed of a competent number of justices in the county, nominated and commissioned by the Governor, all or any three of whom were authorized to hold general sessions of the peace four times annually as directed by the Governor, for three legal days or seventy-two hours.²

Adams County and Pickering (now Jefferson) County were created by proclamation of the Governor on April 2, 1799 and the justices of the court of general quarter sessions of the peace were directed to hold terms of court on the first Monday in May, August, November, and February.³

On April 5, 1799, Peter Walker was appointed clerk by the Governor.⁴ Daniel Clark, William Dunbar, John Ellis, James McIntosh, Thomas Wilkins, and Abraham Ellis were appointed justices of the peace on April 6 to hold the court of general quarter sessions of the peace.⁵

The first session of this court was not held until June 3, 1799 as Governor Sargent postponed the May term to the first Monday in June because no public building was available in which to hold court and because the county seals had not been received from Washington.⁶

In matters of county administration and police the court was empowered or required to divide the county into townships;⁷ appoint constables,⁸ overseers of the poor,⁹ road viewers,¹⁰ and fence viewers;¹¹ to estimate annually in advance the amount of money needed for county purposes; that is, fix the annual

1. The Historical Records Survey, Sargent's Code, A Collection of the Original Laws of the Mississippi Territory Enacted 1799-1800 by Governor Winthrop Sargent and the Territorial Judges, Jackson, 1939, p. 5. Hereafter cited as HRS, Sargent's Code. Sargent was appointed Governor of the Mississippi Territory May 7, 1798 and continued in office until May 6, 1801 (Clarence Edwin Carter, (comp. and ed.), The Territorial Papers of the United States, Volume V, The Territory of Mississippi, 1798-1817, Washington, 1937, p. 28 and Footnote p. 29.
2. HRS, Sargent's Code, pp. 5, 7.
3. Dunbar Rowland, (comp. and ed.), The Mississippi Territorial Archives, 1798-1803, Executive Journals of Governor Winthrop Sargent and Governor William Charles Cole Claiborne, Volume I, Nashville, 1905, p. 127. Hereafter cited as Rowland, Mississippi Territorial Archives.
4. Ibid., p. 132.
5. Ibid., p. 133.
6. Ibid., pp. 144-145.
7. HRS, Sargent's Code, p. 71.
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid., p. 8.
10. Ibid., pp. 91, 92.
11. Ibid., p. 101.

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budget;¹² survey, build, and maintain roads and appoint highway supervisors or overseers;¹³ construct and maintain causeways and small bridges;¹⁴ fix ferry rates;¹⁵ recommend to the Governor the appointment of inspectors of cotton and cotton gins;¹⁶ inquire into the state of the jail and provide for its security and cleanliness;¹⁷ receive applications to operate taverns, alehouses, dramshops, and public houses, and recommend the applicants to the Governor;¹⁸ and bind out or apprentice pauper minors.¹⁹

As a court of limited criminal jurisdiction, the court of general quarter sessions of the peace was empowered or required to "hear and determine, and sentence according to the course of common law, all crimes and misdemeanors of whatever nature or kind . . . the punishment whereof doth not extend to life, limb, imprisonment for more than one year, or forfeiture of goods and chattels, or land and tenements to the Government of the Territory,"²⁰ and the justices were directed to "enquire by oaths of good and lawful men, and hear and determine all thefts, trespasses, roits, routs, and unlawful disturbances."²¹

Appeals from the judgments of the court could be made to the Supreme Court of the Territory.²²

The minutes of the court of general quarter sessions of the peace of Adams County, reproduced in this volume, cover the period June 3, 1799 to October 30, 1801. While not complete, they comprise a record of a large portion of all proceedings of this court, for it was dissolved on February 26, 1802 by act of the first General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory,²³ and no documents were located to evidence that sessions were held after October 30, 1801.

The court functioned in a lusty era which was characterized by persistent litigation, offenses against property, non-payment of debts, the committing of petty misdemeanors, and bitter opposition personally and politically to Governor Sargent, a Federalist, by a Jeffersonian Republican majority of the inhabitants of the Territory.

The seven formal grand jury presentments contained in the Minutes indicate that many vexatious conditions obstructed the ordinary way of life in addition to the "disgraceful and fatal cruelty and oppression" with which Governor Sargent was charged. To cite a few: The roads and bridges were reported to be in a wretched condition and a disgrace to all organized government; the supervisor of the roads for the town of Natchez was presented for not having done

12. *Ibid.*, p. 74.

13. *Ibid.*, pp. 91, 92.

14. *Ibid.*, p. 92.

15. *Ibid.*, p. 109.

16. *Ibid.*, p. 117.

17. *Ibid.*, p. 85.

18. *Ibid.*, p. 28.

19. *Ibid.*, p. 124.

20. *Ibid.*, p. 67.

21. Rowland, *Mississippi Territorial Archives*, p. 133.

22. HRS, *Sargent's Code*, p. 7.

23. Original Manuscript Laws of the Mississippi Territory, 1802, Series D, No. I, in Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

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his duty as "the streets are almost impassible and several wagons and carts have been overset from this neglect;" it was lamented that standard weights and measures could not be obtained and recommended that "the baker of the town of Natchez should be regulated in the weight of bread and" . . . prevented from baking bad flour; hogs, slaves, and drunken savages roamed at large and it was recommended that a well regulated police should be established for the peace and security of the inhabitants.

This volume of minutes makes accessible unpublished materials which furnish valuable and important information concerning the formative era in Mississippi history. Students, historians, genealogists and others, interested in basic documentary sources, will find a wealth of data embodied in this collection.

[1]

At a Court of General Quarter Session held at Natchez on monday the third day of June ~~one~~ 1799

Present

Daniel Clark
William Dunbar
James McIntosh
Abram Ellis

Philander Smith
Joshua Howard
William Vousdan
Hugh davis
Esquires

Commission read--

a Grand Jury were empanelled & sworn Sutton Bankes foreman &c
Christopher Lee sworn a constable
John Boles and Silas Payne sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury
Lyman Harding, Abner Lawson Duncan, Leonard deKlyne Shaw, and Robert Knox
Samuel L. Crawford, and Andrew Bay having severally produced to this Court
a certificate from his Excellency Winthrop Sargent Governor of this Territory
in which their compliance with the act regulating the admission of attornies
is duly certified and they having in open court taken and subscribed the oath
prescribed by said act, it is ordered that the said Lyman Harding, Abner
Lawson Duncan,

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Leonard deKlyne Shaw, Robert Knox and Samuel L. Crawford and Andrew Bay and
each of them be admitted attornies of this Court.

Zachariah Smith)
William Nichols)
David Michee)
Gerrard Brannon)
sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury

a true bill was found for the United States by the grand Jury against Thomas
Moore upon Suspicion of Murder - and thereupon he was committed for further
trial

court adjourned until tomorrow nine oClock forenoon
on tuesday the fourth day of June the court assembled according to proclama-
tion made the forgoing day present Daniel Clark, William Dunbar, James McIn-
tosh, Abram Ellis, Thomas Wilkins, Esquires--

Abram Martin Sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury
Samuel Morris Do

Domingo Lorero presented a petition praying a reccommendation for a Licence
order from the court to grant such reccommendation

Andrew Scandling)
Patrick Connolly)
Sworn in a case v. s. McGinty

Mary Judge Sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury

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a true Bill was found by the Grand Jury against Wilson Sigo for assaulting the Sheriff.

a true Bill was found by the Grand Jury against Paul a negro for Murder--
a true Bill was found by the Grand Jury against Abram Clawson for assault and Battery

John Roberts, James Boles, Lewis Evans & Patrick Connolly sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury

in a cause of assault and battery Mary Judge vs. Abram Clawson upon the said Abram having made oath that a material witness was absent the cause was postponed until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock

William Nickols Bound for the plaintiff fifty Dolls

Jeremiah Routh Bound for the deff^t fifty Dolls

a true Bill was found by the Grand Jury against William Baker for forgery

a true bill was found by the Grand Jury against Redman Connolly for selling liquor without a Licence

Petition of Christopher Lee to keep a public house Granted

Petition of Patrick Connolly to keep a public house Granted

Petition of Neal McCann D^o Granted

Petition of Francis Augustine do. and Billiard Table do. Granted

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George Overacre petitions for a recommendation to keep a public house and billiard Table. Granted

Littlebury West and James West came into Court and severally acknowledged themselves bound to the United States in the sum following Littlebury of five Hundred dollars each as Sureties for the appearance of William Baker at the next general quarter Sessions to be held for this county

Andrew Scandling and Patrick Connolly were sworn in as Constables for one year -- Court adjourned

The Court assembled at ten O Clock Present James Stewart Petitions for a Tavern Daniel Clark, William Dunbar, John Ellis, Thomas Wilkins, and Abram Ellis Esquires on the bench.

James Stewart petitions for a recommendation to keep a public house. Granted
William Nickols petitions for the appointment of high Constable for the County of Adams. Granted

Ann Walton petitions for a recommendation to keep a public house. Granted

Mary Tanner sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury

In the cause of Assault and Battery by Abram Clawson upon the body of Mary Judge, an Imprimatur was prayed for and granted by the court

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Abram Clawson and Ebenezer Dayton came into Court and severally acknowledged themselves bound to the United States in the sum of fifty Dollars each for the appearance of the said Abram Clawson, at the Court of General Quarter Sessions next to be holden for this County --

Andrew Scandling petitions for a Recommendation to keep a public house Granted
Thomas Ried, the same, Granted

Joseph Tacles, the same, Granted.

United States v.s. James White --

On motion of James White by his attorney, it is ordered that the proceedings and process against said White for seditious words, be quashed and his recognizance discharged --

A true Bill was found against Farris Horton et alias --

Abram Ellis Esquire retired from the bench

Abram Ellis Esquire returned to the bench

Wilson Sigo and Jeremiah Routh came into court and severally acknowledged themselves bound to the good people of this Territory in the sum of fifty Dollars each condition that the said Wilson Sigo carry an orderly and peaceable behaviour towards the said good people of this Territory until the next term of Quarter Sessions --

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Present James McIntosh Esquire

United States V. S. Plunket and Gibson. on motion of Abner Lawson Duncan it is ordered that they be discharged on payment of Costs in consequence of no prosecutor appearing --

United States V. S. Samuel Timberlick on motion of Andrew Bay it is ordered that he be discharged from his recognizance without costs as no prosecutor has appeared --

on motion of Leonard deKlyne Shaw, the several persons bound in recognizance to answer to the United States on the complaint of Lewis Portira was ordered to be discharged

On motion of Abner Lawson Duncan that the process and proceedings against John McDowell be quashed and he discharged from recognizance entered, or supposed to be entered into, before Captain Isaac Guion, the Court have ordered that the said motion be referred to the Territorial Judges for their opinion
William Moss petitions for a recommendation to keep a public house and Billiard Table. Granted.

William Wells the same no Billiard Table

Abram Horton, William Pharris, Moses Starnes and John Welch entered severally into a recognizance to the United States, to Wit, in the sum of 100\$ each to be Levied & condition that the said Abram Horton, William Pharris, Moses Starnes, and John Welch appear at the next court of General Quarter Session to be holden at natchez within and for the County of Adams on the first Monday in August next, then

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and there to answer to a Certain Bill of Indictment now found by the Grand Inquest for the body of the County afore.

The sessions Closed by proclamation --

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At a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Natchez the on Thursday the sixth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine

Present

Daniel Clark	Thomas Wilkins	)	
John Ellis	and Abram Ellis	)	Esquires
James McIntosh		)	

A Grand Jury was empannelled and sworn

Sutton Bankes Foreman

David Ferguson

Antonio Gras

James Stewart

Adam Bingaman

Richard King

John Foster

Joseph Calvit

John Boles

James Stewart

Charles Surget

Jesse Carter

William Connor

Benjn Farrar

Patrick Foley

Thomas Lovelace

Henry Hunter

Jurors

Christian Harman petition for a Reccommendation to the Governor for a Licence to keep a public House. Granted Thomas Martin the same Granted Ezekiel Dewit sworn a Constable for the County

The Court was adjourned by proclamation

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Quarter Sessions

The court opened at eleven o'clock friday 7th June 1799

Present

Daniel Clark	James McIntosh	)	
William Dunbar	Thomas Wilkins	)	Esquires
John Ellis	Abram Ellis	)	

James Porter sworn to give evidence to Grand Jury

Daniel Clark Esq^r absent

Patrick Connolly sworn to Give Evidence to the Grand Jury.

Conrade Heroldy do.

Daniel Clark Esq^r present

Petition of Matthew rogers read, Granted. Jeremiah routh Security ordered by the Court, that the Clerk take the bonds for the licences ~~heretefere~~ ~~reccommended to the Governor~~ about to be Granted and Issue the reccommendation in form to the Governor

absent James McIntosh Esq^r

John Scott sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury

the Grand Jury found a true bill against Neal McCann

the Grand Jury found a true bill against John Hindson, Thomas Freeman et alias

A true bill found against George McCormick for an assault
A true bill found against George McCormick for an assault
Justices retired from the Bench
the Justices present
Ezekiel Dewit sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury

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the Court adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock --
The court assembled at Eleven o'clock present
Daniel Clark Thomas Wilkins
William Dunbar Esquires

Nathaniel Hoggett sworn ~~again~~ to give evidence to the Grand Jury
The Grand Jury found a true bill against Thomas Woods
redmon Connolly against whom a bill was found personally appeared and plead
Guilty to the Indictment, and the Court after mature Consideration, fined him
in the sum of five dollars which sentences was immediately complied with
James McIntosh Esq^r present.
on motion of Lyman Harding ~~on motion~~ to quash the Indictment found against
Hindson Freeman et alias The Court ordered that they be heard on their mo-
tion on Monday Morning at Eleven o'clock
Court adjourned ~~at~~ until four o'clock this afternoon
Court opened according to adjournment
Present
Daniel Clark, William Dunbar & Thomas Wilkins Esquires

the Grand Jury gave in their presentments which were ordered to be filed --
~~then~~ the Grand Jury was being dismissed the court adjourned until monday at
nine oclock in the forenoon --

the Court opened at ~~eleven~~ ten o'clock on Monday forenoon
Archibald Palmer petitioned for a reccommendation to the Governor to keep a
public house near the homo Chito
the cause U. S. vs. Hindson Freeman et alias argued, the Court deferred giving
their opinion tommorrow forenoon at 9 o'clock
the Court adjourned until tommorrow at nine o'clock in the forenoon
the Court opened according to adjournment present Daniel Clark James
McIntosh, and Thomas Wilkins Esquires

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An Indictment having been found against John Hindson et alias - a motion was
made by Lyman Harding attorney for the defendants that the Indictment by
quashed ~~for informality~~, the Court are of opinion that said Indictment is
sufficient, and having waited from ~~from~~ the hour of adjournment until twenty
minutes after Eleven o'clock for the attendance of said John Hindson et alias
or their attorney; and they not appearing, the Court ordered that the said
John Hindson et alias be enter into recognizance for their appearance at the
term of August next.

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At a Court of Quarter Sess^o held for the County of Adams on Monday 5th day of Aug^t 1799

Present

Daniel Clark, William Dunbar, John Ellis Js

Grand Jury Impannelled and sworn

Jesse Greenfield Foreman

John Scott, William Scott, Thomas Tyler, Samuel Morris, John Bingham,
Thomas Reid, Simpson Homes, Robert Munson, Hampton White, John Roberts,
James Nicholson Nathan Swayze, William Millar, Jurors ---

William Millar took the oath of allegiance to the United States before he
was sworn on the Jury ---

Robert Abrams petitioned to keep a public house Granted

John Wall the same

Andrew Cargill ---- the Same

John Vidal -- the Same

Ordered by the Court that Conductors be affixed to the Common Gaol for this
County --

the parties bound by recognizances to this Court were then Called and the
Court

Court adjourned

Court Assembled

Abram Clauson Called -- Continuance by ~~deffendant~~ Defs. Costs

Farris Horton et al. Continued plaintiff -----

W^m Baker Continued Defend^{ts} cost

William Wells sworn a Constable

John Cooper Sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury

Esther Coyle Do ----

Thomas Woods Called

Mary Gordon sworn to give evidence to the grand Jury

Edward Randolph petitioned to keep a public house Granted

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Territory VS Thomas Woods not appearing the Court gave orders that a
prosecution be instituted against the recognizance

Christopher Lee Sworn to Give Evidence to the Grand Jury

Richard King petitioned for a licence to keep a public house Granted ----

Charles King Do ----

Edmond Herring was sworn a constable

Isaac Gaillard petitioned that he might be exempted from serving as a Com-
missioner, Granted, & ~~Patrick-Ebary~~ James Kirk was appointed in his place

James Orr, petitioned to keep a public house Granted.

Court adjourned

Court assembled

ordered that Friday the 16th Inst. be the day of Assembling the Commissioners
& to consult concerning the public roads and Bridges, and the place of Meeting
at the present Courthouse

Peter Welch sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury

Mathew Worral D^o

David Burney D^o

Bills of Indictment found
Territory vs Michael Infield
Same vs Arthur Cobb
Same vs Michael Infield
Same vs Christopher Lee
cause Territory vs John W Thomas Woods. Continued

Territory vs Christopher Lee Ordered that he be recognized to appear at the next court of Quarter Sessions himself in \$200. and one Security in the Same

Be it remembered that Christopher Lee and Jeremiah Ruth came in to court and severally acknowledged themselves Bound to the Territory Danl. Clerk Thos. Wilkins & Abraham Ellis Gentlemen Justices in the sum of two hundred Dollars each, condition that the Sd Christopher Lee make his personal appearance at the next general quarter sessions to answer to a Bill of Indictment for an assault and Battery on the body of Peter Welsh and then and there abide the determination of the Court and not Depart without permission of the Court

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Territory vs Arthur Cobb. ordered that he be recognized to appear at the next court of General Quarter Sessions himself in 200 US Dollars and one security in the Same.

Be it remembered that Arthur Cobb and William Millar came into Court and severally acknowledged themselves bound to Daniel Clark, Thomas Wilkins, and Abram Ellis Gentlⁿ Justices in the sum of two hundred dollars each condition that the Sd Arthur Cobb make his personal appearance at the next general quarter sessions to answer to a Bill of Indictment for an assault and Battery on the body of John Cooper and then and there abide the determination of the court and not Depart without the permission of the Court.
order to Issue a Dedimus to take the deposition of Frederick Cobb and Sally Cobb residing in the Spanish Territory
The Session Closed --

[15]

At a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Natchez on Monday the fourth day of November, one thousand and seven hundred & ninety nine Present Daniel Clark, William Dunbar and other their associate Justices assigned to keep the peace &^c
Grand Jury Impaneled and sworn

Sutton Banks Foreman

James Moore, Ebenezer Rees, James Stewart, Simpson Homes, Landon Davis, Patrick Foley, James Nicholson, Charles Surget, Caleb King, Israel Luce, John Minor, Anthony Hoggett, John H. White, Daniel Douglass and George Overaker. Jurors.

Evidence for the Grand Jury

Mary Roddy & James Singleton, Will^m Gillespie, Henry Dryer, Benjamin Wright, Elias Wills.

Petitions for recommendations to keep public houses

Israel Luce Granted
David Berry Granted
James Smith Granted
Ezekiel Dewit Granted

Territory)
 vs)
 Farris Horton et. al.)
 Territory)
 vs)
 Hindson Freeman et. al)
 Territory)
 vs)
 Neil McCann)
 Bills found vs [two words illegible] John Murney
 Capias Issued Vs. Charles King, Lawrence Miller, Samuel Criswell & Jesse King
 vs Jane Patterson
 Cap^s Issued vs. John Allen alias John Rule
 Territory vs)
 Arthur Cobb)
 Farris Horton et al)
 Territory vs)
 Farris Horton)
 Reuben Dunham sworn, John Welsh sworn, Henry Hunter sworn.

) nolo prosequi entered as far
) as regards John Welsh in this
) cause
)
) nolo prosequi the defdts paying costs
)
) Dismissed

) noli prosequi
)
) A Jury empanelled and sworn, Philip
) La Barr sworn, Mary Tanner sworn,
)

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Territory)
 vs)
 Farris Horton, et. al.)
 William Connor was sworn as attorney in this Court -
 Territory)
 vs)
 Thomas Woods)
 Bosely sworn in this case the Court fined the defend^t in the Sum of fifty Dol-
 lars and costs & to stand Committed until paid the sentence is complied with.
 Territory)
 vs)
 Farris Horton et. al)
 ordered by the Court that William Nicholson, Watkins Nicholson and Stephen
 Ambroise be recognized to to keep the peace.
 William Nicholson Watkins Nicholson and Stephen Ambroise came into Court and
 severally acknowledged themselves bound to the Governor of this Territory, in
 the sum of one hundred Dollars each condition that they the said William
 Nicholson Watkins Nicholson and Stephen Ambroise, carry an orderly and peaceable
 behaviour to the good people of this Territory more particularly toward Mary
 Roddy for three months or until the next court of quarter Sessions
 Be it remembered that Jane Patterson and Robert Patterson came into Court
 and severally acknowledged themselves bound to the Governor of this Territory
 in the sum of two hundred dollars each. Condition that the said Jane Patter-
 son make her personal appearance at the next General Quarter Sessions to an-
 swer to a bill of Indictment for an assault and battery on the body of Rowdy
 and then and there abide the determination of the Court and not depart without
 the permission of the Court

) Guilty in manner and form as set forth
) in the Indictment
)
) Defd^t pleads Guilty, and Submitts to
) the Court Nathaniel Hoggett, & James
)
) on motion of Abner L. Duncan for an
) arrest of Judgment, it was Granted

Territory)
 vs) noble prosequi as to Lawrence Miller
 King, Miller et. al.)

Be it remembered that Charles King, Sam^l Cresswell came into Court and Severally acknowledged themselves bound unto the Governor of this Territory in the sum of two Hundred Dollars Each as also Jointly and Severally engage that Jesse King an Infant under age, shall appear at the same time

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Under the same penalty, condition that the said Charles King Samuel Cresswell and Jesse King appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions to answer to a bill of Indictment for an assault and Battery on the body of William Gilispie, and there and then abide the determination of the Court and not depart without the Leave of the Court

Territory)
 vs) Def^{dt} pleads Guilty James Singleton
 John Burney) Sworn, Seth Castor Sworn
 the fine imposed by the court is thirty Dollars and to pay Costs
 Territory)
 vs) continued
 William Baker)
 court adjourned until Saturday next

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At a Court of Quarter Session
 Present Joshua Howard, William Kenner & Samuel Brooks Esq^r
 Grand Jury Impannelled & Sworn viz
 Israel Smith Foreman
 Ezekiel Dewitt, Jas A Mathews, John Foster, John Cammack, John McCoy, Reuben Gibson, Thomas Reed, Ebenezer Dayton, John Calvit, David Gibson, John Mitchell, Randal Gibson, Jacob Earhart & Saml Cooper
 Recognizances Rec^d & filed
 John McLaughlin to appear & prosecute
 Jacob Willis -- to appear & prosecute
 James Steadman to appear & answer
 James Dripp - to Do
 Court adjourned
 Tuesday 3^d Court opened present William Kenner Samuel Hancock, & Saml Brooks
 John Ervin & Joseph Willis Sworn to give evidence to the Grand Jury. John Wilson Pat Connely - McGlauplin

Territory) Motion to set the procedendo
 vs)
 James Smith) Motion overruled - and the judgment of
 February Term affirmed

Writ of Error allowed with stay of proceedings
 Bill Found vs Alex Johnson

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The Jurors of and for the county of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oaths present, That Thomas Lovelass late of the County aforesaid on the Third day of December in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine at the county aforesaid Then not being nor having been recommended by the Justices in their Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory for his Licence to have or keep any public Inn, Tavern, or Ale House or dram shop or any public House of entertainment in The County aforesaid, and without any lawful authority Licence admittance or allowance of the Governour of the Territory aforesaid to have, or keep any public Inn Tavern or Ale House, or dram shop or public House of entertainment in the County or Territory aforesaid did take upon himself to retail and sell spirits by less quantity and measure than two quarts and then and there did retail and sell two half pints of Whiskey by the quantity and measure of two half pints to one Peter Hipple, and did then & there take and receive from the said Peter Hipple Fifty cents for said two half pints of Whiskey so re-tailed and sold as aforesaid to the evil example of others in the like case offending and against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted provided, and against the peace and Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^o Gen
Mississippi Territory

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Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace
February Term Eighteen Hundred

The Jurors of and for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present. That Thomas Lovelace late of the County aforesaid since the twenty eight day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine to wit on the twenty sixth day of May in the year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid there not being nor having been recommended by the Justices in their Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County aforesaid to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory for his licence to have or keep any public Inn, tavern or ale house or dram shop or public house of entertainment in the county aforesaid and without any lawful authority licence admission or allowance of the Governour of the Territory aforesaid to have or keep any public Inn tavern or ale house or dram shop or public house of entertainment in the County or Territory aforesaid did take upon himself to retail and sell spirits by less quantity and measure than two quarts and then and there did retail sell one quart of Whiskey by the Quantity and measure of one quart only to one Jacob Roques and did then and there take and receive from the said Jacob Roques sixty two and half cents for said one quart of whiskey so re-tailed & sold as aforesaid, contrary to the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided and against the Peace & Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^o for
Mississippi Territory

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And the said Thomas Lovelass in his own proper person comes and having heard the indictment aforesaid read, saith that he ought not to be further prosecuted on the said Inditement because he saith that before the finding of the aforesaid Indictment he in his own proper person came before Daniel Clark & William Kenner Esquires Justices of the Peace for the County of Adams to wit on the 3^d day of February 1800 Thomas Lovelass appeared before the above named Justices with an information that he the said Thomas Lovelass thro Ignorance of the law of this Territory did at his dwelling House near the Heights of Loftus supply & sell to Travellers & passengers Whiskey for their refreshment, but as soon the printed laws of this Territory were put into his hand & he was otherwise made acquainted by Major Ellis he perceived himself to be a Transgressor of the laws and then desisted and now comes forward acknowledging the same & praying to be as compassionately delt with as the law will admit This done before us the day and year first above Written

(Signed)

Thomas Lovelass

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On the confession of Thomas Lovelass as aforesaid that he violated an act of this Territory entitled "A Law to regulate Taverners & retailers of Liquor and concerning Indians" We do adjudge that the said Lovelass pay unto the Treasury for the use of this County the sum of Twenty dollars conformable to the above recited Law, with costs

(Signed)

Dan^l Clark
W^m Kenner

Wherefore he prays Judgement of the court here and that he may be dismissed & discharged of the said Indictment And the said Lyman Harding Attorney for the Mississippi Territory & for the United States in said Territory

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Who for the said Territory of this behalf prosicuteh as to the said plea of the Thomas Lovelass by him above pleaded as aforesaid for the said Territory saith that the said plea and matter therein contained are not sufficient in Law to bar the further prosicution of said offence charged in said Indictment- Wherefore for want of a sufficient plea in the behalf ho prays Judgement for the said Territory in this behalf against the said Thomas Lovelass
And the said Thomas Lovelass likewise

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The Jurors of and for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present That Thomas Lovelass late of the County aforesaid on the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine at the County aforesaid then not being nor having been recommended by the Justices in the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory for his Licence to have or keep any public Inn, Tavern, or Ale House or dram shop or public House of entertainment in the County aforesaid & without any lawful authority Licence admittance or allowance of the Governour of Territory aforesaid to have or keep any public Inn Tavern or Ale House, or dram shop or public House of entertainment in the County or Territory aforesaid did take upon himself to retail and sell spirits by less quantity and measure than two quarts and then there did retail and sell one pint of Whiskey by the quantity and measure of one pint only to one Simon Wainright and did then and there take and receive from the said Simon Wainright fifty cents for said one pint of Whiskey so retailed and sold as aforesaid to the evil example of others in the like case offending and against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided and against the peace & Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^o for
Mississippi Territory

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The Jurors of and for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the body of said County upon their oath present That Thomas Lovelass late of the County aforesaid on the fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine at the County aforesaid then not being or having been recommended by the Justices in their Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory for his Licence to have or keep any public Inn, Tavern or Ale House or dram shop or public house of entertainment in the County aforesaid and without any lawful authority, Licence. Admit admittance or allowance of the Governour of the Territory aforesaid to have or keep any public Inn, Tavern, or Ale House or dram Shop or public House of Entertainment in the County or Territory aforesaid did take upon himself to retail and sell spirits by less quantity and measure than two Quarts and then and there did retail & sell one quart of Whiskey by the Quantity & measure of one quart only to one Daniel Akers, and did then and there take and receive from the said Daniel Akers sixty two and a half cents for said one quart of Whiskey so retailed & sold as aforesaid to the evil example of all others in the like case offending & against the form and effect of the Statutes in such case made adopted and provided and against the peace & Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^y for
Mississippi Territory

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Wednesday 4th Court assembled present James McIntosh William Kenner & Sam^l
Brooks Esq^{rs}

Bill found vs John Ballard

" " vs James Callahan

Territory	) Prisoner arraigned plea not guilty Atty
vs	) Gen ^l Joins Issue Jury Impanneled and
Alex Johnson	) sworn viz. Barton Farrar, Joseph Ford,
Solomon Swayzey, Jonathan Guice, John Perkey, Justin Andrews, John Bullen,	
John Wilson, Richard Swayzey, Nathaniel Tomlinson, John Bell & William Barland	
3 witnesses sworn - Verdict - Guilty in manner & form as charged in the Indict-	
ment & assess the value of the horse at fifty dollars.	

Territory	) ordered that the Defendt be discharged
vs	) out of prison on paying all fees

John Bryan

Territory

vs

) Motion for a new trial

Alex Johnson

) Motion overruled

Court adjourned

Thursday 5th Court Assembled

Territory

vs

Eben Dayton

) Jury Impannelled & Sworn viz John Rabb,

) Elijah Cushing, Hardress Ellis Polser

) Shilling, Joseph Ford, Rich Swayzey,

Barton Farrar, John Perkey, Solomon Swayzey, Jonathan Guice, John Bullen &
Justin Andrews

Witness Tomasina Sigvalt, David Michco

Rich Swayzey, Solomon Swayzey.

Verdict not Guilty

Territory

vs

Alex Johnson

) Judgt. that the said Alex Johnson shall

) pay as a fine to Willis Fifty Dollars

) to be taken to the public whipping post

and there to receive 25 lashes on his bare back to pay all costs & stand com-
mitted until sentence be complied with

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Territory

vs

Ebenezer Dayton

Recommendation for licences,

Dan^l Sullivan - Tavern

Jeremiah Cory - Do

Joseph Quagles - Billiard Table

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Daniel Clark and William Kenner Esquires assigned to keep the peace of the
County afforesaid, and also to hear and determine divers Felonies, Tresspasses
and other misdemeaners one of us being of the Quorum

To the Sheriff of the same County Greeting

On behalf of the said County we recommand you that for any consideration what-
ever you omit not to cause to come before us (or other Justices assigned to
keep the peace and also to hear and determine, divers felonies, tresspasses and
other misdemeaners in the said County committed) on Monday the third day

of February now not ensuing at the hour of Ten in the forenoon of the same day at Natchez in said County twenty-four good and lawful men of the County aforesaid; then & there to enquire, present do, & perform all and singular such things on behalf of the said County as shall be enjoined them Also that you make known to the Coroner, Keeper of the Gaol and Constables within the County aforesaid that they be then and there to do & fulfill those things which by reason of their offices shall be to be done, Moreover that you cause to be proclaimed through the said County in proper places the aforesaid sessions of the peace to be holden on the day and at the place aforesaid and do you be then and there to do and execute those things which belong to your office and have you then and there as well the names of the Jurors, Coroners, Keepers of the Gaol and Constables, as also this precept.

Given under our seals at Natchez in the County aforesaid this fourteenth day of January A D One Thousand eight hundred

Daniel Clark
W^m Kenner

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- We the Grand Jurors.st Report that the Roads and Bridges within this County are in a wretched situation & a disgrace to all organized Govnt
- 2nd We conceive it highly necessary that some regulations should be made in the weights and measure of this Territory.
- 3rd We lament that notwithstanding Laws have been made to regulate Taverns and Impose fines for disobedience of those Laws we find numbers of Drunken savages almost daily parading the Streets & visiting our Habitations to the danger of the Citizens.
- 4th We conceive it highly improper that Cotton Gins should be erected within the Limits of any Town of the County
- 5th We recommend that a well regulated Police should be established in the Town of Natchez for the peace & Security of the Inhabitants
- 6th We also recommend that all Buildings within the Limits of this Town of Natchez this County should be furnished with a Cistern and that the Inhabitants would embody them

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- 7th -Selves in a Company or Companys for purpose of Extinguishing Fire We lament that the presentments heretofore made of Public Utility have not been attended too
- 8th We earnestly recommend Efficient Laws to be adopted for the purpose of inculcating principales of Morality on the Sabbath day
- 9th We recommend that the Baker of the Town should be regulated in the weight of Bread and that such measures may be adopted as will prevent the Baking of bad Flour

10th We present as a grievance of the greatest magnitude that the Governour should contrary to Law & good Government postpond the courts of the Territory at the will and pleasure to the great disadvantage of the good Citizens of this Territory

David Ferguson
Foreman

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present That Ann Martin late of the County aforesaid on the twenty-second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine with force & arms, at the County aforesaid in & upon one Lawrence White in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States, then and there being, did make and assault and him the said Lawrence White then & there did beat wound & illtreat and many other wrongs to the said Lawrence White then & there did to the great Damage of said Lawrence White against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made, adopted and provided and against the Peace and Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^o for the
Mississippi Territory

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Be it remembered that on the 22^d day of Dec^r A D 1799 - Ann Martin of the County aforesaid and Polser Shilling of said County came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and acknowledged themselves severally to owe to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit, the said Ann Martin two hundred Dollars and the said Polser Shilling one hundred Dollars each to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and Chattels to the use of said Territory; upon condition however that if the said Ann Martin shall personally appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held at Natchez within and for the County aforesaid to do and receive what shall then & there be enjoined her by the Court and in the meantime shall keep the peace and be of good behavior towards all the good people of the Territory and especially towards Lawrence White of Natchez aforesaid then said recognizance shall be void or else remain in full force. Taken & acknowledged the day and year aforesaid - Before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace for Adams County

W^m Kenner JP

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Be it remembered that on the 21st day of January A D 1800 James Williams Esquire Samuel Hancock and Charles McKiernan of the County aforesaid came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County and acknowledged themselves severally to owe to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit, the said James Williams Esq^r two hundred Dollars, and the said Samuel Hancock & Charles McKiernan one hundred dollars each to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and Chattels to the use of said Territory upon condition however that if the said James Williams Esq^r shall personally appear at the next court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be hold at Natchez within and for the County aforesaid to do and receive what shall then & there be enjoined him by the Court and not depart said Court without leave then said recognizance shall be void or else to remain in full force. Taken and acknowledged the day and year aforesaid before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County

W^m Kenner JP

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Be it remembered that on the 14th day of January 1800 Isaac Guion Esquire Captain in the Army of the United States Robert Moore & Daniel Douglass of the County aforesaid Merchants came before me Daniel Clark one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in said County and acknowledged themselves to owe to Winthrop Sargent Esquire Governour & Commander in Chief of said Territory or his successor in Office, to wit the said Isaac Guion the sum of two hundred Dollars the said Robert Moore the sum of one hundred Dollars & the said Daniel Douglass the sum of one hundred Dollars to be respectively made & levied of their several Goods & Chattels, lands and tenements to the use of our said Governour, or his successors in office, if the said Isaac Guion shall fail in performing the condition underwritten --

Acknowledged before me

The conditon of the above recognizance is such that if the above bounden Isaac Guion shall personally appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in & for the County aforesaid to do & receive what shall keep the peace & be of good behavior towards the Citizens of the United States & especially the said Rebecca McCabe then the above recognizance shall be void otherwise to remain in full force & virture acknowledged before me the 14th January 1800

Daniel Clark

Isaac Guion (seal)

&

Daniel Douglass (seal)

Robt Moore (seal)

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Return of the Grand Jury for the Posponed Term of February Session 1800

Ebenezer Rees	1	Sam ^l Timberlake	22
David Ferguson	2	Thomas Foster	23
Benjamin Kitchen	3	Joseph Calvit	24
Robert Moore	4		
Simpson Holmes	5	Lewis Evans Sheriff	
Bryan W. McDermet	6		
George Overaker	7		
Jesse Carter	8		
Anthony Hoggatt	9		
Andrew Bell	10		
James Stewart	11	present	
Isaac Alexander	12		
Job Routh	13		
William McIntosh	14		
John Minor	15		
Phillip Nolan	16		
Maurice Stackpoole	17		
Anthony Grass	18		
Jno. H. White	19		
Stephen Douglass	20		
Thomas Hutchins	21		

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Overseers of the Poor for 1800

Job Routh. Town of Natchez
 Samuel Marshall - Pine Ridge
 Gerard Brandon - St Catherine
 Jesse Carter - Second Creek
 Wilford Hoggatt - Sandy Creek
 Archibald Palmer - Homo Chito
 Thoman Dawson - Buffaloe & Bayeau Sara

Supervisors of the Highway

Windsor Pipes - Pine Ridge
 Daniel Grafton - St Catherine
 John Bingaman - "
 Isreal Leonard - "
 Ezekiel Dewitt - "
 John Calvit - "
 Jonas Scoggans - "
 Stephen Douglass - Town of Natchez
 Christopher Lee " " "
 Second Creek -
 Benjamine Farar " Isreal Smith
 Simpson Holmes & Jesse Carter Robert Ford
 Sandy Creek
 Wilson Bolls, Abram Martin
 Samuel Cooper, William Fletcher

Homo Chito
Stephen Ambroise.
Israel Luce, Joseph Dove.
Buffaloe & Bayeau Sara -
Zach^a Smith Jun^r John Wall
Henry Hunter Jun^r
Inspectors of Cotton & Gins
Job Routh & Melling Woolley - Town of Natchez
John Bolls & Gerard Brandon, St. Catherines
William Dunbar & Charles Surgett, - Second Creek
Isaac Gaillard & Patrick Foley - Homo Chitto
Gel^o Henry Hunter & Thomas Dawson, - Buffaloe & Baueau Sara

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Constables
David Berry Thomas Overaker, William Nichols)
John Walton, Hannon Glasscock) - Town of Natchez
William Foster, David Fleming & John Acres - St. Catherine
David Mitchell & Calvin Smith - Second Creek
John McCoy & William Collins - Homo Chito
John Caton - Sandy Creek
Henry Roach and Joseph Hunter - Buffaloe & Bayeau Sara

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid, upon their Oath present, That Charles McKiernan late of the County aforesaid on the Twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid in & upon one Ebenezer Dayton in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States then & there being did make an assault; and him the said Ebenezer Dayton then & there did beat, wound and ill treat so that his life was greatly dispaired ef and other wrongs to him the said Ebenezer Dayton then & there did to the great damage of him the said Ebenezer Dayton, against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made, adopted & provided and against the Peace & dignity of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States

L Harding Att^o for Mississippi
Territory

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Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace
February Term Eighteen Hundred

The Jurors of and for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present that Thomas Lovelass late of the County aforesaid on the ninth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand

seven hundred and ninety nine at the county aforesaid, then not being nor having been recommended by the Justices in their Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory for his Licence to have or keep any public Inn Tavern or ale House or dram shop or public House of entertainment in the county aforesaid and without any lawful authority Licence admittance or allowance of the Governour of the Territory aforesaid to have or keep any public Inn Tavern or ale House or dram shop or public House of entertainment in the County or Territory aforesaid did take upon himself to retail and sell Spirits by less quantity and measure than two quarts and then and there did retail and sell one pint of whiskey by the quantity and measure of one pint only to one John Hall and did then and there take & receive from the said John Hall ~~fifty~~ Twenty five cents for said one pint

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pint of Whiskey so retailed and sold as aforesaid to the evil example of others in the like case offending and against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided and against the peace and dignity of the Mississippi Territory of the United States

L Harding Att^o for
Mississippi Territory

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D. C. and W K. Esquires Justices ef assigned to keep the Peace of the County aforesaid and also to hear and determine all Felonies Trespasses and ~~ether~~ misdemeanors, one of us of the Quorum
To the Sheriff of the same County Greetings

On the Behalf of our Said County we command You that for any consideration whatever you omit not to cause to come before us or other Justices assigned to keep the Peace of our said County and to hear & determine all such felonies Tresspasses and misdemeanors in the said County committed on the third Day of February now next ensuing at the Hour of Ten ~~next~~ ~~ensuing~~ in the forenoon of the same Day at Natchez in said County 24 good & Lawfull men of the Body of County aforesaid, then & there to enquire, present, do and perform all & Singular such things which on the behalf our said County shall be enjoined them: Also ~~against~~ that you make known to the Coroner ~~year~~ keeper of your Jail & Constables within the County aforesaid that they be then and there to do & fulfil those things which by reason of their Offices shall be to be done moreover that you cause to be proclaimed through the sd County in proper places the aforesaid Session

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of the peace to be held ~~at the~~ on the Day & at the place aforesaid: and do you be then & there to do & execute those things which belong to your Office: And have you then & there as well the names of the Jurors, Coroner, Keeper of our Jail & Constables as also this precept Given under our Seals at Natchez in the County aforesaid the 16th Day of January 1800

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Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace
Peace February Term Eighteen hundred

The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their Oath present That James Toner late the County aforesaid & Ann Walton late of the county aforesaid on the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid in and upon one Susannah Phillips in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States then and there being did make an assault, and her the said Susannah Phillips then and there did beat wound and ill-treat and other wrongs to the said Susannah Phillips then and there did to the great damage of the said Susannah Phillips, against the form and effect of the Statute in such case, made, adopted and provided and against the Peace & Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and the United States

L. Harding Att^o for the
Mississippi Territory

[44]

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of February A D 1800 Hugh McClusky and Thomas Regan of the County aforesaid came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County and acknowledged themselves severally to owe to the Governour of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in Office to wit The said Hugh McClosky one hundred dollars and the said Thomas Regan fifty dollars to be respectively made & levied of their several goods and Chattle, to the use of the said Territory upon condition however that if the said Hugh McClosky shall personally appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held at Natchez within and for the County aforesaid to do and receive what shall then and there be enjoined him by said Court, and not depart said Court without leave, then said Recognizance shall be void or else to remain in full force, Taken and acknowledged the day and year aforesaid before me

W^m Kenner

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Be it remembered that on the 14th day of February A D 1800 Abraham Miller and Andrew Carrigal ~~McClusky~~ of the County aforesaid came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County and acknowledged themselves severally to owe to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successors in Office to wit, the Said Abraham Miller one hundred dollars and the said Andrew Carrigal fifty dollars to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and Chattles to the use of the said Territory upon condition however that if the said Abraham Miller shall personally appear at the next court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held at Natchez within and for the County aforesaid to do and receive what shall then and there be enjoined him by the Court, and not depart said Court with out leave then said recognizance shall be void or else to remain in full force. Taken and acknowledged the day and year aforesaid before me

W^m Kenner

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At a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Natchez on Monday the 17th day of February 1800 present Daniel Clark, Will^m Dunbar, Thomas Wilkins & William Kenner Esquires.

Grand Jury Impannelled & Sworn vizt.

David Ferguson - Foreman

Benjⁿ Kitchens Robert Moore, Simpson Thomas, Bryan McDermit, Anthony Hoggett, Job Routh, John Minor, Jno H. White Stephⁿ Douglass, Sam^l Timberlake, Geo Overacre Ant^o Gras, Jesse Carter James Stewart, William McIntosh Joseph Calvit & Andw Beal

Evidence for the Grand Jury

Ebeneza Dayton & Susanna Phillips Peter H. Marcellis Ephram Marcellis, Peter Whipple Will^m Woodberry.

Ezekiel Dewitt applied for a recommendation to keep a public House.

Court adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow forenoon

Court assembled Tuesday 18th present - -

Peter Prestler applied for a recommendation to keep a public House

James Howard. DO -- John Overacre DO--

Bills found against Thomas Lovelass

DO -----Thomas Lovelass

DO -----Thomas Lovelass

DO -----Ann Walton

DO -----Charles McKeirnan

Evedince for the Grand Jury

Daniel Akers, Jacob Roques, Daniel Dudley, John Hall, Simon Wain, Lawrence White

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Bills found against Thomas Lovelass

" " " Thomas Lovelass

" " " Ann Martin

Territory vs Charles McKiernan, Defendent acknowledged the crime & submitted to the Court

Ebenezer Dayton sworn Quarles Sworn, fined twenty five Dollars & to stand committed until complied with

Recognizance of Watkins Nicolson, William Nicolson & Stephⁿ Ambrose ordered to be discharged

Court adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Court assembled Wednesday 19th

Winzer Jones applied for a recommendation to keep a public house in Pinkney Mills. Granted.

Petition for a road from Richard Swayzey's Mill to Tobias Ellis Ferry Isaac Gaillard, Surveyor.

Cable King assistant.

John Scott applied for authority to bind George Dorman an apprentice to Thomas Regan - ordered

Territory	)	Indictment read plea & Joinder plea
vs	)	in bar found order to
Thomas Lovelace	)	Quash the Inditement Sufficient
Territory	)	
vs	)	Called & made Default
James Patterson	)	

Petition for a road from Smiths ferry on the Buffaloe to Loftus heights
 Thomas Lovelace Surveyor
 D^o -- for a Do. from the upper part of the County to the lower
 Court adjourned until Tuesday next

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Court assembled, present William Dunbar, Tho^s Wilkins and William Kenner Esq^{rs}
 Recognizance of Charles King, Samuel Gusswile & Jesse King called out & it is
 therefore ordered that they go without day.

Territory	)	Jury Impannelled & sworn vizt. George
vs	)	King Jonas Scoggins, Charles Carpon,
John Allen Alias Rube	)	Simion Gibson Jesse King Ambroise Fos-

ter, Eli Gibson, Stephen Stephenson David Loughman William Price Benjn Kitchen
 & William Baker

Evidence Sworn Henry Dryer

Thomas Brickle Verdict Guilty Judgement for the Criminal to restore the
 goods stolen & the value thereof or to hold the value and to receive fifteen
 lashes on his bare back

Territory	)	Defendt Pleads Guilty to the Indict-
vs	)	ment Susannah Phillips Sworn opinion
Ann Walton	)	of the court that the defendt pay

twenty Dollars fine to the Territory & stand committed until complied with.

Court adjourned until tomorrow morning

Court assembled on Wednesday 26th February 1800

Present William Dunbar, Thomas Wilkin & William Kenner Esquires.

Recomendations ordered for Rebecca McCabe for a licence

Territory vs Abram Miller. Discharged from his recognizance

Same vs Hugh McClosky

Territory	)	The same plea found sufficient as in
vs	)	the case of the Indictment argued be-
Thomas Lovelass	)	fore this Court on Wednesday 19 th in-

stant in all the bills found against the Defendant this Term

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Be it remembered that on the 22^d day of January 1800 Charles McKernon,
 Samuel Hancock & M Stackpoole of the County aforesaid came before me Daniel
 Clark one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in & for said County &
 acknowledges themselves to owe to his Excellency Governor Sargent or his
 successors in office to wit. The said Charles McKernon in the sum of two
 hundred dollars Samuel Hancock in the sum of one hundred dollars & Maurace
 Stackpoole in the sum of one hundred to be respectively made & Levied of
 their several Goods & Chattels Lands & tenements to the use aforesaid Gover-
 nor or his successors if the said Charles McKernon shall fail in performing
 the conditions underwritten, acknowledged before me

The conditions of the above recognizance is such, that if the above Boundend Chas McKernon shall personally appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the peace, to be holden in & for the County aforesaid to do & receive what shall then & there be enjoined him by the Court & in the mean time shall keep the peace & be of good behavior towards the Citizens of the United States & especially Ebenezer Dayton then the above recognizance shall be void otherwise to remain in full force & virtue

Acknowledged before me
the 22d January 1880
Daniel Clark

Charles McKiernan
Sam Hancock

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Know all men by these presents that we Peter Prestler and William Atchinson are held and firmly bound unto the governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels lands and Tenements provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our seals and dated this 18th day of February 1800

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden Peter Prestler shall well and truly keep a good & orderly public House according to the true intents and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and meaning of a licence by him about to be obtained from his ExcV Governor Sargent - then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue, as witness our hands and seals the day and year above written

Peter Presler (Seal)
Wm Atchinson (Seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we Ezekiel Dewitt and Polser Shilling are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels lands and Tenements provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our seals and dated this 18th day of February 1800

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden Ezekiel Dewitt shall well & truly keep a good & orderly public House according to the true intents & meaning of the laws of this Territory and the spirit and meaning of a licence by him about to be obtained from his ExcV Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hand and seals the day and year above written

Ezekil Dewitt (seal)
Polser Shilling (seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we James Howard and David Ferguson Melling Woolley are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels lands and Tenements provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our seals and date this 18th day of February 1800

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden James Howard shall well & truly keep a good and orderly public House according to the true intent and meaning of the laws of this Territory and spirit and meaning of a licence by him about to be obtained from his Exc^y Governor Sargent - then this obligation to be void otherwise to be & remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seal the day and year above written

James Howard (seal)
Melling Woolley (seal)

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Be it remembered that on the 18th day of January A D John Auld Stout and John Dick of the County aforesaid came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace of the County aforesaid and acknowledged themselves, severally to owe to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in Office, to wit the said John Auld Stout two hundred dollars, and the said John Dicks one hundred dollars, each to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels to the use of said Territory upon condition however that if the said John Auld Stout shall personally appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held at Natchez within and for the County aforesaid to do and receive what shall then and there be enjoined him by the court and in the meantime shall keep the peace and be of good behavior towards all the good people of this Territory and especially towards David Shepherd of the County aforesaid then said recognance shall be void or else to remain in full force. Taken and acknowledged the day and year aforesaid before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County

W^m Kennor J P

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Know all men by these presents that we Winzer Jones & Ruben Dunham are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the Just and full sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, lands and tenements provided Default or breach shall be made in underwritten condition Sealed with our seals and Dated this nineteenth day of February 1800

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above Bounden Winzer Jones - shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory, and the spirit and meaning of a licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency

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Governor Sargent - then this obligation to be void otherwise to be remain in full force and virtue, as witness our hand and seal this day and year above written

Winzer Jones
Ruben Dunham

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Know all men By these presents that we Rebecca McCabe & Sam^l Timberlake are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels lands and tenements, provided default or Breach be made in the under-written condition sealed with our seals - and Dated this 19th day of February 1800

Now the conditions of the above obligations is such, that if the above Bounden Rebecca McCabe - shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and spirit and meaning of a licence by her ~~her~~ about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the day and year above written

R^r McCabe (seal)
[Blank] (seal)

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Adams County May 2nd 1800

We the undernamed agreeable to an order of the Court of Quarter Sessions do hereby certify that we have carefully attended and inspected a now road and the Surveying thereof, and are of the Opinion that it is a good way to make a new road from Mr. Foleys on the Homochitto to M^r Dunbar's on Second Creek and the several courses and distances will more fully appear by the Surveyors return

Given under our hands the date as above

Caleb King
Jesse Greenfield

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The County of Adams

To Hugh Stevenson Jesse Withers and)
Manuel Maddin Assessors for the Town) Dr
Ship of Pine Ridge)

1800

April 12 To 4 days services in making out the lists)
of assessment for Sd Township at the Rate of) 18 Dlls
150 cents pr day each)

Mississippi Territory County of Adams

I Peter Walker prothontary for said County do hereby certify that ~~the~~ Hugh Stephenson Jesse Withers and Manuel Maddin are assessors for the Township of Pine Ridge duly appointed, and that the services for which the above charge is made have been performed

Given under my hand this twentieth day of April one thousand eight hundred

Peter Walker prothy

examined and approved of June 2^d 1800

Daniel Clark

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At a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Natchez for the said County on the - fifth - Day of May one thousand Eight Hundred present Daniel Clark, William Dunbar and Thomas Wilkins Esquires.

In virtue of a Law entitled "A Law for Opening and regulating Highways" we do hereby nominate and appoint -- Davis Burney to be Supervisor of the Highway within and for the Township of Second Creek - for the year ensuing and you the said - David Burney - are faithfully and truly to execute the said Office of Supervisor according to the Directions of the said Law, an abstract of the materiel parts of which is hereunto annexed

In testimony of which we have caused the County seal to be hereunto affixed, the Day and Year above written

Witness Peter Walker Clerk

(seal)

And be it further enacted, that the said Justices in every

County as soon as may be after the publication of the Act, in the several Counties respectively shall proceed in their Sessions to appoint once in every year a proper number of Supervisors or Overseers of the Highway (to be approved by the Governor) in each and every Township in the several Counties or districts; whose province and duty it shall be to obey the orders of the said Justices for the laying out of Highways whenever such orders shall be given as aforesaid And it shall also be the Duty of the said Supervisors of the Highway to Superintend all public roads and Highways in the Township for which they may be assigned Supervisors, or Overseers, and keep them in proper repair and fit for the of travelers and passengers, by the labour & assistance of the Inhabitants of the Township in which they may severally be Supervisors; And in case of Omission of this their Duty each Defaulting Supervisor of the Highways shall be liable and subjected to a fine of ten Dollars for each & every Default to be recovered with costs, for the use of the Township

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By any person who will prosecute for the same for the purpose of aiding the Inhabitations of such towns to form Causeways and and smaller Bridges Where it may be necessary to hire teams for the drawing of timber therefor which fine shall be inflicted by any Justice of the peace to whom Complaint is

And be it further enacted that every male Inhabitant of Sixteen years of age and upwards on being duly warned to work on the Highways by the Supervisors in the Township to which such Inhabitant may belong, shall repair to the place and at the time by the said Supervisor appointed with such utensils and tools as may be ordered him where with he is to labor and there abide and Obey the direction of such Supervisor during the day in Opening and repairing the highway. And the duty every male as aforesaid Shall be Subject to perform so many days not exceeding ten in each and every year as may in the Opinion of the Supervisor be necessary for the Opening and repairing the Highways provided always that only an equal number of Days labour shall be exacted from any such Citizen able such male Inhabitants serving alike either in person or by procuring a good hand to labour in their Stead or by their team, to the acceptance of the Supervisor: which labour shall be valued at fifty cents per Day and brought into the General Estimate and appointment of County Charges; in order that every person's Taxable property within this Territory may be equally assessed to answer and satisfy the demands within the respective counties and non residents, proprietors or Claimants of Lands may and shall be entitled to labour their due proportion upon the highways by their agents or representatives, they timely signifying such intention to the proper Supervisors to be recovered with costs by an action of debt in any Court where the same may be cognizable and moreover, be further liable to work an equal number of Days Yearly, on the Highway with the other male Inhabitants of the township in the same manner as though no such Default had been made

And where the delinquent person shall happen to be a minor, apprentice, slave or servant, the Father, Mother, or Guardian of such minor, or the Master of such apprentice slave or servant as the case may be, so making Default shall become liable to the action in the same manner as though they were principal Defaulters ----

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If any male Inhabitant upon receiving three Days notice by the proper Supervisor of the highway shall neglect or refuse to attend at the time and place which may be appointed as aforesaid or shall waste the day in Idleness and inattention to the duty assigned him Such delinquent shall forfeit and pay to the Supervisors, who warned him to work fifty cents for the sole benefit of the said Supervisor for every such Default

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Be it remembered that on the 8th day of May, A D 1800 came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County Andrew Ploche and Thomas Regan who acknowledged themselves severally to owe and be indebted to the Governor of the Territory aforesaid or his successor in office, to wit, the said Andrew Ploche the sum of one hundred dollars and the said Thomas Regan fifty dollars to be made and levied of their respective goods and Chattels, - on condition however that if the said Andrew Ploche shall keep the peace and be of good behavior towards all and singular the good people of this Territory and particularly toward Leonard Pomet and shall appear in his own proper person at the next court

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of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for said county and shall not thence depart without leave of said court then this recognizance shall be void else to remain in full force

Taken and acknowledged before me the date first above written
Wm Kenner

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United States	(Assault & Battery
William Montgomery	--- (on the Body of David
Joseph Parsons	(For & now the S ^d
& William Dalton	(David is hereby

held in the sum of one hundred Dollars money of the United States conditioned that for his appearance on the first day of the coming Court of Quarter Sessions for S^d County then & there to give Testimony as to the Premises & not depart the Court without Licence in failure whereof the aforesd sum to be levied of his goods & Chattels Land & Tenements

Taken before me this 30th day of May 1800

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Be it remembered that on the 10th day of June A D 1800 Nehemiah Carter Jun^r Archibald Palmer and Agustus Roddy came before me William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the said County, and severally acknowledged themselves to owe the Governor of the Territory and to his successors in office, that is to say, the said Nehemiah Carter Jun^r one hundred dollars, and the said Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy fifty dollars each, to be respectively levied of their lands and tenements, goods & Chattels, if the said Nehemiah Carter Jun^r shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me

Wm Dunbar

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the above bounden Nehemiah Carter Jun^r shall personally appear before the next general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County, then and there to answer a complaint of an assault & battery with which he stands charged by the oaths of Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth his wife and Luther Smith; and to do and receive what shall by the Court be then and there enjoined him and shall not depart the Court without licence, then the above written recognizance shall be void.

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Be it remembered that on the 25th day of June A. D. 1800 came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County Thomas Regan and John Henderson who acknowledged themselves to owe and be Indebted to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in Office - to wit the said Thomas Regan the sum of two Hundred Dollars The S^d John Henderson the sum of one hundred Dollars to be levied of their respective goods and chattels on condition however, that if the said

Thomas Regan shall be and appear before the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden at Natchez in the said County aforesaid to do and receive what shall be enjoined of him by the said Court and shall not then depart without leave of Court and shall keep the peace in the meantime towards all the good people of the Territory, then this Recognizance shall be void else to remain in full force & virtue

me the day and year first above written

Taken and acknowledged before

Wm Kenner

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Personally appeared David Fero of lawful age and made oath that on the afternoon of the eighteenth Instant he arrived at the heights called Loftus Cliffs with the intention of delivering a letter with which he was charged to General Wilkinson - That about eight or nine oclock a certain Lieut. Gibbs came to the house of Michael Mitchel attended with a guard where this deponent there was and informed him that he had orders to arrest him - on this deponents demanding his authority for so doing the said Lieut. Gibbs replied that he had orders from a superior officer but did not think proper to particularize the person. This deponent was then immediatly conducted to the gaurd house where he remained 'till about eleven oclock at which time the Sergeant of the guard entered and told the deponent that the light must be put out, immediately on the extinguishment of which two or three men entered laid hold on this deponent and declared that he must accompany them. This deponent requested them to let him go as he did not like to be pulled about at the same time assuring them that he would accompany them without any compulsion

On getting clear of the guard this deponent was much alarmed to find that the persons who had siezed him were not only armed but were conducting him towards the river to a woods dreary and swampy. He then earnestly demanded to know the place where they ment to take him and the nature of their intentions on this deponents receiving a vague and unsatisfactory answer his suspicions were confirmed and he then declared he had a right to suspect they intended to assassinate him which might as well be done where he then was for he was resolved to go no farther and accordingly began to make resistance

That on this declaration Sergeant Parson drew his bayonet which was immediately siezed by this deponent and a scuffle ensued during the course of which he was knocked down beat kicked and otherwise violently abused till he was deprived of all memory and reflection

That some time afterwards he recovered his senses and found himself in the guard house but by what means he cannot exactly recollect on examination he found that he had been terribly abused and that his cloaths had been cut in various places.

That the perpetrators of this outrage were Sergeant Montgomery, Sergeant Parsons and Corporal Dalton as this deponent has a right to believe from their own knowlege and after information
Sworn to before me one of the Judges in and over The Mississippi Territory this
26 day of May 1800

Bryan Bruin

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Be it remembered that on the 10th day of June A D 1800 Nehemiah Carter Sen^r Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy of said County came before William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for said County and severally acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this Territory and to his successors in office that is to say the said Nehemiah Carter Sen^r one hundred dollars and the said Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy fifty dollars each to be respectively levied of their lands and tenements, goods and chattels, if the said Nehemiah Carter Sen^r shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me

William Dunbar

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the above bounden Nehemiah Carter Sen^r shall personally appear before the Justices Commissioned to hold the general Quarter sessions of the peace at their next Court to be holden for said County, then and there to answer to a complaint of an assault and battery upon the persons of Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth his wife and Luther Smith with the suspicion where of the said Nehemiah Carter Sen^r stands charged and to do and receive what shall by the Court be then and there enjoined him & shall not depart the court without licence, then the above written recognizance shall be void

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Be it remembered that on the 10th day of June 1800 Lewis Shelton Arch^d Palmer and Augustus Roddy came before me William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the said County and severally acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this Territory and to his Successors in Office that is to say the said Lewis Shelton One hundred Dollars and the said Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy fifty dollars each to be Respectively levied of their lands & tenements, Goods & Chattels, of the said Lewis Shelton shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me

William Dunbar

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the above bounden Lewis Shelton shall personally appear before the next general quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County then and there to answer a Complaint of an Assault and Battery with which he stands charged by the oath of Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth his wife and Luther Smith and to do & Receive what shall by the Court be then and there enjoined him and shall not depart the Court without licence, then the above written recognizance to be void

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May 30th 1800

Whereas complaint has been made before me on oath by David Fero charging William Montgomery - Joseph Parsons & William Dalton then non commissioned officer in the service of the United States & within the Territory & county afores^d & where with a most violent & outrageous assault by them made on him the said David Fero at Loftus Heights on the night between the 18th & 19th Instant ~~last~~ & where as

I thereupon Issued my warrant for the apprehension of the said offenders who thereupon are now present before me - This witnesseth that the said William Montgomery is held in the sum Sum of one hundred dollars ---- to be levied of his goods & chattels, Lands & Tenements, conditioned for his appearance at the ensuing Court of Quarter Sessions (& on the first day thereof) for the County afore^{sd} to answer to the above charges & not depart the court with licence.

The said Joseph Parsons is held in same manner in the sum of one hundred Dollars.

The said William Dalton is held in same manner in the sum of one hundred Dollars and for the time keeping of the aforesaid reconizance by each and all the above parties We Ebenezer Rees and William Scott do of ourselves as Justices in One Hundred & Fifty Dollars each

Taken before me at my chamber this thirteenth day of May, 1800

Bry^r Bruin

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Be it remembered that on the 5th day of June 1800 Nehemiah Carter Sen^r Nehemiah Carter Jun^r Lewis Shelton Andrew White, Edward Hackett, John Kennard Archibald Wood, Joseph Lindon, & James Clark came before us William Dunbar and Philander Smith two of the Justices assigned to keep the peace within the said County and acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of the territory aforesaid or to his successors in office, that is to say each of the above named persons the sum of fifty dollars, to be levied of their several goods & chattels lands & tenements to the use of the said Governor or to his successors in office if the said persons shall fail in performing the conditions underwritten

Acknowledged before us
William Dunbar

Philander Smith

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above bounden Nehemiah Carter Sen^r, Nehemiah Carter Jun^r Lewis Shelton Andrew White, Edward Hackett. John Kennard Archibald Wood, Joseph Lindon and James Clark ~~came before~~ shall personally appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for the said County to do and receive what shall then and there be enjoined them by the Court and in the meantime shall keep the peace and be of good behavior towards all the good people of this Territory; Then the said recognizance shall be void or else to remain in its force

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Be it remembered that on the 5th day of June A. D. 1800 Nathaniel Tomlinson and Luther Smith of S^d County came before us William Dunbar and Philander Smith two of the Justices assigned to keep the peace within said County and acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this territory and to his successors in office, to wit, Each of the S^d Nathaniel Tomlinson and Luther Smith the sum of fifty dollars, to be respectively levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements to the use of the said the Governor and his successors in office, if they the said Nathaniel Tomlinson and Luther Smith shall fail in performing the condition underwritten.

Acknowledged before us

William Dunbar

Philander Smith

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the within bounden Nathaniel Tomlinson and Luther Smith shall personally appear at the next general Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held for said County to do and receive what shall then and there be enjoined them by the Court and in the mean time shall keep the peace and be of good behavior towards the Citizens of this Territory, Then the said recognizance shall be void or else to remain in its force

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Be it remembered that on the tenth day of June A D 1800 Edward Hackett Archibald Palmer and Richard Corey came before me William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the said County and severally Acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this Territory and to his successors in office that is to say the said Edward Hackett one hundred dollars and the said Archibald Palmer and Richard Corey fifty dollars each to be respectively levied of their Lands and Tenements Goods & Chattels. If the said Edward Hackett shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me
William Dunbar

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above bounden Edward Hackett shall personally appear before the next general quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County then and there to answer a Complaint of an Assault and Battery with which he stands charged by the oath of Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth his wife and Luther Smith and to do and receive what shall by the Court be then and there enjoined him and shall not depart the Court without licence, then the above written recognizance shall be void.

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Be it remembered that on the tenth day of June A. D. 1800 Joel Dyer Archibald Palmer & Augustus Roddy came before me William Dunbar, one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the said County, and severally acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this Territory and to his Successors in Office, that is to say the said Joel Dyer One Hundred Dollars and the said Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy fifty dollars each to be respectively levied of their Lands and tenements, Goods and Chattels if the said Joel Dyer shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me
William Dunbar

The condition of this Recognizance is such, that if the above bounden Joel Dyer shall personally appear before the next General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County then and there to answer a Complaint of an assault and Battery with which he Stands Charged by the Oaths of Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth his wife and Luther Smith and to do and receive what shall by the Court be then and there enjoined him, and shall not depart the Court without licence, Then the above written recognizance shall be void

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Be it remembered that on the 10th day of June A. D. 1800 Luther Smith Philander Smith and Calvin Smith came before me William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for said County and severally acknowledged themselves to owe the Governor of this Territory and to his successors in office that is to say, the said Luther Smith one hundred dollars and the said Philander Smith and Calvin Smith fifty dollars each to be respectively levied of their lands and tenements, goods and Chattels if the said Luther Smith shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me

William Dunbar

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bounden Luther Smith shall personally appear at the next general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County then and there to answer to a Complaint of a forcible detainer of the dwelling house of Nehemiah or Jesse Carter and to do and receive what shall be enjoined by the Court & shall not depart the Court without licence then the above recognizance shall be void

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Be it remembered that on the 14th day of June A. D. 1800 came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County Margaret Williams and William Price and acknowledged themselves severally to owe and be indebted to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit the said Margaret Williams the sum of one hundred dollars and the said William Price the sum of fifty dollars to be made and levied of their respective goods & Chattels on condition however that if the said Margaret Williams W shall keep the peace towards all the good people of this Territory and appear in ~~his~~ her own proper person at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden at Natchez in the said County and to do and receive what shall be enjoined her by said Court and shall not thence depart without leave of said Court, then this Recognizance shall be void else to remain in full force

Taken and acknowledged before

me the day and year first above written

W^m Kenner

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Be it remembered that on the 20th day of June A. D. 1800, Joseph Lindon Archd Woods Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy came before me William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the said county and severally acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this Territory and to his successors in office, that is to say the said Joseph Lindon and Archibald Woods each the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy the sureties, each the sum of Fifty dollars for each of the first named persons to be respectively levied of their Lands and tenements, goods, and Chattels if the said Joseph Lindon and Archibald Woods, shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten

Acknowledged before me

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the above bounden Joseph Lindon and Archibald Woods shall personally appear before the next general quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County then and there to answer a Complaint of an assault and battery with which he stands charged by Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth his wife & Luther Smith and to do and receive what shall by the court be then and there enjoined them and shall not depart the court without licence then the above written recognizance shall be void

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Be it remembered that on the 21st day of June A. D. 1800 James Clark, Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy came before me William Dunbar one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the said County and severally acknowledged themselves to owe to the Governor of this Territory and to his successors in Office, that is to say the said James Clark One hundred dollars, and the said Archibald Palmer and Augustus Roddy fifty dollars each to be respectively levied of their lands and tenements, Goods and Chattels if the said James Clark shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten
Acknowledged before me

The condition of this Recognizance is such that if the above bounded James Clark shall personally appear before the next general quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said County then and there to answer a Complaint of an assault and battery With which he stands charged by the Oaths of Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth his wife and Luther Smith; and to do and receive what shall by the court be then and there enjoined him and shall not depart the Court without licence, then above written Recognizance shall be void.

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Be it remembered that on the 21st day of June 1800 Andrew White and John Akers personally came before me Philander Smith one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for the County afores^d and acknowledged ~~that~~ themselves to owe to the Governor of the Territory aforesaid and to his successors in office that is to say the s^d Andrew White and John Akers in the sum of one hundred dollars each seperately to be levied on their goods and chattels lands and tenements respectively to the use of of the s^d Governor and his successors in office if the said Andrew White shall make default in the condition here underwritten
Acknowledged before me
Philander Smith

The condition of the above written recognizance is such that if the above bound Andrew White shall make his appearance before the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held at Natchez in S^d county and there answer to a complaint of being active in a violent assault and battery made on Nathaniel Tomlinson with which he stands charged ~~with~~ upon oath and shall abide and submit to the sentence of the Court then this recognizance to be void other wise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

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At a Court of Quarter Sessions holden at Natchez on Monday the fourth day of August 1800

Present William Dunbar, Thomas Wilkins, & William Kenner Esq^{rs}

Grand Jury Impannelled & sworn vizt

Joseph Calvit, Foreman

Matthew McColloch, Israel Smith, James Bolls, Benjⁿ Belk, George Killian, John Burney, James Bosley, Simpson Holmes, Robert Ford, Richard King, William Price, William Ogden, John Bolls, Isaac Gaillard.

Thomas Campbell received and sworn an attorney of this court.

Evidence to the Grand Jury --

John Walton, Michael Crozier, & James Andrews & Augustini Francis

Recognizances received from William Dunbar Esq^r

Joseph Lindon & Archibald Woods, Nathaniel Tomlinson & Luther Smith,

Nehemiah Carter Senr, Nehemiah Carter Jun^r, Lewis Shelton

Andrew White Edward Hackett, John Kennard Archibald Woods, Joseph

Lindon & James Clark

James Clark

Nehemiah Carter Jun^r

Edward Hackett

John Kennard

Luther Smith

Nehemiah Carter Sen^r

Lewis Shelton

Joel Dyer

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recognizances received from Philander Smith Esq^r

William Baker

Andrew White

recognizances received from William Kenner Esq^r

Anthony Dougherty

Francis Arroyo

John Wells

Abner Wilkinson

David Gardener

Nathaniel Tomlinson & Elizabeth Tomlinson

Thomas Regan

Andrew Plochet

Margaret Williams

Bills found

vs Thomas Regan for Assault & Battery

Tavern Licences

James Finlay

Do for a Billiard Table

rec^d 85 Dells

Charles McBride

rec^d all fees

James Finley

Do for a Billiard Table

rec^d 87 Dollars

Francis Agostini public house & Billiard table rec^d all fees & licences

Court adjourned.

Court assembled Tuesday 5th
 Evidence to the Grand Jury - Nehia Carter, Senr Nehia Carter Junr
 Isaac Carter, John Kennard, Joel Dyer, Lewis Shelton, Andrew White,
 Edward Hackett, James Clark, Joseph Lindon, Nathaniel Tomlinson, Luther
 Smith, John Shover, George Jourman, Leonard Pomet, Quois Evans David Fero.

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Bills found against Domingo Favro
 " Wm Baker
 " Joseph Mandos
 " Wm Montgomery William Dalton & Joseph Parsons
 " Nathaniel Tomlinson & wife & Luther Smith
 " Nehemiah Carter & others

Court adjourned
 Court assembled on Wednesday 6th
 Territory vs William Baker recognizance called and Inditement read to
 which he pleads not guilty and for trial puts himself on the County & the
 attY for the Territory likewise.

Territory vs	)	recognizance called and
Natha & Elizth Tomlinson &	)	Inditement read to which
Luther Smith	)	they plead not guilty and for
trial put them selves on the County & the AttY for the Territory likewise		
Territory vs	)	recognizance call & Inditement read
Nehemiah Carter & others	)	to which they plead not guilty and
for trial put themselves on the County & the Attorney for the Territory		
likewise		
Territory	)	Defend ^t & Ruben Dunham each recognized
vs	)	in 250 \$ for appearance at next Court
William Baker	)	to prosecute his Traverse
Territory	)	Defend ^t and Charles King recognized in
vs	)	sum of 250 \$ each and Charles King for
N Tomlinson Wife	)	250 \$ for each of the Defdts appearance
& Luther Smith	)	at next Term to prosecute their Traverse
Territory	)	Defnt recognized in 100 \$ each Archibald
vs	)	Palmer & Caleb King in 50 \$ for each of
N Carter & others	)	the defdt appearance at the next Term
to prosecute their Traverse		

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Archibald Palmer for a public House recd all fees

Territory	)	
vs	)	Discharged from his recognizance
David Fero	)	without costs
Territory	)	Inditement read to which he pleads
vs	)	not guilty and for trial puts himself
Domingo Favro	)	on the county and the Attorney like-

wise Jury impannelled & sworn vizt Samuel Timberlake, Benjamine Kitchens John
 Calvit Anthony Calvit Morris Custard, David Holt, David Loughman, Charles King
 John Calaham, John Spiros Edward Welch & Norsworthy Hunter - Evedience sworn
 Michael Crozier, James Andrews, Fransico Augustine, Verdict not guilty

Territory	)	Ebenezer Rees & Lieut William Scott
vs	)	recognized for the appearance of the
Wm Montgomery	)	next Court to prosecute their Traverse
William Dalton &	)	under the penalty of 100 \$ and the
Joseph Parson	)	Defend ^{tt} in the same sum each
Territory	)	prisoner arraigned, plea not guilty
vs	)	atty Similiter Jury impannelled &
Joseph Mandon	)	Sworn vizt Edward Welsh, David Holt,
Charles King, Polser Shilling John Calahan, Nathan Dix, Stephen Blunt, John		
Calvit, Joseph Ford, John Wells, John Dicks & John Eldergill Francis Augustini		
Sworn, Verdict not guilty		
Andrew Plauchette recognizance continued		
Territory	)	Recognized in 100 \$ for his app ^r at
vs	)	the next Court on a plea of not
Thomas Regan	)	guilty

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid, enquiring for the Body of said county upon their Oath Present, That Nehemiah Carter late of the County aforesaid, Senior, Nehemiah Carter late of the same county, Junior, Joel Dyer late of the same County, Andrew White late of the same County, James Clark late of the same County, John Kennard late of the same County, Joseph Lindon late of the same County, Lewis Sheldon, late of the same County, Edward Hacket, late of the same County and Andrew Wood late of the same County on the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred with force & arms at the county aforesaid in and upon one Nathaniel Tomlinson, in and upon one Elizabeth Tomlinson & in and upon one Luther Smith each of them then & there being in the peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States did make an assault on them the said Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson and Luther Smith then & there did beat, wound and ill-treat and many other wrongs to the said Nehemiah Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson & Luther Smith then & there did to the great Damage of the said Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson & Luther Smith against the from & effect of the Statutes in such case made adopted and provided and against the Peace and dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L Harding Atto fer
M Territory

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present, That the said Nehemiah Carter Senior, Nehemiah Carter Junior, Joel Dyer, Andrew White, James Clark, John Kennard, Joseph Lindon, Lewis Sheldon, Edward Hacket and Andrew Wood on the said fifth day of June June in the Year aforesaid with force & arms at the County aforesaid, did unlawfully riotously and routously assembled and gather together to disturb the peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States and so being then & there assembled and gathered together in and upon the said Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth Tomlinson, and Luther Smith in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States then & there being unlawfully riotously & ~~rioteously~~ did make an assault & then the said Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson & Luther Smith unlawfully riotously and routously did beat, wound & ill-treat te and other wrongs to the

said Nathaniel Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson & Luther Smith then & there unlawfully ~~rioteously~~ riotously & routously did to the great Damage of the said Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth Tomlinson & Luther Smith against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided & against the Peace and Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^o for
M. Territory

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid, enquiring for the Body of said County upon their Oath present That Andrew Ploche late of the County aforesaid, on eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred with force and arms at the County aforesaid in and upon one Leonard Pomet in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States then & there being an assault did make and him the said Leonard Pomet then & there did beat wound and ill-treat and many other wrongs to the said Leonard Pomet then & there did to the great Damage of him the said Leonard Pomet against the Peace & dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States and against the Peace Form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided.

L. Harding Att^o
for M Territory

[84]

Know all men by these present that we Charles McBride and Nicholas Hitchler are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred Dollars, to be levied on our goods and chattels Lands & tenements provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this fourth day of August one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Charles McBride shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public house according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be & remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seal the day and year above written

Charles McBride (seal)
Nicolas Hitchler (seal)

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Know all men by these present that we James Finlay and David Ferguson are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred dollars to be levied on our goods & Chattels Lands and tenements, provided default or breach, shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this fourth Day of August one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden James Finlay shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public house Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory, and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent, then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands & Seals the day and year above written

James Finlay (seal)
 [Blank] (seal)

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Know all men by these presents we Domingo Lorero and [Blank] are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and Date this fifth day of August one thousand eight Hundred

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Domingo Lorero shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern and public Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this Obligation to be void Otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

[Blank] (seal)
 [Blank] (seal)

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Know all men by these present that we Daniel Rayner & Daniel Hancock are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, Lands & Tenements, provided default or Breach Shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our Seals and dated this fifth day of August one thousand eight Hundred

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Daniel Rayner shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public house according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this Obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year written

Daniel Raner (seal)
 Dan^t Hancock (seal)

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Know all men by these present that we Francis Agostini & Mischael Croisat are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory, in the just and full sum of three hundred dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and tenements provided Default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this fifth day of August A D one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Francis Agostini shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands & seals the day and year above written

Francisco Agostini (seal)
[Blank] (seal)

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Know all men by these present that we John Vidal and Domingo Lorero are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our goods and Chattels, Lands & tenements provided Default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this fifth day of August one thousand eight Hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Vidal shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public Billiard Table according to the true intent & meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void other wise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and Seals the day and year above written

Juan Vidal (seal)
[Blank] (seal)

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Know all men by these present that we Thomas Ried and Peter Walker are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, provided Default or Breach Shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this - sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Ried, shall well & truly keep a good and orderly public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the

spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent, then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

Thos Reed (seal)
Peter Walker (seal)

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Know all men by these present that we Archibald Palmer and Neh^a Carter are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just & full sum of three hundred dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, Lands and tenements, provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals & dated this sixth day of August one thousand eight Hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Arch^d Palmer shall will and truly keep a good and orderly public house according to the true intent of the meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent - then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force & virtue as witness our hands & seals the day & year above written

Archibald Palmer (seal)
N Carter (seal)

[92]

The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their Oath present That Thomas Regan late of the County aforesaid on the twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid in & upon one John Walton (then being one of the Constables of said County in the peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States and in the due execution of his said office, then & there also being) did make an assault & him the said John Walton then & there did beat, wound, and ill-treat and many other wrongs to the said John Walton then & there did to the great damage of the said John Walton, against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided, and against the Peace & Dignity of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid aforesaid do further present, That the said Thomas Regan on the said twenty sixth day June in the year aforesaid, with force & arms at the County aforesaid in & upon the said John Walton in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States then & there being did make an assault, and him the said John Walton then & there did beat, wound, & ill treat & other wrongs ~~then- & there~~ to the said John Walton then & there did to the great damage of the said John Walton

against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided, and against the Peace & dignity of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States.

L. Harding Att^o
for Mississippi Territory

[93]

The Jurors of and for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present That William Montgomery late of the County aforesaid, William Dalton late of the same County and Joseph Parsons late of the same County on the eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid, in and upon one David Fero in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States then & there being an assault did make, & him the said David Fero then & there did beat, wound and illtreat and many other wrongs to him the said David Fero then & there did to the great Damage of him the said David Fero against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided & against the Peace and Dignity of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States

L. Harding Att^o
for M. Territory

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To the Honble the Court of General Quarter Sessions for the County of Adams now sitting for the County afores^d at their August Sessions for the year 1800

The petition of Nicholas Joseph Dennis most respectfully Showeth ----- That he is disposed & preparing to Sett up & keep a Public house of entertainment in the Town of Natchez & County afores^d - That he is prepared with Ample Security for the keeping an orderly & well provided house - he therefore prays your Honble Body to recommend him to the Governor for Licence agreeably to an ordinance of this Territory & he will pray &c.

Nicholas Joseph Dennis

[95]

The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County, upon their oath present That William Baker late of the County aforesaid on the second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand & eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid, Unlawfully & injuriously did enter into a certain misusage with the appurtenances, then & there being in the possession of one Nehemiah Carter, three Bushels of Corn of the value of two dollars & a quantity of house hold goods & furniture of the value of twenty Dollars, of the goods & Chattels of said Nehemiah Carter then & there being in the same misusage & that the said William Baker then & there with force & arms unlawfully & injuriously did expel & move & put out the said Nehemiah Carter from the possessions of the said Misusage & Tenement with the

appurtenances, and the said Nehemiah Carter to as aforesaid expelled, amoved and put out from the possession of the said Misusage & with the appurtenances then & there with force & arms unlawfully & injuriously did keep out for a long time to wit for the space of four days then next, injury and other wrongs, to the said Nehemiah Carter then & there did to the great Damage of the said Nehemiah Carter and against the Peace & Dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L. Harding Att^o for
M. Territory

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County, upon their oath present that Nathaniel Tomlinson late of the County aforesaid Elizabeth Tomlinson late of the same County &, Luther Smith late of the same County, on the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand & eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid unlawfully & injuriously did enter into a certain misusage with the appurtenances then & there being in the possession of one Nehemiah Carter (three Barrels of Whiskey of the value of seventy Dollars ~~two~~ one Barrels of Flour of the value of ~~seven~~ six Dollars one pair of Boots, one pair of shoes, one gun & articles of household furniture of the value of twenty Dollars the goods & chattels of the said Nehemiah Carter then & there being in the same misusage) and that the said Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth Tomlinson & Luther Smith then & there with force & arms, unlawfully & injuriously did expel, amove and put out the said Nehemiah Carter from the possession of the said misusage with the appurtenances and the said Nehemiah Carter to as aforesaid expelled amoved and put out from the possessions of the said misusage with the appurtenances then & there with force & arms unlawfully & injuriously did keep out ~~and~~ for a long time and other wrongs to the said Nehemiah Carter then & there did to the great damage of the said Nehemiah Carter and against the Peace and dignity of the Mississippi Territory & of the United States

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present That the said Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth Tomlinson and Luther Smith on the said fifth day of June in the year aforesaid with force & arms at the County aforesaid did unlawfully riotously and routously assemble & gather together to disturb the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States and so being then & there assembled and gathered together in and upon one Nehemiah Carter Junior in the Peace of the Mississippi Territory and of the assault, and him the said Nehemiah Carter Junior then & there unlawfully riotously and routously did beat, wound and illtreat so that his life was greatly dispaired of and other wrongs to the said Nehemiah Carter Junior then and there ~~did~~ unlawfully riotously & routously did to the great damage of the said Nehemiah Carter Junior against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided, and against the Peace & dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the Said Nathaniel Tomlinson Elizabeth Tomlinson and Luther Smith on the said fifth day of June in the year aforesaid & with force & arms at the county aforesaid in and upon the said Nehemiah Carter Junior in the Peace of the Mississippi

Territory and of the United States then & there being did make an assault and him the said Nehemiah Carter Junior then & there did beat, wound and ill treat so that his life was greatly dispaired of and other wrongs to the said Nehemiah Carter Junior against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided and against the Peace and dignity of the Mississippi Territory and of the United States

L Harding Atto for
Mississippi Territory

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Be it remembered that John Wells and William Wells and Hardress Ellis came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County on the 8th day of July A D 1800 and acknowledge themselves severally to owe and be indebted to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successors in office to wit, the said John Wells the sum of One thousand Dollars the said William Wells five hundred Dollars and the said Hardress Ellis the sum of five hundred Dollars to be made & levied of their respective goods & chattels On condition however that if the said John Wells shall appear before the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden at Natchez in the said County and shall not thence depart without leave of said Court and shall do and receive what shall be enjoined him by said Court then this recognizance shall be void else to remain in full force & virtue

Taken and acknowledged before me the date first above written
Wm Kenner

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Know all men by these present that we James Finlay and David Ferguson are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, lands & tenements, provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this fourth day of August one thousand eight Hundred.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden James Finlay shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern - according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a licence by him about to be obtained from His Excellency Governor Sargent - then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the day & year above written

James Finlay (seal)
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Monday the 3rd November the Court opened
Present Jno Ellis Esq^r

There being no more than one Justice present the Court adjourned for want of Justices until tomorrow morning nine o'clock

Tuesday the 4th Court assembled present John Ellis William Kenner
 & Geo. Cochran Esqrs
 Grand Jury empannelled & sworn vizt
 Benjamine Farar Foreman
 Robert Moore, Joseph Pannil, William Lewis, Jeramiah Routh William Dunbar
 Maurice Stackpool Nathan Swayzey, Solomen Hopkins, Samuel Carnes Elias Fish-
 er Rich Swayzey and Andrew Beal
 Evidence-- Reubin Dunham - Antonio Figures
 Territory)
 vs) continued by consent until tomorrow
 Thomas Regan) morning
 Territory)
 vs) Removed by consent of the Attorney
 William Baker) for the Territory as also by the
 Consent of the Defendant in to Supreme Court
 Territory vs Nathl Tomlinson et. al. The same
 vs Nehemiah Carter et. al. The same
 Bills found vs Thomas Hunter Note
 vs John Smith and others
 Upon a writ of Certiori from the Supreme Court in which is said whereas
 William Baker hath ~~empeled~~ lately in your Court compleaded the afforesaid
 Mississippi Territory in the form of the said Court - on a way of forceable
 entry" vs ~~upon the Atterney~~

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Ordered by the Court that if there is any record of William Baker vs the
 Territory to certify the same into the Supreme Court accordingly
 Territory)
 vs) recognizances called out
 Jane Paterson)
 Territory) Nole Prosiqui fees paid (clerks &
 vs) attorneys)
 Isaac Guion)
 Territory)
 vs) Nole Prosiqui (Atty's fees paid)
 Thomas Hunter)
 Court adjourned
 Court Assembled Wednesday 5th present John Ellis Abram Ellis, William
 Kenner William Miller & George Cochran Esquires
 Territory)
 vs) Jury Impannelled and sworn vizt Thomas
 Thomas Regan) Hunter Ezekl Perkins, Abram Gaultney
 Daniel Grafton, Abram Horton, Israel Smith Hardress Ellis, Joseph Robinson
 Henry Phipps, Samuel Phipps Stephen Stephenson & John Raab
 John Walton - Moffat ~~sworn~~ A L Duncan sworn
 Verdict Guilty in Manner and form as in the Indictment Alledged motion for a
 new trial overruled Judgment the Defendant to be fined Sixty Dollars for the
 use of the Territory and to stand committed until Sentence be complied with
 and further Recommendations for License ---- James Smith recd all fees to
 find Surety for good behavior for one year and to pay all court of Peace Action
 Richd King
 Charles King
 Thomas Reed-

On Motion and affidavit affiled The negro William now in the Gaol of this County is ordered by the Court to be liberated upon the said negro paying the fees due to the Gaoler --

Court Adjourned

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Court assembled
Territory)
vs) Discharged at the cost of the Territory
Ann Martin)
Territory)
vs) Recognizance called out -
Andrew Plochet)
Court adjourned)
Court Assembled Friday 7th present John Ellis, Abram Ellis, William
Kenner and John George Cochran Esq^{rs}
Territory) Prayed for by the Defendant and appeal
vs) allowed on entering into the securities
Thomas Regan) required by law
Territory) Prisoner arranged pleaded not guilty
vs) Joinder Jury Impannelled and sworn vizt
Lawrence Miller) Thomas Hunter, David Gibson, Ezekiel
Perkins, Abram Gaultney, Randal Gibson, Daniel Grafton, Abram Horton, Israel
Smith, Hardress Ellis, Joseph Robinson, Henry Phipps, & Samuel Phipps
Nathaniel Tomlinson, John Shover, & George Dourman,
Verdict not Guilty Motion for a new trial, Granted
Territory) arraigned severally pleas not Guilty &
vs) Joinder Jury impannelled & sworn vizt
John Smith) John Scott, Nathan Tomlinson, William
Baker John Rob Nicholas Rob, Edward Willie Charles King Reuben Gibson
James McMullen, Fredrick Mann, Samuel Timberlake & Moses Starnes -
Antonio Figarro Cyrus March & Donnaly Verdict not guilty
Territory) Hugh Smith and the Defendant recognized
vs) in the sum of 200 each appearance at
Lawrence Miller) the Court tomorrow morning and not to
depart without leave of the Court motion for a new Trial

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Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace
November Term Eighteen hundred

Supervisors Appointed
Bayeau Sara
Henry Hunter Junr John Wall
Homo Chitto
Israel Luce, Joseph Dove

Second Creek
 Benjn Farar Simpson Holmes, Israel Smith, Robert Ford
 Sandy Creek
 Abram Martin, Saml Cooper, Willm Fletcher
 Town of Natchez
 Stephen Douglass, Christopher Lee - Issued
 St Catherines
 Jno Bingaman Israel Leonard Eln Dayton Ezekl Dewitt Joseph Calvit and
 Jonas Scroggins
 Territory)
 vs) recognizance of Hugh Smith discharged
 Lawrence Miller)
 Order of the Court that the overseer of the poor of the Town of Natchez to
 make the orphan boy John King an apprentice to Francis Nailor Carpenter for
 the Term & upon the conditions prescribed by law
 Territory) Defendant and Samuel Timberlake recog-
 vs) nized in two hundred dollars for the
 Lawrence Miller) Defendants appearance at the next Court
 of Quarter Sessions & Order of the Court, that an attested copy of the present-
 ments of this Term be forthwith transmitted to the Governor

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Docket	Quarter Sessions	November Term 1800
Bills		
Territory)	Plea not guilty	recognized 100 Dollr
vs)	Assault and Battery	
Thomas Regan)	John Walton, Evidence supoened	Verdict Guilty
Territory)	forceable entry, plea not guilty & joinder, recog-	
vs)	nized 250 Dollr. Edwd Hacket, Joel Dyer and John	
Wm Baker)	Kennard Evedence subpoenaed carried up to the	
Supreme Court by consent of the parties.		
Territory)	Forceable entry, plea not guilty & Joinder recog-	
vs)	nized 250 Dolls. Nehemiah Carter Nehemiah Carter	
Nathl Tomlinson et al)	Juno ^r et al Evidence Subpoenaed carried up to Su-	
preme Court by consent of the parties.		
Territory)	Assault, plea not Guilty & Joinder recognized 100	
vs)	Dollr Nathaniel Tomlinson & Luther Smith, evidence	
Nehemiah Carter et al)	subpoenaed carried up to the Supreme Court by con-	
sent of parties		
Territory)	Assault and Battery	recognized 100 Dollrs.
vs)	each David Fero Evidence subpoenaed --	
Wm Montgomery et al)	nolo prosique	
Territory)	Assault and Battery	
vs)	Lenoard Pomet, Evidence subpoenaed recognizance	
Andrew Floche)	called out Larceny	
Territory)	John Shaves Geo. Dourman & N Tomlinson evidence	
vs)	subpoenad Continued from November Term 1799	
Lawrence Miller)		
Territory)		
vs)	Evidence subpoenaed	recognizance called out
Jane Patterson)		

Territory	)	Continued from February Term 1800.	
vs	)		
Ann Martin	)	Evidence Subpoenad	Discharged
Recognizances			
of Capt Isaac Guion	Nolo prosique	Nehemr Carter Senr	
James Williams	Nolo prosique	Lewis Shelton	
John Wells	Discharged	Joel Dyer	
Andrew White		Nehenr Carter Junr et al	
Edward Hackett		Joseph Lindon et al	
John Kennard		James Clark	
Luther Smith		Margaret Williams	

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The Jurors of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory enquiring for the Body of the County aforesaid upon their oath present. That Thomas Hunter, late of the County aforesaid Black Smith on the twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred with force and arms at the county aforesaid in and upon one Reuben Denham in the Peace of the United States of America & of this their Territory then & there being, did make an assault and him the said Reuben Denham then and there, did beat wound and ill treat and other wrongs to the said Reuben Denham then & there did to the great Damage of the said Reuben Denham against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided & against against the Peace & Dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

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The United States to Hanah ~~Willten~~ Foster

You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside, you be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County of Adams on the first Monday in November ensuing to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there be tried wherein the Territory is plaintiff and Thomas Regan defendant on a charge of Assault & Battery And heredf fail not under the penelty of Fifty --- Dollars

Witness John Ellis Esquire said Justice of the said Court at Natchez this 3rd day of November 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

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The Grand Jury, fully impressed with a sense of the important duty they owe their County after the most mature deliberation upon the consequences which must result from the too hasty adoption of the second grade of territorial Government as it effects, the General Interest of the community do most hartily concur in the sentiment expressed in the presentment, of the respectable Grand Jury at the last supreme Court

We wish it to be remembered that we wholly disapprove of the hasty ill timed & indigested representation made to Congress by that self created committee and agent who counteracted the authority under which they pretended to act, It ought to be known that that committee chosen as they were consisted of thirty five members and that fifteen only took upon themselves to bring about a change of Government that involves this infant country in Taxes far beyond it capacity to bear, and if the evil be not remedied not only emigration to our country will cease depopulation will take place, That committee hastily called together by a few, we conceived assumed the authority in every respect by which they asked for a change of Government and in this supposition we are justified by the hand bill circulated for the purpose of changing them - Every citizen must perceive that no authority was given to the committee to ask for such a change even had the majority of them acted. But when the majority withdrew to avoid the violence of the minority, we must view that minority as a self created Body acting without authority.

At a time like this when our Infant country is on the verge of being burthind with an insupportable load of Taxes, totally imprepared to bear them, we earnestly recommend that our fellow Citizens would use every peaceable constitutional exertion to avvert the evil in its progress & request that the Governor transmit to the proper department every document relative to the subject and also state the real situation of the country as affected by this ill timed change of Government not doubting but Congress will Suspend the operation of the second Grade of Government, until it shall appear to be the wish of the majority of our fellow Citizens to have it applied ----- Natchez Adams County Novemb 5, 1800

Benjamin Farar foreman
J Parmill
Robt Moore
Wm Dunbar Inst
M. Stacpool
Wm Lewis

Nathan Swayze
Soloman Hopkins
Jeremiah Routh
Elias Fisher
Samuel Carnes
Richard Swayze

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List of Grand Jurors for November Term, 1800.

Robert Moore	James Kirk
Benjamin Farar	Maurice Stacpool
Edward Randolph	George Killian
Joseph Pannel	Nathan Swayze
Thomas Lovelass	Soloman Hopkins
William Lewis	Samuel Carnes 18
Jeremiah Routh 6	Elias Fisher
Daniel Ogden	Anthony Calvet
Isaac Gillard	Jehn Lark
Tompson Holmes	Richard Swayze
Esrael Smith	Will Bewman 24
John Robb	Andrew Beal
William Dunbar Meet 12	

I do certify that the above named persons have been duly summoned to attend as Jurors for November Term 1800

Lewis Evans Sheriff

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Thomas Wilkins and William Kenner Esquires Justices assigned to keep the Peace of the County aforesaid and also to hear and determine divers Felonies, Trespasses and Other Misdeeds, One of us being of the Quorum.

To the Sheriff of the same County Greeting -

On the behalf of the said County We Command You, that for any consideration whatever, you omit not to cause to come before us (or other Justices assigned to keep the peace and also to hear and determine divers Felonies Trespasses and other Misdeeds in the said county committed) on Monday the third day of November now next ensuing, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon of the same day at Natchez in the said County. Twenty four Good and Lawful men of the Body of the County aforesaid then and there to enquire Present do and Perform all and Singular Such things on the behalf of the said County as shall be enjoined them, Also that you make known to the Coroner, Keeper of the Gaol and constables within the County aforesaid that they be then and there to do and fulfill those things which by reason of their Offices shall be to be done. Moreover that you cause to be proclaimed through the said County in Proper Places the Sessions of the peace to be holden on the day and at the place aforesaid. And do you be then & there to do and execute those things which belong to your office and have you then and there as well the Names of the Jurors, Coroner, Keeper of the Gaol and Constables as also this Writ.

Given under our Seals at Natchez in the County aforesaid this twenty third day of October Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and the twenty fifth year of the Independence of the United States

Thomas Wilkins (seal)
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The Jurors of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present, That John Smith, late of the County of Adams aforesaid Carpenter William Smith, late of the same Carpenter, John Couch, late of the same, Taylor, John Glasbourn late of the same Taylor & James Herriid - late of the same labourer, on the second day of the present month of November in the year afere of our Lord one thousand & eight hundred with force & arms at the County aforesaid did unlawfully, riotously & routously assemble & gather together to disturb the Peace of the United States of America and of this Territory and so being then & there assembled & gathered together in and upon one Antonio Figueroa in the Peace of the said United States & of this their Territory then & there being unlawfully riotously and routously did beat wound and illtreat and other wrongs to the said Antonio Figuero then & there unlawfully riotously & routously did to the great damage of the said Antonio Figueroa and against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided and against the Peace & Dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory.

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present, That the said John Smith, William Smith, James Couch, John Glasboun and James Herriid on the said second day of November in the year aforesaid with force & arms at the County aforesaid in and upon the said Antonio Figueroa in the Peace

of the United States of America and of this their Territory then & there being, did make an assault on him the said Antonio Figueroa then & there did to the great damage of the said Antonio Figueroa & and against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided and against the Peace & dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory.

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The United States to Leonard Pomet

You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside You be and appear forthwith at the next Court of General quarter sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County of Adams on the first menday in ensuing to testify all, and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the Territory is plaintiff and Andrew Flochet Defendant on a charge of Assault & Battery And here of fail not under the penalty of fifty Dollars

Witness William Dunbar Esquire first Justice of the said Court at Natchez this 5th Day of August 1800

Peter Walker - Clerk

Nicholls

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The United States To George & Ann Aldridge

You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the first Monday in November next to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause nor depending & then and there to be tried wherein the United States is prosecutor and Nathaniel Tomlinson & others Defendants and hereof fail not under the penalty of fifty Dollars

Witness Bernard Lintol Esquire First Justice of the said Court, this

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Peter Walker - Clerk

Nicholls

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The United States to Isaac Carter & John Kennard

You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify all and singular whatever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried Wherein the United States is prosecutor and Nathⁿ Tomlinson & wife & Luther Smith Defendants on a charge of riot & assault & Battery and hereof fail not under the penalty of two hundred Dollars

Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire Second Justice of said Court this 16th day of October 1800

Peter Walker - Clerk

Nicholls

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The United States to Nehem^h Carter Sen^r and Nehemiah Carter Ju
 You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside You
 be and appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions to be holden in
 Natchez for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify
 all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now
 depending and then and there to be tried where in the United States is prose-
 cutor and Nathaniel Tomlinson & wife & L. Smith Defendants on a charge of riot
 & assault and Battery And here of fail not under the penalty of two hundred
 Dollars.

Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire Second Justice of the said Court this
 16th day of October 1800

Peter Walker, Clerk

Nicholls

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The United States to Edw^d Hacket Joel Dyer and Andrew White
 You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you
 be and appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions to be holden in
 Natchez for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify
 all and Singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now
 depending and then and there to be tried wherein the United States is prose-
 cutor and Nathaniel Tomlinson & wife & Smith defendants on a charge of riot
 & assault & Battery And here of fail not under the penalty of three hundred
 Dollars

Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire second justice of the said Court this
 16th day of October 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

Nichols

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The United States to Edw^d Hacket, Joel Dyers John Kennard
 You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you
 be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez
 for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify all and
 Singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in certain cause now depending
 and then & there to be tried wherein the United States is prosecutor and
 Killian Baker Defendant on a charge of riot & Assault and Battery and here of
 fail not under the penalty of three hundred Dollars.

Peter Walker Clerk

Nicholls

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The United States to Lewis Shelton, James Clark and Joseph Lindon, You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside You be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the United States is prosecutor and Nathaniel Tomlinson & wife & Luther Smith Defendants on a charge of riot Assault & Battery and hereof fail not under penalty of three hundred Dollars

Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire second Justice of the said Court this 16th day of October 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

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Know all men by all present that we James Smith and Thomas Lovelace are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full Sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods & Chattels, Lands and Tenements provided Default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our seals and Dated this 5th day of November 1800

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden James Smith Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent, then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force & virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

James Smith, (seal)
Thos Lovelace (seal)

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William Wells of lawful age appeareth and saith that sometime in the month of July last Negro William was committed to his care as Gaol Keeper of the prison for the County of Adams by a commitment under the hand & seal of Thomas Wilkins & George Fitzgerald esquires on suspicion of having Run away from his Master, that said negro did immediatly on his commitment declare that he was a free man that he had passed unmolested ever Since the late revolutionary War that nothing has appeared (not withstanding said negro was regularly advertised) to the contrary
Sworn to in open court this 5th day of November 1800

Test Peter Walker Clerk

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The United States to the Sheriff of the County of Adams Greeting
 These are to will and Require and in the name of the United States to charge
 and command you upon sight hereof to bring before us Justices of the Peace
 of the County aforesaid at the Sessions now holden at Natchez in and for the
 said County James Herrold if he be found in your County to answer to a bill
 of Indictment for a riot & assault & battery or if he cannot be found during
 the present session then to take the said James Herrold and him bring before
 us or some other of the Justices of the said County to find sufficient suri-
 ties for his personal appearance at the next Term of Quarter Sessions to be
 holden for said County then and there to answer to the same and all such mat-
 ters and things as shall be objected against him and hereof fail not upon the
 peril that shall, ensue Dated in open Court this fourth day of November one
 thousand eight hundred

Test Peter Walker Clerk

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The United States to the Sheriff of the County of Adams Greetings
 These are to will and require and in the name of the United States to charge
 and command upon sight hereof to bring before us Justices of the peace of the
 County aforesaid at the Sessions now holden in Natchez in and for the said
 County William Smith if he be found in your County to answer to a bill of In-
 dictment for an assault & battery or if he cannot be found during the present
 session then to take the said William Smith and him bring before us or Some
 other of the Justices of said County to find Sufficient Sureties for his per-
 sonal appearance at the next Term of Quarter Sessions to be holden for said
 County then and there to answer the same, and all such other matters and things
 as shall be objected against him. And hereof fail not upon the peril that
 shall ensue Dated in open Sessions at Natchez this fourth day of November
 one thousand eight hundred

Test Peter Walker Clerk

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The United States to John Walton -
 You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you
 be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez
 for the said County on the first Monday in November next to testify all and
 Singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain Cause now depend-
 ing and then and there to be tried. Wherein the United States is prosecutor
 and Thomas Regan Defendant on a charge of Assault & Battery and hereof fail
 not under the penalty of one hundred Dollars
 Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire Second Justice of the said Court this Sixteenth
 day of October 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

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The United States to Leonard Pomett
 You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside You be and appear at The next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the first Monday in November next to testify all and Singular Whatsoever has come to your Knowledge in a certain Cause now depending and then and there to be tried Wherein the United States is prosecutor and Henry Ploche Defendant on a charge of Assault and Battery and hereof fail not under the penalty of fifty Dollars
 Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire second Justice of the said Court this Sixteenth day of October 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

[123]

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of November A D 1800 came Peter Anthony & William McWilliam before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County and acknowledged themselves severally to owe and be indebted to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory for the time being to wit the said Peter Anthony One hundred Dollars & the said William McWilliams Fifty Dollars to be made and levied of their respective goods & Chattels for the use of the County aforesaid on condition however that if the said Peter Anthony shall & Both appear in his own proper person at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Natchez for the County aforesaid and shall then and there do and receive what shall be enjoined him by said Court and shall not thence depart without leave of said court and shall keep the peace in the meantime towards all the good people of the Territory and more particularly towards William Loan then this Recognizance to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me the date above written.

W^m Kenner

[124]

The United States to the Sheriff of the County of Adams Greeting
 These are to will and Require and in the name of the United States to charge and command you upon sight hereof to bring before us Justices of the peace of the County aforesaid at the Sessions now holden at Natchez in and for the said County John Smith if he be found in your County to answer to a bill of Indictment for an assault & battery or if he cannot be found during the present Session then to take the said John Smith and him bring before us or some other of the Justices of the County to find sufficient sureties for his personal appearance at the next Term of Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said County then and there to answer the same and all such other matters and things as shall be objected against him and hereof fail not upon the peril that shall ensue

Dated in open sessions at Natchez this fourth day of November one thousand and eight hundred

Test Peter Walker Clerk

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Know all men by these presents that we Chas. King and Peter Walker are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, Provided default or breach shall be made in the under written condition sealed with our seals and dated this fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Charles King shall well and truly keep a Good and orderly Public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory, and the spirit and intention of a Licence by about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our Hands and seals the Day and Year above written

Chas King (seal)
Peter Walker (seal)

[126]

The United States to Nathaniel Tomlinson & Luther Smith
You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify all and Singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a Certain Cause now depending and then and then and there to be tried Wherein the United States is prosecutor and Nehemiah Carter Defendant on a charge of riot & assault and Battery - and hereof fail not under the penalty of two hundred Dollars -

Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire second Justice of the said Court this 16th Day of October 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

[127]

The United States to David Fero -
You are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the first Monday of November next to testify all and singular Whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a Certain Cause now depending and then and there to be tried Wherein the United States is prosecutor and William Montgomery Wm Dalton Josph Parson Defendant on a charge of Assault and Battery and hereof fail not under penalty of one hundred Dollars

Witness Thomas Wilkins Esquire second justice of the said Court this Sixteenth Day of October 1800

Peter Walker Clerk

Nickolls

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Honorable
Justice of the Court of
Quarter Sessions
Adams County

Memorial of John Bolls a Citizen
[Page torn] County

Sheweth that early [Page torn] a
number of cattle was drove [Page torn] Territory into the Spanish do-
minion [Page torn] intending to emigrate [Page torn] it has come to your
memorialists knowledge that a number of said cattle are returning to the
County in a distempered condition which will greatly injure the Inhabitants
fer the County, he therefore prays this Honorable Court to make such regula-
tions touching the Premises as to your Wisdom seems meet
Mississippi Territory

Adams County
7th Aug 1799

John Bolls

We the Grand Jury recommend to the Honor^{le} court to take the most speedy and
effectual method to prevent this approaching evil -

Jesse Greenfield Foroman

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Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Tagles and William Lintol are
held & firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the
just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and
Chattels Lands and Tenements, provided default or Breach shall be made in
the under written condition, Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fourth
day of November one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden -
Joseph Tagles Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern according
to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit
and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency
Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain
in full force and virtue, Witness our hands and seals the Day and year above
writton

Joseph Tagles (seal)
Wm Lintol (seal)

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Know all men by these Presents that we Jeremiah Swayze Cory and John McCoy
are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in
the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and
Chattels, Lands & Tenements, provided default or Breach shall be made in the
underwritten condition Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fifth day of
November one thousand eight hundred

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Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Jeremiah Swayse Cory Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this Obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

Jeremiah Cory (seal)
John McCoy (seal)

[131]

Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Regan Samuel Timberlake and Polser Shilling are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successors in office in the sum of four hundred Dollars to be paid to the said Governor or his successors as aforesaid For which payment ~~of which sum~~ well & Truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, Executors and administrators, Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Regan shall well and Truly prosecute an appeal allowed to him from the Court of Quarter Sessions unto the Supreme Court in a case of Assault and Battery, with effect and perform the judgement, sentence & decree which the Supreme Court shall pass thereon, then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue

Signed and sealed	)	Thomas T. Regan	(seal)
in open court the	)	mark	
day & year above written	)	Sam Timberlake	(seal)
Peter Walker Clerk	)	Polser Shilling	(seal)

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Be it known that on the third day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven Hundred and ninety nine came John Dicks before me William Vousdan a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Adams and undertook in behalf of John Eldergill to be his special Bail in an action of Debt now depending in the Court of said County of Adams wherein Simon McKoy is Plaintiff and the said John Eldergill is defendant and in case the said John Eldergill shall be cast in the Action he shall pay and satisfy the Condemnation of the Court or surrender his body in custody or that he the said John Dicks will do it for him Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written

William Vousdan (Sl)

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Interrogatories to be administered to James Smith in the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Adams County, concerning a contempt supposed to be committed against said court

Ques by Att^o G^l

Imprimis Did you at any time (and where) compose and write certain letter or writing purporting to be a letter addressed to Mr John Ellis Esq dated 26th Day of Nov. 1800 and was the same to the effect or of the tenor of the following, that is to say (him the letter aforesaid)

answ. I did

Quesⁿ by Att^y Gen^l

Item - Did you send said letter or writing to the said John Ellis Esq. and by whom - Did you or did you not send said Letter to said John Ellis Esq by your son or servant, & when or about what time did you so send said Letter?

answ^r. I sent the letter to John Ellis Esq^r by my son either the day it was written or the day following

Quesⁿ by Def^{nt} Att^o

Item. Did you or did you not intend to treat the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Adams County contemptuously and to bring them into contempt and disrespect by said letter

Ans^w I did not

Territory	)	
vs	)	Attachment for contempt
James Smith	)	

Henry Hunt makes oath that James Smith

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams afore said enquiring for the Body of the Said County upon their oath present that William Smith late of the County of Adams aforesaid Carpenter, Andrew Robinson late of the same labourer and Daniel Bishop late of the same otherwise called John Bishop late of the same ~~Bricklayer~~ Bricklayer, being Rioters, Routors and Disturb-ers of the peace of the United States of America and of this their Territory on the sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one with force & arms, to wit, with sticks, staves and other offensive weapons, at the County aforesaid unlawfully riotously & routously did assemble and gather together to disturb the peace of the said United States and of this their Territory and being so assembled and gathered together one door of a certain dwelling house in the occupation & possession of Polly Moore and Jane Thomas then and there being did then and there unlawfully riotously & routously break and destroy, and other wrongs to the said ~~te~~ the said Polly Moore and Jane Thomas then and there unlawfully riotously & routously did, to the great damage of the said Polly Moore and Jane Thomas against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made, adopted, and provided and against the Peace & Dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory.

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath afore - aforesaid do further present That the said William Smith, Daniel Bishop otherwise called John Bishop and Andrew Robinson on the said sixth day of January in the year afore said with force & arms at the County aforesaid did unlawfully riotously and routously assemble and gather together to disturb the Peace of the United States of America and of this their Territory and ~~being then & there and~~ so being then and there assembled and being gathered together in and upon one Jane Thomas in the Peace of God and of the said United States & of this their Territory then & there being unlawfully riotously & routously did beat wound and ill treat and other wrongs to her the said Jane Thomas then and there unlawfully riotously and routously did to the great damage of her the said Jane Thomas against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided & against the peace & dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

L. Harding Att^o Gen^l

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Gentlemen -

You have heard the Testimony and the arguments for & against persons, little need be added by the Court breaking of the door has been fully proved if the Testimony is sufficient to Identify to you the persons that have committed the breaking in the persons at the bar and that the assault was committed upon Jane Thomas as said in the Indictment, You will send a Verdict Guilty; if the breaking only a verdict on the first Gilty count

We the Jury find the prisoners Guilty as charged in the Inditment
Patrick Foley Foreman

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Know all men by these presents that we Hugh McIntire and Thomas Lovelace are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the Just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our seals and Dated this fifth day of February one thousand eight Hundred and one.

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Hugh McIntire Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly House for retailing Liquors According to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and in spirit and intencion of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor of this Territory Sargent then this obligation to be void Otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the day and year above written

Hugh McIntyre

(seal)

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(seal)

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Know all men by these present that we John Courtney and Patrick Connely are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten Condition Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fifth Day of February one thousand eight hundred and one

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden John Courtney Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly house for the purpose of retailing Liquors according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

John Courtney (seal)
P. Connely (seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we William Rabb and John Rabb -- are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten Condition Sealed with our seals and Dated this fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and one

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden William Rabb Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly ~~publie~~ House for retailing Liquors according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor ~~Sargent~~ of this Territory Then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and Seals the Day and year above written

William Rabb (seal)
John Rabb (seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we William Rabb and John Rabb -- are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition. Sealed with our seals and Dated this fifth day of February oen Thousand eight hundred and one

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden William Rabb shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the

spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor of this Territory Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue, as witness our hands and Seals the Day and Year above written

William Rabb (seal)
John Rabb (seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we John Thomas and Hugh Smith are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the under-written condition Sealed with our Seals and Dated this 4th day of February 1801

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Thomas Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force & virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and Year above written

John Thomas (seal)
Hugh Smith (seal)

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To the Honorable Justice of The
Court of General Quarter Sessions for
Adams County

We the undersigned having for A number of years past experienced numberless difficulties and disadvantages from not having more direct and better roads laid off through our settlement leading to Natchez & do therefore Humbly petition the Honorable Court afores^d that a road may be laid off from John Cammacks through lands belonging to Stephen Stephenson thence through Coopers old field ~~and that~~ and that tract of land surveyed for P. Carradine and thence through that tract of land formerly belonging to Mr W^m Ratliff on the South fork of 2nd Creek and to intersect and the road leading to the upper part of Sandy Creek we further beg leave to the State to the Honorable Court that we do not deny the utility of the public road leading by Capt Farrar's, W Alexander's &^c Nor wish any alterations therein

We only plead our own and the publicks convenience by the road which we solicit the Hon^{ble} Court to grant us as above directed and your Petitioners As in duty bound will Pray & c ---

January 15th 1801
Stephen Stephenson
Samuel Heady
John Callehans

William Furlow
James Griffin
Isaac Erwin
Thomas Heath
John Fenton
Robert Shuffield
Willford Hoggatt
Joshua Howard
David Ferguson
Melling Woolley
Lewis Evans
Richard King
Samuel Cooper
Francis Nailer

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The Jurors of & for the County of Adams aforesaid enquiring for the Body of said County upon their oath present That Wiley Jones late of the County of Adams aforesaid, labourer, on the thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred one, with force and arms at the county aforesaid, one Gelding of a Chesnut sorrel colour of the price of Fifty Dollars of the Goods and chattels of one John Bolls, then and there found feloniously did steal, take and lead away against the form and effect of the Statute in such made, adopted and provided and against the Peace and Dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

L. Harding Attorney Gen^l

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Be it remembered that on the 7th day of January A D 1801 personally came before me the undersigned one of the justices assigned to keep the Peace for said County Polly Moore & Jesse Thomas, Spinsters, and Wm Price halter and acknowledged themselves severally indebted to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit

Polly Moore - Fifty Dollars

Jesse Thomas - Fifty Dollars

Wm Price - Fifty Dollars

to be made and levied from their Goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements respectively for the use of the Territory aforesaid - on condition however that if the said Polly Moore & Jesse Thomas shall make and duly appear before the Justices of the Court of Q Session for the County of Adams next to be holden & shall then & there give testimony on the part of Territory against Wm Smith Daniel Bishop & Andrew Robinson and shall not depart without leave of the said Court then this recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Taken & acknowledged the

Day & year above written

Geo Cochran

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Be it remembered that on the 7th day of January A D. 1801 personally came before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for said County W^m Smith & W^m Price & severally acknowledged themselves bound & owing to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office, to wit

The said W^m Smith one hundred Dollars

W^m Price fifty Dollars -

to be made & levied from their Goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements for the use of the S^d County On condition however that if the s^d W^m Luee Smith shall well and truly keep the peace & be of good behavior towards all & singular, the Good people of the Territory & especially towards Polly Moore & Jesse Thomas and shall personally appear before the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions next to be holden for the said County of Adams & shall do perform & receive what shall then & there be enjoined him by S^d Court & shall not depart without leave then this Recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Taken & Subscribed before me

the day & year first written

Geo Cochran

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Know all men by these presents that we James Smith John Dick & Reuben Denham are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be levied of our several goods and Chattels Lands & Tenements if default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and dated this ninth day of February one thousand eight hundred & one

Where as the above bounden James Smith has been sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for Adams County for a contempt of said Court to pay a fine to this Territory of Blank Dollars and Blank cents and to be Imprisoned for one month that is to say from the 9th day of present month until the 9th day of March next and after that time until said fine and costs of prosecution be paid and where as the said James Smith has prayed an appeal from said sentence to the next Supreme Court. Now the condition of the said this obligation is such that if the said James Smith shall prosecute said appeal with effect and perform the Judgment sentence and decree which the Supreme Court shall pass or make thereon in case such appellant shall have the cause decided against him, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

James Smith (seal)

Jn^o Dicks (seal)

Reuben Dunham (seal)

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To the Gaoler of the S^d County of
& the To any Constable thereof

You the said Constables are hereby Commanded to take the Body of John Conner Michel Doram & Patrick Thorton charged on the writ of Margaret Moore with having been guilty of riotous & disorderly behavior & there the said John Conner

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Patrick ~~Doram~~ Michall & Patrick Thornton deliver to the Goaler of the Sd County who is hereby required to take the Sd John Conner Michael Doram & Patrick Thornton unto his custody in the common goal & them safely keep until they shall be discharged by due course of law or until they shall find sufficient sureties for defence

Given under my hand & seal this 9th day of January 1801
Geo Cochran J P. (seal)

January 15th 1801 John Conner delivered by security
Lewis Evans Sheriff

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Be it remembered that on the 17th day of January A D. 1801 personally came before me the undersigned one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for the County aforesaid - Daniel Bishop and David Lockman and severally acknowledged themselves owing & bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successors in office to wit

The said Danl Bishop one Hundred Dollars

David Lockman Fifty Dollars

to be made and levied of their respective Goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements for the use of the County aforesd - On condition however that of the said Daniel Bishop shall well & truly keep the peace & be of Good behavior towards all & singular the good people of this Territory & especially Polly Moore & Jesse Thomas and shall personally appear before the Justices of the general Court of Quarter Sessions next to be held for the said County & shall do perform & receive what shall then & there be enjoined him by said court & shall not depart without leave of said Court then this Recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Taken & acknowledged before

the day & year first above written

Geo Cochran

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United States to the Sheriff of said County Greeting
We demand you and each of you To summon Pelly Meere Wm Dunbar, Jurors that all business being laid aside you & each the he of you Forthwith be and appear at the Court of General Quarter Sessions now sitting in the town of Natchez for the said County to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your his knowledge in a certain cause now depending and now and about to be tried where in the Territory is prosecutor and William Smith Daniel Bishop and Andw Robinson Defendant and hereof that he fail not under penalty of one hundred Dollars

Wittness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of said Court this 4th day of February 1801

Peter Walker Clerk

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Be it remembered that on the 22nd day June A D. 1800 came personally before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for the County afores^d Robert Gibson W^m Glascock and acknowledged themselves owing severally to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit

Robert Gibson one Hundred Dollars and
W^m Glascock one Hundred Dollars to be
made & levied off their goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements for the use
of the County afores^d. On Condition however that if the said Robert Gibson
shall keep the peace & be of good behavior towards all & singular the good
people of the said Territory and especially to a certain female of the Indian
Choctaw Nation & all others of the said Nation within the afores^d Territory
aforesaid and shall personally appear at the first Court of General quarter
Sessions to be holden ~~for~~ in the County afores^d and shall do & perform what
shall there be enjoined him by s^d Court and shall not depart without leave
of said Court then this recognizance to void or else to remain in full force

Taken & acknowledged before me the day & year first before written

Geo Cochran

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To the Honble the Court of Quarter Sessions

Now sitting for the County of Adams Job Routh overseer for the poor of Said
County in the Township of St Catherine respectfully Sheweth that John Bowden
an orphan aged about fourteen years may (from the circumstances of his being
an orphan & the additional one of an infirmity in one of his feet) become
chargeable to the County aforesaid - Your petitioner therefore prays Your
honours to make an order enabling him to bind as an apprentice the said or-
phan agreeably to the Territorial Law in that case provided. Feb 3rd 1801

Job Routh

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The United States to John May Andrew Bolls and John Farquhar Jacob Hallebach
You and each of you are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being
laid aside, you be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be
holden in Natchez for the said County of Adams on the first Monday in Febru-
ary ensuing to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge
in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the
Mississippi Territory is prosecutor and Wiley Jones defendant on a charge of
Horse Stealing

And hereof fail not under the penalty of one hundred Dollars

Witness John Ellis Esquire first Justice of the said Court at Natchez
this 31st Day of January 1801

Peter Walker Clerk

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United States of America, To the Sheriff of the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory Greeting

We command you that you cause to come before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden at Natchez in the County and Territory aforesaid on the first Monday in February next ensuing the Date hereof thirty two good and Lawful men of the body of your County being freeholders, to enquire, present, do and perform all and singular such things on behalf of the said County as shall be then and there enjoined them And have you then and there as well the names of those Jurors and also this writ

Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of the said Court this third day of January A. D. one thousand eight hundred and one and in the twenty fifth year of American Independence

Peter Walker Clerk

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Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Saxton and Abram Byrd are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars, to be levied on our Goods, and Chattels Lands and Tenements, provided default or Breach Shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and Dated this third day of February one thousand eight hundred and one.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Joseph Saxton Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern According to the true intent and meaning of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue, as witness our hands and seals the Day & year above written

Joseph Saxton (seal)
Ab^r Byrd (seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we John Rabb & Patrick Connely are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory, in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars, to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, provided default or Breach be made in the underwritten condition. Sealed with our seals and Dated this third day of February one thousand eight hundred and one

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Rabb shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as Witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

John Rabb (seal)
P. Connely (seal)

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To the Hon'ble the Court of Quarter
Sessions for the County of Adams
The petition of John Rabb of the
Town of Natchez & County aforesaid
respectfully Sheweth -

That your Petitioner owns in said town a House & appurtenances well suited for entertainment in the style of an Inn. He therefore prays your Honours to recommend him to his Excellency the Governor for as a fit person to be Licensed for that purpose and he further prays that he may be recommended for a Licence to admit in said House certain games enumerated in a Law in this case made provided & adopted or such of them as he may deem proper
Jan^y 30th 1801

John Rabb

(Granted)

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Know all men by these presents, that we John Rabb and Patrick Connely are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, provided default or breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and Dated this third day of February eighteen hundred and one

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Rabb Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hand and seals the Day and year above written

John Rabb
P. Connely

(seal)
(seal)

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Be it remembered that on the 7th day of January A D. 1801 came personally before me the undersigned one of the justices assigned to keep the peace for the S^d County And^w Robinson & Chas McBride & acknowledged themselves bound & Severally owing to the Gov. of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit

The said And^w Robinson One Hundred Dollars

Chas McBride Fifty Dollars

to be made and levied from their goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements respectively for the use of the Territory County aforesaid on condition however that

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the said And^w Robinson shall well & truly keep the peace & be of good behavior towards all & singular the Good people of this Territory & especially towards Polly Moore & Jane Thomas & shall appear in person at the next general Court of Quarter Sessions, to be holden upon the S^d County & shall perform & receive what then and there be enjoined him by said Court and shall not depart without leave of the Court then this recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Taken & acknowledged before me)
the day & year above written)

Geo Cochran

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To the Sheriff of the County of Adams
These are to will and require and in the name of the United States to charge and command you upon sight hereof to bring before us, Justices of the peace of the County aforesaid at the sessions of the peace, now holden at the Court house at Natchez in and for the said County the body of Andrew Robinson (If the Court shall be then and there sitting) or if not, before us, or some of the other Justices of the peace of the same County to find sufficient sureties for his personal appearance at this present session to answer the same: and all such other matters as on the behalf of the United States or this Territory shall be objected against him and if he cannot be taken during this present session, that then, so soon after as he shall be taken you bring or cause him to be brought before us or some other of the Justices of the S^d County to find sufficient sureties for his personal appearance at the next session of the peace to be holden for the said County to answer as aforesaid and further to be dealt with according to Justice. There of you are not to fail at your peril
Dated in open session at the Court house aforesaid, this 4th day of February
Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and one

Peter Walker Clerk

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Know all men by these presents that we James Whitehead and Benjamine Tyree are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition sealed with our seals and Dated this 4th day of February 1801

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden James Whitehead Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public house according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void Otherwise to be and remain in full force & virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

James Whitehead (seal)
Benjamine Tyree (seal)

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Be it remembered that on the fourteenth Day of January in the year of 1801 John Bolls and William Hopson of the County aforesaid came before me William Vousdan one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace within the said County and acknowledged themselves to owe to the United States (to wit) the said John Bolls, one hundred Dollars money of the United States and the said William Hopson in the sum of fifty Dollars of the like money each to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements to the use of said States if the said John Bolls and William Hopson shall fail in performing the condition underwritten

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above bounden John Bolls and William Hopson shall appear at the next Court of of Quarter Sessions to be held at the Town of Natchez on the first Monday of February next then and there to give their Testimony ~~answering~~ of what they know concerning Wiley Jones who is charged with stealing John Bolls' horse out of his Stable on the night of the 13th Instant, Then the said recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force

Acknowledged before me
William Vousdan

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At a Court of Gen^l Quarter Sessions held at Natchez for the County of Adams on Monday the 2nd day of Feb^y 1801

Present William Kenner & George Cochran Esq^{rs} there not being a ~~Quorum~~ of Justices ~~ner~~ and the Grand Jury not attending the Court opened and adjourned until tomorrow morning ten o'clock

Thesday 3rd present John Ellis W. Konner Ebe. Ellis & G. Cochran
 Grand Jury inpannelled and sworn viz.

Samuel Timberlake - Foreman
 David Callaham Robert Ford, Manuel Maddin Nath^l Tomlinson Thomas Reid
 Joel Bennet Gerard Brandon Israel Luce Job Routh John F White John Lintot
 Joseph Sessions, & Samuel Carnes

Recognizances from Geo Cochran Esq^r

Polly Moore Jerm. Thomas & Will^m Thomas

William Smith and William Price

Daniel Bishop and David Lockman

And^w Robinson and Chas McBride

D^o from William Vousdan

John Bolls and William Hopson

D^o from William Kenner Esq^r

Peter Anthony -

Evidence to the Grand Jury

Polly Moore, John Bolls William Hopson, Jacob Halliback James Mayer

On motion and affidavit affiled Court award an attachmont against James Smith of Buffalo Township in this County for a contempt offered to this Court
 Order of Court that the overseer of the poor for the Town of Natchez be

authorized to bind John Bouden, an orphan, an apprentice to William Mitchel for the term prescribed by law

Recommendations granted

for John Rabb ---- David Elderidge

for Peter Prestler -- John Thomas rec'd all fees.

James Whitehead - John Acres

William Collins - William Brooks, William Price

Joseph Saxton rec'd all fees

Territory

vs

Lawce Miller

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Nolo Prosequi

Charles King sworn as Constable

Bill found vs William Smith Daniel Bishop & And^w Robinson

Court adjourned

Wednesday 4th present. J. Ellis, A. Ellis & G. Cochran Esq^s

Israel Elliott Trask, admitted and sworn an Attorney

On motion of Robert Knox ordered by the Court that Wiley Jones be Discharged from prison where he had been committed on a charge of Horse Stealing the bill having been returned Ignored

~~Peti~~ on the petition of Israel Luce and others for a highway ordered by the Court that Evan Shelby be the surveyor and Archibald Palmer and Daniel Ogdén assistant

Territory

vs

William Smith

otherwise

John Bishop

and And^w Robinson

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Arraigned Plead not guilty Joinder

Jury Impannelled and sworn vizt

Patrick Foley, William Clark, Abner

Pipes Abram Martin Christian Harman

Adam Lanehart Mathew McCulloch Gedion

Hopkins Joseph Killian Sam^l Hancock,

Joseph Dove and George Killian -

Polly Moore & William Dunbar Jun^r sworn Verdict Guilty Judgment that the Criminals pay to the Territory thirty Dollars each further to pay all Costs & find sufficient sureties for good behavior for one year - Order of Court that John Acres be released from the office of Constable

Territory

vs

William Smith et al

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Judgment the Defend^t to be fined to

the Tery thirty Dollars each ~~for~~ on

the first Count of the Indictment

(the second being remitted) and to find sureties for good behavior for one year and to pay all costs

Order of the Court that a Mulatto Boy named Henry be bound by the overseer of the poor to Eben^r Rees Esq^r for the Term as prescribed by Law

Do for Mrs Cotty child to be bound to William Price

William Smith, John Bishop, Andrew Robinson, David Loughman & Charles McBride acknowledge that they Jointly and Severally owe to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office the just and full sum of two hundred & thirty Dollars to be levied of there respective Lands Tenements, Goods and Chattels, Conditioned that the above named William Smith John Bishop & or Andrew Robinson shall pay or cause to be paid into the hands of the Clerk of the Court Quarter Sessions for this County for the use of the Territory the sum of one hundred and fifteen Dollars & twenty five cents on or before the first Monday in May next

Court adjourned

Court opened Thursday the 5th

Court adjourned -

Court opened Friday the 6th Present John Collins, William Vousdan,
Abram Ellis and Geo. Cochran Esq^r

A petition having been presented to this Court by Stephen Stephenson and others praying that a highway be laid out according to the prayer of the petition, Granted and William Archinson appointed Surveyor & Anthony Hoggett and Isaac Alexander Assistants

Territory	)	Attachment for a contempt of Court
vs	)	Motion to quash the attachment
James Smith	)	Motion overruled

James Smith and Thomas Foster ~~Jointly~~ and severally acknowledge to owe to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory James Smith two hundred Dollars and Thomas Foster one hundred dollars condition that the said James Smith appears tomorrow morning at ten o'clock & not depart without leave of the Court

Court Adjourned

Court assembled Saturday 7th present John Collins, Abram Ellis Abram William Vousdan and George Cochran, Esquires

Territory	)	Thomas Foster discharged from his
vs	)	recognizance
James Smith	)	Henry Hunt sworn - John Ellis sworn-

Opinion of Court that the paper which is ~~a~~ the ground of this attachment, is a contempt of this Court

Samuel Sidney Mahon Esq^r admitted & sworn as Attorney in this Court

James Smith recognized for appearance on Monday himself in five hundred Dollars and Charles King in two hundred and fifty Dollars.

Court adjourned

Monday 9th Court assembled present John Collins, William Vousdan & Geo Cochran Esquires

Territory	)	Sentence of the Court that the prison-
vs	)	er pay a fine to this Territory of ten
James Smith	)	pounds sterling that is to say Doll ^s

[Blank] to be imprisoned one month, that is from the ninth day of the present month of February until the ninth day of March next ensuing ~~and after~~ ~~to~~ and pay all costs attending the prosecution and further at the end of the ~~end~~ of that Term to stand committed until ~~all~~ said fine and costs be paid. Appeal prayed allowed

John Connor Michael Boren and Patrick Thornton who were committed by Geo Cochran Esq^r ordered by the Court that they be liberated on paying costs

Court adjourned order of Court that the Kitchen of the Goal by finished at the expense of the County and the justice to point out the place where it is to stand.

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Be it remembered that a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace holden at the Court house at Natchez in and for the County of Adams on Monday the second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight

hundred and one, before John Collins and Abram Ellis and other their fellow justices assigned to keep the peace and also to hear and determine divers Felonies Trespasses and other misdeeds committed in the same County: Lyman Harding Esquire who for and in behalf of the Territory aforesaid prosecutes came into the said Court and brought into the same a certain writing in the following words to wit

"Sir, your most humble servant has always endeavored to Conduct himself in a line of decency in order to obtain The good will of his fellow Citizens and near neighbours in particular but I found it is to but little youce with sum of them as it is the Nater of them to Covit that of their Neighbour and hates to see Enne one do well but themselves and wish to Goster over or tram-ple underfoot the world if they could have it in their power. But having it in their hartt onely they keap breathing it out to their shame and discredit. Your fatherinlaw you know about eight years past began his devilmnt with me on account of my Lands which acasioned him to drownd with the the pot about his neck which I expect will be your end if you dont take care for I am satisfised that all your threats and undermining sceams is only to please the fammily in which you air connected and to satisfy their avidity Dis-possian for certain I am that was to ashore then that you was my friend that you wooled be Disspoised and hated as or wors than I am. thirty thousand Dollars more wold not Reconcile your wife with you it it was for this purpos that spoke to you to have an Hour or two talk with you to open your eyes and let you see in toime where in you mite be Drove into confewsion and per-haps not to be able to get out with honuers But your grate Hurry you was always in rendered it ilconvenient as you Said but I am apt to beleave it was your Exhoste prid or that you was afrade of afrunting your family if you made yourself to formilloir as to take an hour or two in conversation with me. My reasons for such beleaf is this as I have never Dun you an injury Nor give an afrunt Rongfully to one of your famonly. Therefore it must from the old grug that has so long lay in the breasts of the Collins and Pearceys. than enimes which I look on as coveting Liencefrir-ing Disposicioun which appears from your Decktion the last toime you was at my house you appeared mor friendly than I ever saw you before and as I am informed you was trespassing on my land at the same toime I dont know jis what you may think of it, But I think you have in sum degree parjud yourself in two cases if the Law of Territory Requests that a man on receiving a Majustrates Commission shold be sworn to do Justice and you was sworn thirby for in the first Instance when you was on your seate of Justis You redust the feredge of a man and Hors and not that of a fotman as You always Ride Nither did you inquire to know what incum of one of those trifling feryes when it was to to your own intrust you did not care wheather the Keeper cold live by it or not the secon you voiolated the Law in opening a Highway throu my land as I am informed which is not only braking an oth but the brakin a friendship of obliging Nabour that wished you all the Happyness in life if I have Dun you Enne Rong in either purson or property or Disbliging I shall take it as an act of friendship of you to inform me of it as a well intended Nabour aught to do. But I perceave you air foir from Enny thing that is just at present So I shal conclude my letter sir with informing you if Enny such thing can be that Charles Pearceys gost has Rizen and entered your Mortal Body for I thought I cold preceave His deception in you last Saturday so having that put me in moind of him. I am sir Yours

James Smith"

To Mr John Ellis Esqr - November 26 1800

Immediately following the fore going writing is the underwritten affidavit

"John Ellis Esquire maketh oath that to the best of his knowledge & belief
"the foregoing letter & signature are the handwriting of James Smith of the
Buffaloe township in the County of Adams and that the same was delivered to
this deponent by a son of the said James Smith

John Ellis

Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 3rd day of February 1801

Peter Walker Clerk

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United States of America

To the Sheriff of the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory
Greeting

We command you that you attach James Smith if he shall be found in your Coun-
ty & him have forthwith ~~witheut~~ bail or ~~main~~ price before the Justices of our
Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid now
holden at the Court House thereof in the town of Natchez in said County for a
contempt of said court in writing & speaking divers contemptuous words of and
concerning said Court and the ~~his~~ presiding Justice there of and to do & re-
ceive what our said shall Judge & word in the Premises - and hereof fail not
at your peril Witness Abram Ellis Esquire presiding justice of our said Court
in open Court the 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand and
eight hundred & one

Peter Walker Clerk

And thereupon the said Lyman Harding Esquire who prosecutes as aforesaid by
motion of the said Court prayed that an attachment against the said James
Smith for a contempt of the Court aforesaid in form of the said Court be is-
sued in order to compel the said James Smith to come before the Court here
to answer what the said Court shall object against him for the offence afore-
said; which being granted it was ordered by the Court that the following writ
issue for the purpose aforesaid

United States of America To the sheriff of the County of Adams in the
Mississippi Territory Greeting. L. S

We command you that you attach James Smith if he shall be found in your Coun-
ty and him have forthwith without bail or main price before the Justices of
our General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid now holden
at the Court House thereof in the town of Natchez in said County for a contempt
of said Court in

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Be it remembered that at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace
holden in the Courthouse at Natchez in and for the County of Adams on Monday
the [Blank] day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and one before John Collins and Abram Ellis and others their fellows Justices

assigned to keep the Peace and also to hear and determine divers Felonies Tresspasses and other misdeeds committed in the same County: Lyman Harding Esquire who for and in behalf of the Territory aforesaid prosecutes, came into same a certain writing in the following word - to wit.

(James Smiths letter)

Immediately following the foregoing writing is the underwritten affidavit
(John Ellis's affidavit)

And thereupon the said Lyman Harding Esquire who prosecutes as aforesaid by motion of the said Court prayed that an attachment against the said James Smith for a contempt of the Court aforesaid in form of the said Court be issued in order to compel the said James Smith to come before the Court here, to answer what the said Court shall object against him for the offence aforesaid which being granted it was ordered by the Court that the following writ issue for the purpose aforesaid

(Writ of Attachment)

upon which writ the sheriff made the following return

(Sheriffs return)

And thereupon the aforesaid James Smith in his proper person motioned to the Court that the aforesaid attachment be quashed and that he be discharged there from which motion being overruled it was demanded of the said James Smith if he would answer Gratis to such interrogatories as should be proposed to him which he consented and having been sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to give true answers to the same it was proposed to him the following words to wit

(Interrogatories)

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Whereupon all and singular the Premissess being considered and due deliberation being had there on it appears to the Court here that the foregoing Letter or writing is a contempt and that the said James Smith for the offence aforesaid be fined and pay to the use of this Territory the sum of ten pounds Sterling Vizt [Blank] Dollars to be imprisoned one month that is from the ninth day of the present month of February until the ninth day of March next ensuing and to pay all costs of prosecution and further at the end of that term to stand committed until the fine and costs be paid And thereupon the said James Smith (in virtue of a Statute of this Territory allowing of Appeals from the sentence of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said Territory unto the Supreme Court of the same) prayed that an appeal from the foregoing Sentence be allowed him, which being granted the said James Smith in open Court executed a bond with two sureties to wit John Dick and Reubin Dunham in the penal sum of five hundred dollars to be levied of their several goods and Chattels Lands and tenements and payable to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successors in office with the condition that the said James Smith prosecute his said appeal with effect and perform the Judgment Sentence and decree which the said Supreme Court shall pass or make thereon

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The foregoing is a true copy of the record and proceedings against James Smith for a contempt of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Adams In testimony whereof I, P.W. Clerk of the said Court have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Court aforesaid the twenty third day of March, A.D. 1801

Costs in the Court of Quarter Sessions - 15.76 $\frac{1}{2}$
 the foregoing copy of the records & proceedings) P. W C.C.G.Q.S.
 twenty one sheets at 8 cents p^r sheet)

1.68 Amounting on the whole
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Writing and speaking divers contemptuous words of and concerning said Court and the presiding Justice thereof and to do and receive what our said Court shall Judge and award in the premises

Witness Abram Ellis Esquire presiding Justice in our said Court in open Court this third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one

Sheriffs return - Cepi Corpus in Custody - Peter Walker Clerk
 D. Mickie D. S.

And there upon the aforesaid James Smith in his proper person motioned the Court that the aforesaid attachment be quashed and that he be discharged therefrom which motion being overruled it was demanded of the said James Smith if he would answer gratis to such interrogatories as should be proposed to him to which he consented and having been sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to give true answers to the same it was proposed to him in the following words to wit

Imprimis. Did you at any time (and when) compose and write a certain letter or writing purporting to be a letter addressed to M^r John Ellis Esq^r Dated 26th day of November 1800 and was the same to the effect or of the tenor following that is to say - (the letter as before recorded was read to the said James Smith verbatim)?

Answer I did.

Itim Did you send said letter on writing to the said John Ellis Esq^r and by whom - Did you or did you not send said letter to said John Ellis Esquire by your son or servant, and when or about what did you send said letter?

Answer I sent the letter to John Ellis Esq^r by my son either the day it was was written or the day following

Question by the Defendants Attorney
 Itim Did you or did you not intend to treat the Court of General Quarter Session of Adams County contemptuously and to bring them into contempt and disrepute by said letter?

Answer I did not.

Whereupon all and singular the premisses being considered and Due Deliberation being had thereon it appears to the Court here that the foregoing letter or

writing is a contempt and that the said James Smith for the offence aforesaid be fined and pay to the use of the Territory the sum of Ten pounds Sterling viz forty four Dollars and forty four cents To be imprisoned one month that is from the ninth day of the present month of February until the ninth day of March next ensuing and to pay all costs of prosecution; and further at the

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the end of that Term to stand committed until the fine and costs be paid And thereupon the said James Smith (in virtue of a statute of this Territory allowing of Appeals from the sentence of the Court of Common pleas & Quarter sessions of said Territory unto the Supreme Court of the same) prayed that an appeal from the foregoing sentence be allowed him which being granted the said James Smith in open Court executed a bond with two sureties to wit, John Dick and Reuben Dunham in the penal sum of five hundred Dollars to be levied of their several Goods and Chattels Lands & Tenements and payable to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successors in office with the condition that the said James Smith prosecute his said appeal with effect and preform the Judgement, sentenced and Decree which the said Supreme Court shall pass or make thereon

Which record and proceedings were returned into the Court of Quarter Sessions aforesaid, together with a writ procedures bearing date the twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one by which said writ it was commanded to the Justices of the Court aforesaid that they with what speed they could do proceed on the conviction & Judgement aforesaid, the appeal aforesaid in any wise notwithstanding - It is therefore considered by the Court now here that the conviction and Judgement aforesaid in form aforesaid made had and given be affirmed

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Lists of Jurors to attend at the next Supreme Court named by the Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions in Februry 1801

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Joseph Pannell | William Vousdan |
| Daniel Ogden | James Moore |
| W ^m Ogden | 20 William G. Foreman |
| John Ellis | Benijah Osmun |
| 5 John Collins | William Foster |
| Calib King | Anthony Hogatt |
| Isaac Gaillard | Thomas Wilkins |
| Philander Smith | 25 George Fitzgerald |
| William Dunbar (of Second Creek) | Joseph Sessions |
| 10 Charles Surget | Samuel Timberlake |
| Benjamine Farrar | Bernard Lintot |
| Abner Green | John Minor |
| Walter Burling | 30 David Ferguson |
| Adam Bingham | Abijah Hunt |
| 15 Ebenezer Rees | 32 George Overaker |
| Joseph Calvit | Issue Venire facias |
| James McIntosh | W ^m McIntosh |

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The County of Adams
To Molly Liphart - D^r

To raising an orphan Child by the name of James Knox for the Space of
two years D^s 100 --

She prays the Hon^{ble} Court to Grant her the above Sum or More of less as it
may think proper

Feb'y 2nd 1801

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Territory) May 20th 1801 for horse Stealing --
vs) committed Edward West recognizance in
William Woods) for their appearance as evidences
against Woods Francis Jones recognized in \$100 for the appearance of the
evidences.

Territory) June 12th 1801 for threatning Patrick
vs) Kirkpatrick with bodily harm, to destroy
David Kenedy) his property & burn his fences -
vs) Joseph Martinez bound in \$100. David
Joseph Martinez) Kenedy & G Williams Kirkwood in \$50
each For Joseph Martinez to keep the peace toward the said Patrick Kirkpatrick
and the good people of that Territory and that he appear at the first Court of
Quarter Sessions and not depart without leave and that Patrick Kirkpatrick pay
fifty eight cents costs and that Joseph Martinez pay Fifty eight cents cost -

Territory) July 27th 1801. For breach of peace
vs) committed on Peter Wallace Jacob
Jacob Facundus) Facundus - bound in \$100, David Nesbit
& William Miner sureties in \$50 each for his keeping the peace and his appear-
ance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

Territory) Taken by complaint of Jacob Oliver on
vs) suspision of his having stolen a Dirk-
Edward Williams) on examination said William confessed
himself guilty of the theft
27 July 1801
Samuel T Mahon Esq^r Recognizance for his appearance at next Court Quarter
Sessions in \$50

Samuel Brooks J P.

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County of Adams

To Peter Walker for services as Clerk
of the Court of Quarter Sessions

May Term 1800

Venire for the Grand Jury	33 1/3
Impanelling and Swearing Dto	33 1/3
Swearing three Constables	24
Dto seven witnesses to the Grand Jury	56

Territory	)	reading & filing Indictment	25	
vs	)	2 Subpoenas	16	
John King	)	Venire	25	
		Swearing two Juries	66 2/3	
		Do 2 witnesses & Constables	24	
		entering 2 verdicts	32	
		D ^o 2 Judgements	36	
		trial fee	33 1/3	
		recording & ^c	220	4.77 2/3

Territory	)	reading & filing Indict ^{mt}	25	
vs	)	Subpoena	8	
James Martin	)	Entering pannel & swearing Jury	33 1/3	
		Swearing 2 witnesses & constable	24	
		entering Defendants appearance	12 1/2	
		entering verdict	16	
		D ^o Judgment	18	
		trial fee	33 1/3	
		recording & ^c	192	3.87

Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
Sam ^l Sherman	)	3 subpoenas	24	
		entering defendants appearance	12 1/2	
		venire	25	
		entering pannel & swearing Jury	33 1/3	
		swearing 3 witnesses & constable	40	
		entering verdict	16	
		D ^o Judgment	18	
		trial fee	33 1/3	
		recording & ^c	192	4.19
		10 orders of Court		1.25
		discharging 2 recognances		25
				15.80 1/3

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Brot over			1580 1/3
August Term 1800			
venire for the Grand Jury		3	33 1/3
Paneling and swearing the same		32	1/3
Swearing 21 witnesses to the Grand Jury		168	
receiving and filing 20 recognizances		220	
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-	
vs	)	ment	25
Thomas Regan	)	entering defend ^t appear-	
		ance	12 1/2
	)	Taking his recognizance	50
		continuing cause	25
			112 1/2
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-	
vs	)	ment	25
Domingo Favro	)	entering defendants	
		appearance	12 1/2
		2 Subpoenas	16
		Venire	25
		entering pannel & swearing	
		Jury	33 1/3
		Swearing 3 witnesses	24
		swearing Constable	8
		trial fee	33 1/3
		entering verdict	16
		Do Judgment	18
		recording &c	192
			4.03
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-	
vs	)	ment	25
Joseph Mandos	)	entering defendants	
		appearance	12 1/2
		Subpoena	8
		Venire	25
		entering pannel & swearing	
		Jury	33 1/3
		Swearing witnesses &	
		constable	16
		Trial fee	33 1/3
		entering verdict	16
		Do Judgment	18
		recording &c	192
			3.79
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-	
vs	)	ment	25
William Baker	)	entering Defendants	
		appearance	12 1/2
		taking his recognizance	50
		continuing cause	25
			112 1/2

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Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
N Tomlinson et al	)	entering defendants		
		appearance	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		Taking their recognizance	50	
		continuing cause	25	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
Neh ^h Carter et al	)	entering Defendants		
		appearance	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		taking their recognizance	50	
		continuing cause	25	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
				32.97

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Brot over				32.97
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
Lawrence Miller	)	entering defend ^{ts}		
		appearance	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		taking his recognizance	50	
		continuing cause	25	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
Montgomery et al	)	entering defend ^{ts}		
		appearance	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		taking their recognizance	50	
		continuing cause	25	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
Territory	)			
vs	)	discharged his recognizance		12 $\frac{1}{2}$
David Foro	)			
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
Andrew Fletcher	)	continuing recognizance		
		& cause	25	50
November Term 1800				
Vonire for the Grand Jury				33 1/3
entering pannel & swearing D ^o				33 1/3
swearing 2 Witnesses to the Grand Jury				16
receiving & filing 3 recognizances				37 1/3
Territory	)	clerks fees as certified		
vs	)	into the Supre ^m Court	540	
W ^m Baker	)	from which deduct so much		
		before charg ^d	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	427 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Territory	)	clerks fees D ^o	540	
vs	)			
N. Tomlinson et al	)	from which deduct as above	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	427 $\frac{1}{2}$
Territory	)	Clerks fees as D ^o	540	
vs	)			
Neh ^a Carter et al	)	from which deduct as above	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	427 $\frac{1}{2}$
Territory	)	reading & filing Indict-		
vs	)	ment	25	
Thomas Hunter	)	entering nolo prosequ	25	50
Territory	)	recognizance called out	25	
vs	)			
Jane Patterson	)	recording D ^o	72	97
Territory	)	venire	25	
vs	)	two Subpoenas	16	
Thomas Regan	)	entering pannel & swearing		
		Jury	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	
		swearing 3 witnesses	24	
		D ^o Constable	8	
		Trial fee	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	
		entering verdict	16	
		D ^o Judgment	18	
		recording & ^c	160	
		entering appeal	16	
		Taking Bond	50	
		certifying record	80	4.78 $\frac{2}{3}$
				56.13

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Brot over				56.13
Territory	)			
vs	)	entering nolo prosequ	25	
Ann Martin	)			
Territory	)	calling out recognizance		
vs	)			
Andrew Flothet	)	and recording default		97
Territory	)	Venire	25	
vs	)	3 Subpoenas	24	
Lawrence Miller	)	entering pannel & Swearing		
		Jury	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	
		swearing 3 witnesses &		
		constable	32	

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	entering verdict	16	
	entering order for new trial	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	taking recognizance	50	
	continuing cause	25	218
Territory	) reading & filing Ind ^{ct}	25	
vs	) entering defend ^{ts} appear ^c	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
John Smith et al	) 2 Subpoenas	16	
	Venire	25	
	entering pannol & Swearing		
	Jury	33 1/3	
	swearing 3 witnesses &		
	constable	32	
	Trial fee	33 1/3	
	entering verdict	16	
	D ^c Judgment	18	
	recording & ^c	192	4.03
Entering 8 orders of Court			1.00
February Term 1801			
Venire for the Grand Jury		33 1/3	
Impameling & swearing D ^c		33 1/3	
Swearing 5 witnesses to the Grand Jury		40	
Receiving & filing 8 recognizances		100	
Territory	) Clerks fees as certified		
vs	) into the	850	
James Smith	) Supre ^m Court - record 21		
	sheets		
Territory	)		
vs	) nolo prosequi entered	25	
Lawrence Miller	)		
Swearing a constable		8	
entering 10 orders of Court		125	
		78.62 1/3	

Approved by the Court of Quarter Sessions
5th August 1801

W^m Konner

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At a Court of Quarter Sessions held at Natchez in and for the County of Adams on Monday the 4th day of May 1801
Present John Ellis, George Cochran & Sam Brooks Esquires

Grand Jury Impannelled and sworn vizt
John Bolls Foreman

Job Routh, Landon Davis, John Callahan, Ezekiel Dewitt Bonnet Truly, Christopher Miller, Benjamin Kitchen, John King, Stephen Stephenson, John Burney, David Holt, Benjamin Bell, Jonas Scoggens & Israel Leonard
Jurors

Court adjourned
Court assembled Tuesday 5th

Witness to the Grand Jury
Nancy Woods, Savannah Arnold, John Walton

Bill found vs Morris Custard
Bill found vs George W. Brown
Constables sworn - John Devoire, Andrew Robinson
Recommendations Granted
Andrews Robinson (recd all fees), Luke Whiting, Francisco Augustine.
(John Phipps)
David Kerr Esq^r admitted an attorney of this Court

Court Adjourned
Court assembled Wednesday 6th

Recognizance recd from Sam Brooks Esq^r
Recognizance Catherine Blundell - Recognizance Discharged

Territory	}	Recognizance called & forfeited
vs		
William Smith et al		

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At a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held at Natchez in and for the County of Adams, on Monday the fourth day of May one Thousand Eight Hundred and one, before John Ellis, George Cochran and Samuel Brooks Esquires. Pursuant to the Laws for the Inspection of Cotton and Cotton Gins for opening and regulating the "Highways and for constituting overseers of the poor," The following persons were appointed Inspectors of Cotton and Cotton gins, supervisor of the Highways and overseers of the poor for the several Townships within this County -- Ordered by the Court that the same be laid before his Excellency the Governor for his approbation.

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Town ships	Inspectors of Cotton & Gins	Supervisors of the Highways	Overseers of the Poor
Pine Ridge		Robert Dunbar	Samuel Marshall
St Catherine	Benijah Osmen John Bolls	Reuben Gibson Andrew Beal Will ^m B. Smith Ezekiel Dewitt and Polser Shilling	Gerrard Brandon
Town of Natchez	Will ^m Dunbar Jun ^r John Minor	Stephen Douglass & Christopher Lee	Samuel Timberlake
Second Creek	William Dunbar Esq ^r and Philan- der Smith	Benjamine Farar & Israel Smith Simpson Holmes & Robert Ford	Israel Smith
Sandy Creek		Joseph Ewin Abram Martin Joseph Ford Jun ^r Sam ^r Cooper and William Fletcher	Wilford Hoggatt
Homo Chito	Isaac Gaillard and Patrick Foley	Landon Davis Israel Luce and Joseph Dove	Thomas Cummins
Buffaloe & Bayeau Sara	Col ^o Henry Hunter and Thomas Dawson	Daniel Ogden John Wall and Henry Hunter Jun ^r	

A true Copy from the Minutes of said Court
Peter Walker Clerk

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To the Honble John Ellis Esquire & his associates now Sitting as a Court
of Quarter Sessions for the County of Adams

The petition of Andrew Robinson of Natchez afores^d shows that he has
having a House & other conveniences in S^d Town for keeper in an Inn or
House of Public entertainment he therefore prays this Honble Court to recom-
mend him to his Excellency the Governor as a fit person for such Licence
agreeable to the power Visited in the Court by the Statute of the Territory
& he as bound will pray &^c.

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of April Anno Dom. 1801 Catherine Blundell John Williams & Robert Alexander of the County aforesaid acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Governor of the said sd Mississippi Territory or his successor in office to wit the said Catherine Blundell in the sum of Fifty dollars and the said John Williams & Robert Alexander in the Sum of twenty five dollars each to be made & levied of their respective goods & chattels lands & Tenements to the use provided by Law- conditioned to be void however if the Said Catherine Blundell do and shall make her personal appearance before the Justice of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County aforesaid to be holden in Natchez within and for the Said County on the first Monday in May next to answer all such matters & things as shall be objected against her on the behalf of the Mississippi Territory and shall not depart Said Court without leave thereof and in the meantime shall keep the peace toward all the good people of said Territory especially toward John Holland Taken and acknowledged the day and year aforesaid before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for Adams County

Samuel Brooks.

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At a Court of Quarter Sessions holden at Natchez in and for the County of Adams on Monday the fourth day of May A. D. one thousand eight hundred and one before John Ellis George Cochran and Samuel Brookes Esquires.

Pursuant to a law entitled "a Law directing the manner in which money shall be raised and levied to defray the charges which may arise within the Several Counties" &c The following Estimate was made of the probable expence of a public nature for the Sd County for one year and ordered to be laid before the Governor and one or more of Territorial Judges for their approbation as the Law in such case directs

Work to be done on the Highways	Doll's
Coroners fees	600.
Goal Expences	150.
Clerk's prothonotary's, Sheriffs and Attorney Genls fees	300.
Work done to the present Court House	600.
Compensation to Grand Jurors', Witnesses & Constables	100.
Paupers expences	800.
Court House Rent	400.
Doctors bills for paupers and prisoners for 2 years	200.
Removing and finishing the Kitchen for the Goal	200.
Compensation to the Treasurer and Sheriff for their	400.
Commissions of collecting and paying the amt of their	
Estimate	4:12.
	<u>4162.</u>

From which Deduct for the Supposed amt of Licence &c	Doll's	1000.
Nt amount to be Raised in the County	Doll's	<u>3162</u>

A true copy Peter Walker. Clerk

Approved Jun 8th 1801

By John Steele Secretary Executing the Power of Governor of the Mississippi Territory

Approved also by

Seth Lewis
Chief Justice
3rd July 1801

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We the Grand Jury of Adams County Present as a grievance that the roads and Bridges in the County are in a Wretched Situation complaint has often been made to the Honorable Court for Bridges to be built over the St. Catharines, but as yet, we find it has been entirely neglected.

We present the Supervisor of the roads for the town of Natchez for not having done his duty the Streets of Natchez are almost impassible Several Wagons and Carts have been overset in the Streets from this neglect. We Seriously recommend that a fund be immediatly raised for the relief of the Poor and Indigent of the Township of St Catherines without which it is to be apprehended the Supervisor will not be responsible for the charge that will necessarily accrue in the execution of his office

We also present as an evil, that there are several negroes who have permission from their masters to hire themselves by paying their masters a certain price, those slaves we conceive a Nuisance in as much as they encourage and countenance every species of vice

We present also ~~in a government~~ that, that part of the Law (entitled a Law for opening & regulating the highways which imposes a fine of fifty cents per Day on Delinquents and applies the same to the Supervisors own private use a grievance... We therefore recommend that the Law be altered or amended by the Legislature so that each person neglecting to work on the highways (being lawfully warned) be fined in the sum Sufficient to hire some other person to work in his stead and that the Supervisor apply it as such

We Present as a grievance, that the Patroll Law, has not been carried into such execution as ~~unfair~~ the Law Directs

John Bolls. foreman

We present John Akers four Keeping of a Billiard Table without Lisons and Selling of Likor by the Small

John Bolls. foreman

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The Jurors of the Mississippi Territory of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams, in the Territory aforesaid upon their oath present, That John Overaker late of the County of Adams aforesaid on the tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & one and on divers other days & times after the tenth day of February in the year aforesaid & before the taking of this Inquisition, at the County aforesaid then and during any time aforesaid not being nor having been recommended by the Justices in their Court of General Quarter Sessions

of the Peace for the County aforesaid to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory aforesaid for his Licence to expose permit or suffer to be played at any billiard Faro E. O. hazard or other gaming tables by reason where of money or other property should be betted, Won or lost or whereby he the Said John Overaker should derive any benefit or advantage ~~as a~~ in money or other property as a consideration for permitting others to play or bet thereon and in the County aforesaid and Without any lawful authority Licence admittance or allowance of the Governor of the Territory aforesaid to expose permit or Suffer to be played at any billiard Faro E. O. hazard or other gaming tables by reason whereof money or property should be betted won or lost or whereby he the Said John Overaker Should derive any benefit or advantage in money or other property as a consideration for permitting others to play or bet there at, in the County or Territory aforesaid did take upon himself to expose & permit and Suffer to be played at in the dwelling house in his tenure & possession a billiard Table whereby by reason whereof money was betted won & lost and whereby he the Said John Overaker did derive benefit in money as a consideration for permitting others to play & bet there of and that the said John Overaker then & there did expose, permit & Suffer to be played in the dwelling house in the his tenure & possession of the ~~as a~~ a billiard Table by reason whereof money was betted won & lost and whereby he the Said John Overaker did derive benefit in money as a consideration for permitting others to play & bet thereof against the form and effect of the Statute in Such case made adopted & provided & against the Peace & dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

L. Harding
Att^o Gen^l

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Be it remembered that on the 18th Day of May A.D. 1801 came personally before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for the County afores^d Joseph Quilgle and Domingo Lorero and acknowledged themselves severally owing to the Governor of the Missⁱ Territory or his successor in office to wit

The said Joseph Quilgle one Hundred ~~100~~ Dollars & Domingo Lorero one Hundred Dollars To be made and levied of their goods & Chattels Lands & tenements for the use of the County afores^d on condition however that of the said Joseph Quilgle shall well & truly keep the peace & be of good Behavior towards all & Singular the good people of this Territory especially toward his Wife Mary for the Space of six months then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force

Taken & acknowledged before me the day & year first before written
Geo Cochran

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United States of America To the Sheriff of the County of Adams in the
Mississippi Territory Greetings

We Command you that you cause to come before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden at Natchez in the County and Territory aforesaid on the first Monday in August next, ensuing the date hereof Thirty two good and Lawful men of the Body of your County being freeholders to enquire, present, do and perform all and singular such things on the behalf of the said County as shall be then and there enjoined them. And have you then there as well the Names of those Jurors as this writ.

Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of the said Court this seventh day of July A.D. one thousand eight Hundred and one and in the twenty sixth year of America Independance

Peter Walker C.C.G.Q.S.

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At a Court of Quarter Sessions hold at Natchez on Monday the 3rd
of August 1801

Present Joshua Howard William Kenner Samuel Hancock Samuel Brooks
Esqrs

Grand Jury Impannelled and sworn Vizt

Richard King, Foreman

George Killian, Abram Gaultney Ezekiel Dewitt John Spires Randall Gibson
Dan^l Rainer Francis Nailor Nathaniel Tomlinson Patrick Foley. Benjamin
Kitchen Cador Naby & John King

Territory

vs

John Overaker

)
) Nolo Prosequi
)

Recognizances received & filed

Patrick Connely from Sam^l Hancock Esq^r

Edward West from Sam^l Brooks Esq^r

Abijah Elmore from Do

David Kennedy from Do

Joseph Martinez from Do

Jacob Fecundus from Do

Edward Williams from Do

Evidence to the Grand Jury

Peter Wallace Joseph Ford Hezekiah Williams

Martin Hendelider Darius Moffatt Sam^l Brooks Esq^r

Recommendations for Licence Jacob Fecundus James Finlay Tavern & B Table

Chas McBride licence for a Tavern & Billiard Table

Mrs McCabe - Francisco Augustini for Do & Do

Domingo Leraro ... Isclas --- Juan Vidal John Lusk

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Court assembled Tuesday 4th present Joshua Howard Sam^l Hancock &
Sam^l Brooks Esqrs

Order of the Court that the overseer of the poor for the Town of Natchez bind
the following poor children to the persons following Elizabeth Shuts to Sam
Shed Timberlake

William Shuts to Thomas Regan

Alex^d Shuts to the same

Mary Eveson to Patrick Connely

Territory

vs

Robert Gibson

Territory

vs

Thomas Hutchins

Territory

vs

William Lattimore

Territory

vs

Edward Williams

) Recognizance called
) all fees pd Atty Gen^l 1 Doll^r
) to go to the County Treasury

) recognizance called out

) recognizance called out

) Bill found Criminal arraigned
) to which he plead guilty Judgt that

the criminal restore the goods stolen & the value to the owner and pay a fine
of twelve Doll^s to the Territory and all costs of prosecution & to stand
committed until sentence be complied with Samuel Mahan Esqr recognized in the
Sum of one hundred Dollars for the Culprit Complying with the above sentence.
Bill found Vs Ebenezer Dayton

" Vs Jacob Ficundus

" Vs Thomas Ryan

" Vs William Tyler

Bench Warrts Prayed

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Court adjourned

Court opened Wednesday 5th present William Kenner Sam^l Hancock &
Sam^l Brooks Esqrs

Major Lewis Moore over seer of the poor for the Town of Natchez

John Arnold Thomas Lovelace appointed constables.

Territory

vs

Jacob Fecundus

) plea not guilty Similiter
) Jury Impannelled and Sworn vizt
) John Rabb, Stephen Stephenson,

Christopher Miller, David Kennedy, Thomas Wilson, John R. Wyley, Hardress
Ellis, Joseph Dove, William Hunter,

Peter Wallace Sworn Will^m Minor Sworn Sam^l Brooks Esqr

Samuel Hancock Esqr Guilty sentence to be fined twenty Doll^{rs} & costs of
Security for the peace for 6 months & to stand committed until paid

John Arnold Sworn a Constable

Territory	)	
vs	)	Continued until next-February Term
Thomas Regan	)	
Territory	)	
vs	)	Continued until next Term on a plea
Ebenezer Dayton	)	of not guilty

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Territory	)	recognizance Called out & forfeited
vs	)	remitted David Nesbit & William Minor
Jacob Fecundus	)	as securities for the said Fecundus,
called out & forfeited remitted		
Territory	)	Thomas Regan recognized to appear
vs	)	at the next Term in 100 Dollrs
Ebenezer Dayton	)	
Territory	)	ordered to take the disposition of
vs	)	Isaac Ward 5 days notice to be given
Thomas Regan	)	to the Atty Genl
Territory	)	Defend ^t & Hardress Ellis recognized
vs	)	to keep the peace for six Months
Jacob Fecundus	)	penalty 100 Dolls Each

Order of the Court that the Sheriff be authorized to contract with Doctor Pendergrass to attend on the prisoners in the County goal, and paupers of this town of Natchez & its environs as physicians for the space of one year for which Services the Doctor is to receive Eighty Dollars
Nathaniel Harrison sworn a Constable

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The Jurors of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams in said Territory upon their Oath present That Ebenezer Dayton, late of the County aforesaid ~~Gentleman~~ Yeoman on the fifth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & one with force & arms at the County aforesaid one cow of a black & white colour & each ear of said cow cropped of the price of twelve dollars of the proper goods & Chattels of one Tomazina Said Sigvult then & there found, feloniously did steal take & drive away against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided & against the peace & Dignity of the United States of America & of this their Territory

L. Harding, Att^o Genl

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To the Sheriff of the County of Adams
These are to will and require and in the name of the United States to charge and command you, upon Sight hereof to bring before us Justices of the peace of the County aforesaid at the Sessions of the peace now holden

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at the Courthouse at Natchez in and for the said County the body of Jacob Fecundus (if the Court shall be then & there sitting) or if not before us, or some other of the Justices of the Peace for the same County to find sufficient Sureties for his personal appearance at this present Session to answer the same and all such other matters as on the behalf of the United States or of this Territory, shall be objected against him and if he cannot be taken during the present Sessions that then so soon after as shall be taken you bring or cause him to be brought before us or Some other of the Justices for the Said County to find Sufficient Sureties for his personal appearance at the next Session of the peace to be holden for the said County to answer as aforesaid and further to be delt with according to the Justice - Thereof you are not to fail at your Peril - Dated in open Sessions at the Court House aforesaid this 4th day of August A.D. one thousand Eight hundred & one

Peter Walker, Clerk

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Know all men by these presents that we Frans^{co} Augustini & Michael Crowzatt- are held and firmly bound unto the Governor the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition, Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fourth day of August Eighteen Hundred and one

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Fransisco Augustini shall Well and truly keep a good and orderly House for retailing Liquor according to the true intent and meaning of the Law of this Territory and the Spirit & intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void Otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue Witness our hands & Seals the Day and Year above written

Francesco Agustini (seal)
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Know all men by these presents that we Charles McBride and Jacob Fecundus are held and firmly bound into the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the Just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods & Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our Seals and dated this fourth day of August one thousand Eight hundred and one

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Charles McBride shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern & Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor

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Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as Witness our hands and seals the day and year above written

Charles McBride (Seal)
Jacob Fecundus (Seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we Francisco Isclas & Domingo Lorero are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the Just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars, to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition, Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fourth day of August one thousand Eight hundred and one

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Francisco Isclas shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the Spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor Sargent Steele then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force & virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and year above written

Fran^{co} Isclas (Seal)
Domingo Lorero (Seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we John Overaker & Lewis Evans are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Land and Tenements, provided Default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our Seals and dated this ~~sixth~~ fourth day of August one thousand eight Hundred and one

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Overaker Shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern & Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Law of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and Seals the Day and year above written

Test John Overaker (Seal)
Thomas Overaker Lewis Evans (Seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we Francisco Augustini & Michael Crowzitt are held and firmly bound into the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full sum of three Hundred Dollars to be levied on their Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten Condition Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fourth day August Eighteen hundred and one

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Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Francisco Augustini shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency Governor Sargent then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and seals the Day and Year above written

Francisco Augustini (seal)
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Mississippi Territory
Adams County Court of
General Quarter Sessions
August Term 1801

Before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the County aforesaid came Prissilla Connelly and after Being duly sworn declares and saith that on the evening of the 24th Instant she the said Prissilla was violently assaulted by Patrick Connally notwithstanding the said Patrick had been that day previously bound over in a bond of recognizance for his good behavior untill Court, and for his keeping the peace towards the people of this Territory but especially towards her the said Prissilla as witness my hand and seals this 25th day of July A D. 1801

Sam^l Hancock Seal

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Be it remembered that on the morning of the 24th Instant upon the oath of Prissilla Connelly a warrant issued against Patrick Connelly for an assault and battery made by the said Patrick Connelly upon the said Prissilla by virtue of said Warrant as will appear reference being had to the return made on said Warrant by the Constable.

The said Patrick Connelly and David Nesbit did on the said 24th day of July A D 1801 personally appeared before we the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace of said County and acknowledged themselves Bound, and severally to owe to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory or his successor in office To wit

The said Patrick Connelly	150 Dollars
the said David Nesbit	50 Dollars
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The said Sums to be respectively made and levyed on their several goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements for the use of the County aforesaid on condition however that if the said Patrick Connelly shall keep the peace and be of good behavior ~~teward~~ towards all and singular the people of this Territory and more especially towards Prissella Connelly of the said County and shall personally appear at the next general quarter Sessions of the peace in and for the County above said to do and receive what shall then be enjoined him by the said Court and shall not depart without leave there of from the said Court then this recognizance to be void or else remain in full force and virtue In testimony of which I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal this 24th July A D 1801

Saml Hancock

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Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace August Term Eighteen hundred & one

The Jurors of the Mississippi Territory of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory aforesaid upon their oath present That Jacob Fecundus late of the County aforesaid Inn keeper on the twenty fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and one with force & arms at the County aforesaid in and upon one Peter Wallace (Then being one of the Constables of said County in the peace of the United States of America and of this their Territory and in the due execution of his Said office then & there being) did make an assault and him the said Peter Wallace then & there did beat wound ~~wound~~ and illtreat and other wrongs to the said Peter Wallace then & there did to the great Damage of the said Peter Wallace against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted & provided and against the Peace & dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory.

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the said Jacob Fecundus on the said twenty fifth day of July in the year aforesaid with

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With force and arms at the County aforesaid in and upon the Said Peter Wallace in the Peace of the United States of America and of this their Territory then & there being did make an assault & him the said Peter Wallace then & there did beat wound and ill treat and other wrongs to the said Peter Wallace then and there did to the great damage of the said Peter Wallace against the ~~peace & dignity~~ of the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided and against the Peace and dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

L. Harding Att^o Genl

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Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace August Term Eighteen hundred & one

The Jurors of the Mississippi Territory of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams in the said Territory upon their oath present That Edward Williams, late of the County aforesaid labourer on the fifteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight hundred and one with force and arms at the County aforesaid one dagger Commonly called a Dirk of the value of eight six dollars of the proper goods and chattels of one Lieutenant Parkerson then & there found feloniously did steal take and carry away against the form & effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided and against the peace & dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

L Harding Att^o Gen^l

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To Peter Walker Dr

for extra services as prothonotary and Clerk of G. Q. Sessions

Doll^s Cents

To commission for the commissioners and assessors the necessary extracts from the Laws for their Guide 347 sheets	27 76
Certifying copies and recording	3 00
25 Supervisors of the highway their commissions & the necessary extracts from the Laws for their Guide 234 27/72 sheets	18 74
certifying copies & recording	2 50
Overseers of the poor for 1801 commissions & 27 sheets	2 16
certifying & recording	1 00
Copies and Certify & recording County Estimate	1 00
for receiving and paying into the Treasury 2021 doll ^s being the amount of License & fines to the County for 2 years.... 2021	
Doll ^{rs} @ 5 pr ct	101. 5
	Doll ^s 157.21

To my acct in the Court of Quarter Sessions audited August Term 1801	78 62 1/3
Court of Common pleas August Term	235 83 1/3
Order of Court that a certificate issue in favor of Peter Walker for the above sum	

William Vousdan
William Kenner

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Court of Quarter Sessions August Term:
We the Grand Jury present Thomas Martin Tavern keeper For keeping a disorderly House

Richard King, Foreman

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Adams County

To Mary Oliver Dr To Boarding & taking care of old Fernan
3 months @ 15 from the first Monday in May to the first
Monday in August

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I certify that Mrs. Oliver Is entitled to three months Board fee as Stated
above.

Given under my Hand & Seal

Sam Timberlake

Adams County 1801

To Sam Timberlake for 6 yrds linnen furnished to cloth old
Fernan

for cash pd Clarky Voss for Fernan

7 50

2 00

9 00

Sam^l Timberlake proved his acct
in open court 13th Aug 1801
Peter Walker Prothy

Rd Notice L. Harding
Approved 13th August
Sam Hancock
James Ferrell
Lewis Moore

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Know all men by these presents that we Jacob Fecundus & Charles
McBride are held and firmly bound with the Governor of the Mississippi
Territory in the just and full sum of three hundred dollars to be levied
on our goods and chattels Lands and Tenements provided default or Breach
shall be made in the underwritten condition Sealed with our Seals and
Dated this fifteenth day of August one Thousand eight hundred and one

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above
bounded Jacob Fercundus shall well and truly keep a good and orderly public
House according to the true intent and meaning of the Law of this Territory
and the spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from
his Excellency the Governor ~~Sargent~~ then this obligation to be void other-
wise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and Seals
the Day and year above written

Jacob Fercundus, Seal
Chas McBride, Seal

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Be it remembered that on the 1st day of June A D 1801 came personally
before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for the Sd County
Wm Latimore & James Ferrall who acknowledged themselves severally to be
owing to the Governor of the Mississippi or his successor in office to wit

The said Wm Latimore Two hundred & fifty Dollars and James Ferrall
Two hundred & fifty Dollars to be made of their goods, & Chattels Lands
& Tenements for the use of the county aforesaid on condition however that
if the said Wm Latimore shall well & truly keep the peace to be of good

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behavior toward all & singular the good people of the Sd Territory until the first Court of General Quarter Sessions to be holden for the County aforesaid then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full force

Taken & acknowledged before me the day & year first above written
Geo. Cochran

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The United States to the coroner of the County Adams Greetings

You are hereby Commanded to summon Lewis Evans, Esquire that all business and excuses being laid aside ~~yea~~ he be and appear at the present court of General Quarter Sessions ~~to be~~ now holden in Natchez for the said county ~~in the first Monday of next~~ to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to ~~yea~~ his knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the United States is prosecutor and Ebenezer Dayton Defendant and hereof fail not under the penalty of one hundred Dollars.

Witness John Ellis, Esquire Justice of the said Court

This 5th day of August 1800

Peter Walker. Clerk

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To the Sheriff of the County of Adams

These are to will and require and in the name of the United States to charge and command you upon sight hereof to bring upon us Justices of the peace of the County aforesaid at the Sessions of the peace now holden at the Courthouse at Natchez in and for the said County the body of Ebenezer Dayton (if the Court shall be then and there Sitting) or if not, before us, or some other of the Justices of the peace for the same County, to find Sufficient Surities for personal appearance at this present Session, to answer the same and all such other matters as on the behalf of the United States or this Territory Shall be objected against him and if he cannot be taken during the present Session that, then so soon after as he shall be taken, you bring or cause him to be brought before us or some other of the Justices for the said County to find sufficient Surities for his personal appearance at the next Session of the peace to be holden for the Said County to answer as aforesaid and further to be delt with according to Justice. Hereof you are not to fail at your Peril. Dated in open Sessions at the Courthouse aforesaid this fourth day of August A D one thousand and eight hundred & one

Peter Walker. Clerk

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Adams County August 5th 1801

Patrick Foley & Patrick Connerly acknowledged themselves each bound in the Sum of Fifty Dollars for the appearance of Ebenezer Dayton at the Court of Quarter Sessions on this day

Sam^l Brooks. Just^o Pacis

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Dear Sir

the bearer Peter Wallace is deputised to execute a writ to me directed
 of the the Territory Vers Ebenezer Dayton
 Natchez 4 August 1801

Melling Wolley Coroner
 Lewis Evans. Esq^r

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To the Sheriff of the of Adams

These are to will and require and in the name of the United States to
 charge and command you upon sight hereof to bring before us Justices of the
 peace of the County aforesaid at the Sessions of the Peace now holden at
 the Courthouse at Natchez, in, and for the Said County the body of William
 Tyler (If the Court shall be then and there setting) or if not before us or
 some other of the Justices of the peace for the same County to find suffici-
 ent surities for his personal appearance at this present Session, to answer
 the same and all such other matters as on behalf of the United States or
 this Territory Shall be objected against him; and if he cannot be taken dur-
 ing the present Sessions, that then so soon after as he Shall be taken, you
 bring or cause him to be brought before us or some other of the Justices for
 the said County to find sufficient Surities for his personal appearance at
 the next session of the peace to be holden for the said County, to answer
 as aforesaid, and further to be delt with according to Justice. Here of you
 are not to fail at your peril Dated in open Sessions at the Court house afore-
 said this fourth day of August Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and one
 Peter Walker, Clerk

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United States to the Sheriff of said County Greeting

We command you that you summon Martin Hinderlider and Darius Moffat and
 each of you that all business and excuses being laid aside you they and each
 of you them forthwith be and appear at the present Court of Quarter Sessions
 now sitting in the town of Natchez for the Said County to give evidence to
 the grand Jury to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your Know-
 ledge in a certain cause now depending and then there to be tried wherein De-
 fendant and that hereof they fail not under the penalty of one hundred Dollars
 each Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of the said Court this 4th
 day of August 1801

Peter Walker. Clerk

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United States to the Sheriff of the County of Adams Greeting

We command you that you summon Elizabeth Shunk Elizabeth Duncan and each
 of you that all business and excuses bring laid aside you, and each of you
 forthwith be an appear at the Present Court of Quarter Sessions now sitting
 in the town of Natchez for the Said County to testify all and singular whatso-
 ever has come to your knowledge in a certain

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cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the Mississippi Territory is prosecuter and Ebenezer Dayton Defendant. And here of fail not under the penalty of one hundred Dollars Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of Said Court this 5th day of August 1801

Peter Walker. Clerk

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United States to the Sheriff of Adams County Greeting

We command you that you summons Alex^{dr} Montgomery Esq^r, Isaac Corey, Prosper King & each of you that all business & excuses being laid aside you & each of you forthwith be and appear at the present Court of Quarter Sessions now Sitting in the town of Natchez for the Said County to testify all and singular whatever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the Mississippi Territory is prosecutor and Ebenezer Dayton Defendant and hereof fail not under penalty of one hundred Dollars Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of the Said Court this 5th day of August 1801

Peter Walker. Clerk

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United States to the Sheriff of Adams County Greeting

We command you that you summons Cassy Dur, W^m Barland, Patrick Connely and each of you that all business and excuses being laid aside you & each of you forthwith be and appear at the present Court of Quarter Sessions now Sitting in the town of Natchez for Said County to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried, wherein the Mississippi Territory is Prosecutor and Ebenezer Dayton Defendant, And hereof fail not under penalty of one hundred Dollars Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of the Said Court this 5th day of August 1801

Peter Walker. Clerk

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The United States to the Sheriff of said County Greeting

You are hereby commanded that you summon James Howard that all business and excuses being laid aside you he be and appear at the next Court of present Court of Quarter Sessions now Sitting to be held in Natchez for the Said County of Adams on the first Monday ensuing to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your his Knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein The Territory is prosecutor and Eben^r Dayton Defendant on a charge of And hereof fail not under the penalty of fifty Dollars Witness John Ellis Esquire first Justice of the Said Court at Natchez this 5th day of August 1801

Peter Walker. Clerk

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List of Jurors to Attend at the Next Supreme Court: Named by the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions in August Term 1801

1 William Ogden	David Burney
Frederick Kimble	25 John Burney 20
Thomas Dawson	Isaac Alexander
Edward Randolph	Wilford Hoggatt
Thomas Lovelace 5	Abraham Martin
Zachariah Smith	Robert Munson
Richard Butler	30 Sam ^l Hancock 25
Robert Sample	Robt Dunbar
Rheubin Dunham	Stephen Duglass
10 Hugh Davis 10	Major Moore
Landon Davis	James Bosley
Nehemiah Carter Sen ^r	John Spires 30
Jesse Carter	Benjamin Kitchens
David Mitchell	Richard King 32
15 Jesse Greenfield 15	
Abraham Ellis	Issue Venire Facias
Thomas Foster	
James Foster	

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Court of Quarter Sessions Adams County May Term 1801

The subscriber maketh oath that one of his horses lately from Cumberland has strayed away from him two nights ago & that he is afraid he shall loose him unless the Court will excuse his attendance as a Jurymen John Cammack Sworn & subscribed in open Court 5th May 1801

Peter Walker

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By Abram Ellis one of the Justice assigned to keep the peace in and for the County aforesaid

To ~~any lawful constable~~ the Shoriff of Adams County
Whereas complaint hath been made to me upon the oath of John Cooper of the County aforesaid Overseer that Arthur Cobb Planter of the Territory aforesaid Did in the month of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, Violently assault, shoot wound and ill treat him the said John Cooper in the Territory aforesaid

These are therefore to command you in the Name of The Territory aforesaid forthwith to apprehend the said Arthur Cobb and to Bring him before me or some other Justice of the peace in the said county to answer unto the said complaint and to be further Dealt with as the law Directs. Given under my hand & seal the 22 Day of July 1799

Abram Ellis J. P. (Seal)

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Know all men by these presents that we Jeremiah Corey and John McCoy are ~~are~~ held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory in the just and full Sum of three hundred Dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, provided default or Breach shall be made in the underwritten Condition, Sealed with our Seals and Dated this fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and one

Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden ~~Isaac~~ Jeremiah Cory shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Public House according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Territory and the Spirit and intention of a Licence by him about to be obtained from his Excellency the Governor ~~Sargent~~ then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue as witness our hands and Seals the Day and Year above written

Jeremiah McCoy (Seal)

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Be it remembered that on the 28th October A.D. 1801 Joseph Willis of the County afs^d and Samuel Heady & Samuel Cooper of the Said County came before me Joshua Howard one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in the Said County and acknowledged that they are indebted to the Governor for the time being or to his successor in office that is to say Joseph Willis in the sum of five hundred dollars lawful money of the U. S. and the said Samuel Heady & Samuel Cooper each in the sum of two hundred & fifty Dollars of like lawfull money upon their goods & Chattels Lands and tenements severally to be levied if default shall be made in the condition underwritten

The condition of the recognizance is such that, if the above bound Joseph Willis shall personally be

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and appear before the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace on Monday the 2nd of Novr next insuing and Shall then & there Pressecute Alexander Johnston for a certain Felony committed by the said Alexander Johnston upon the property of the said Joseph Willis then this recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Taken & acknowledged before me the day and year above written

Joshua Howard

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List of Petit Jurors for Nov^r Term 1801

Rob ^t Ford	John Perkey
Barton Hannon	Joseph Ford
Charles Cason	Jonathan Guice
John Bolles	Jesse Hooper
James Bolles	Absolam Griffin
Tho ^s Tylor	Soloman Hopkins
Joseph Sessions	Benj ⁿ Holmes
John Long	

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The Jurors of the Mississippi Territory of the United States of America in & for the County of Adams in said Territory enquiring for the Body of said County upon their Oath present that Alexander Johnson late of the County of Adams aforesaid labourer on the twenty fifth day of ~~November~~ October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one with force and arms at the County aforesaid one Gelding of a bay Color of the price of one hundred Dollars of the goods & Chattels of one Joseph Willis then & there found feloniously did steal take & carry lead away against the form and effect of the Statute in such case made adopted and provided and against the Peace and Dignity of the United States of America and of this their Territory

L. Harding Att^o Gen^l

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We the Grand Jury for the Body of the County of Adams Within the Mississippi Territory at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for November Session 1801 Upon our Oaths present as a Grievance That there is no Public road laid out & as such kept in repair from the Settlement about the residence of Thomas Foster to the Cole Creek road for the people of that settlement to pass to public Gins, Mills, and Merkit

We the Grand Jury aforesaid in like manner present as a grievance The want of a bridge over Saint Catherine Creek on the public road leading from Natchez to Second Creek by the way of Halfway hill, where the bridge formally was made and the ruinous state of that road from the bondary of Second Creek to Natchez

We the Grand Jury aforesaid in like manner further present as a Grievance the want of a bridge over Saint Catherine Creek on the public road near the house of William B. Smith and the bad state of that road from the boundary of Second Creek to Natchez

We the Grand Jury aforesaid in like manner do further present as a grievance that a road is not made on the North Side of Homochitto from the public Ferry near Abram Ellis Esq^s to the upper New Orleans road where it passes through above the Jersey Settlement above the Mandamus line

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We the Grand Jury aforesaid do furthermore present as a more general public grievance that well expressed and precisely fixed limits & bounds are not ~~expressed~~ mentioned within the instructions & commission sent to each Supervisor naming & describing the particular roads within his Township which he is to take Charge of and the bounds within which the Inhabitants are to be required to work on such roads as the want of all which has left some Supervisors so far in the dark with regard to their duty and how to divide the tasks between Supervisors and the inhabitants that in some places nothing has been done on the roads by any of them

We the Grand Jury aforesaid do also further present in like manner as Grievances that the Laws made for the regulating of Weights & Measures & the regulation of Slaves, and against selling Liquors to Indians are not carried into effect and that the roads in the town of Natchez in a runious state

We the Grand Jury aforesaid in like manner furthermore present as a grievance that no laws or regulations are made to prevent them from using & having Dogs as by the use of Dogs, Slaves are enabled to devour Swine & other Stock to the great injury of the public

Israel Smith, Foreman

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List of Grand Jurors for the November Term 1801. Present

George Killian	Nath ^l Tomlinson
Abram Gaultney	Patrick Foley
Ezekiel Davitt	Bing ⁿ Kitchen
John Spires	Richard King
Randal Gibson	Cador Naby
Daniel Rainer	John King
Francis Nailor	

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We the Grand Jury for the Body of the County of Adams within the Mississippi Territory at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for November Session in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and One Are Upon our Oaths Present Robert Moore of the Town of Natchez in said County of Adams Merchant. For that he the said Robert Moore feloniously did on the Twenty Sixth Day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and One upon a Land Tryal then had within Said County of Adams before the Supreme Court of this Territory in a suit wherein he the said Robert Moore was Plaintiff and Phebe Culvit alias Phebe Dayton was defendant he the said Robert Moore did offer in Evidence and as such did feloniously Shew forth exhibit and lay before the Said Trial a certain sealed writing purporting to be a Patent or Grant of and Title for a Lot of Land lying within Said Town of Natchez which writing by him so exhibited he then know bore an antedated & false Date which was 10 January 1795 which antedate had been made by and with the knowledge and concert of

him the Said Robert Moore with intent and design to Defraud her the said Phebe and to render of no value other writings Under seal purporting to be Titles for the same Land bonafide made and with a true Date which was 24th October 1795 in favour of said Phebe of the value of One Thousand Dollars and that the Said Robert Moore for the felonious purpose and fraudulent designs afore mentioned did on the day afore mentioned knowingly willfully fraudulently and feloniously show forth exhibit and offer in Evidence the Said false dated writing upon Said Trial and thereby did fraudulently and wrongfully cheat & by Such fraud & cheat he did recover Said Land of the Value of One Thousand Dollars, contrary to Law and against the Peace of this Territory
Israel Smith, Foreman

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Be it remembered that on the 9th day of September A D 1801 James Steadman of the County afs^d and Maj^r David Ferguson of said County came before me Joshua Howard one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in the said County and acknowledged that they are Indebted to the Governor for the time being, or to his successor in office, that is to say James Steadman in the Sum of one Hundred dollars lawful money of the U. S. and the Said Maj^r David Ferguson in the sum of fifty Dollars of like Lawful Money on their goods and chattels Lands and Tenements Severally to be levied for the use of the Territory afs^d If default shall be made in the condition underwritten

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above bound James Steadman shall by himself, or by his certain Attorney be and appear at the Court of general quarter Sessions of the peace to be held for the County afs^d at the Court House the first Monday in Nov^r next and there & answer to such matters causes and things as shall be objected against him by the States Attorney; and shall moreover keep & preserve the peace towards James Drips (in particular) and well as the good people in general of the Territory afs^d This this recognizance to be void of no effect otherwise to remain in full force & virtue

Takne & acknowledged before me
the day & year above written

Joshua Howard J. P.

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United States of America

To the Justices of the Court of general quarter of the peace in the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory Greeting

Whereas James Smith of the County of Adams aforesaid by an appeal did lately remove into our supreme court of the Territory the record of an attachment conviction and Judgment with all things touching the same had before you or some of you against the said James Smith for a certain Contempt to and of

said court of general Quarter Sessions of the peace committed by the said James Smith Nevertheless for certain reasons especially moving we command you & every one of you that on the attachment conviction & Judgment aforesaid against the said James Smith with what speed you can you proceed in such manner as according to the Laws & customs of the land you shall see proper to proceed the appeal aforesaid in any wise notwithstanding, Witness The Honorable Seth Lewis Esquire chief Judge in and over the Territory aforesaid this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & one and in the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the twenty sixth

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Be it remembered that on the 9th day of September A. D. 1801 James Drips of the county afsd and James McMullen of said County, came before me Joshua Howard one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in the said County and have acknowledged that, they are indebted to the Governor for the time being or to his successor in office that is to say James Drips in the sum of one Hundred dollars lawful money of the U S and the said James McMullen the sum of fifty dollars of like Lawful money on their goods and chattels, Lands and Tenements & severally to be levied for the use of the Territory afsd if default shall be in the condition underwritten

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above bound James Drips shall by himself or by his certain attorney be and appear at the court of general Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held for the county afsd at the court House on the first Monday in Nov next and then & there answer to such matters cause & things as shall be objected against him by the States attorney and shall moreover keep & preserve the peace towards James Steadman in particular as well as the good people in general of the Territory afsd Then this recognizance to be void and of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue

Taken and acknowledged before me the day & year first above written

Joshua Howard J. P.

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United States of America

To the Sheriff of the county of Adams in the Mississippi Territory
Greeting

We command you that you cause to come before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden at Natchez in the county and Territory aforesaid on the first Monday in November next ensuing the date hereof thirty two good and lawful men of the body of your county being free holders To enquire, present, do and perform all and singular such things on the behalf of the said county as shall be then and there enjoined them and have you then there as well the names of those Jurors as this writ.

Witness John Ellis Esquire presiding justice of the said court to this seventh day of October A D Eighteen hundred and one, and in the twenty sixth year of American Independence

Peter Walker Clerk.

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The United States to Lewis Evans Esqr Sheriff of A County you are hereby commanded that all business and excuses being laid aside you be and appear at the next court of Common Pleas Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said County on the Wednesday next after the first Monday in November ensuing to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge in a certain cause now depending and then and there to be tried wherein the United States is plaintiff and Ebenezer Dayton is Defendant and hereof fail not under the penalty of one hundred Dollars

Witness John Ellis

Esquire first Justice of the said Court

This 30th day of October 1801

Peter Walker Prothy

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United States to the Sheriff of said county Greetings

We command you and each of you that you summon Alex^r Montgomery Esqr & Tomasina Sigvalt that all business and excuses being laid aside you they and each of you them be and appear at the next court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in Natchez for the said county on the first Monday in November next ensuing to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to you their knowledge in a certain cause now depending, and then and there to be tried where in the Territory is prosecutor and Ebenezer Dayton Defendant and that hereof they fail not under the penalty of fifty Dollars each witness John Ellis Esquire presiding Justice of the said court this 29th day of October 1801

Peter Walker Clerk

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United States to the sheriff of said county Greeting

We command you and each of you that you summon John Erwin that all business & excuses being laid aside you and each of you he be and appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden in the town of Natchez for the said county on the first Monday in November next ensuing to testify all and singular whatsoever has come to your knowledge a certain cause now depending and then and there be tried whereen to give evidence to the Grand Jury then & there to be Impaneled Defendant and that hereof he fail not under penalty of fifty Dollars witness John Ellis Esquire presiding justice of the said court this 29th day of October 1801

Peter Walker Clerk

PRESENTMENTS OF THE GRAND JURY OF ADAMS COUNTY¹

At a Court of general quarter Sessions held for the County of Adams on the sixth day of June in the year 1799--

We the grand Jury for the County aforesaid present that whereas a law directing the manner in which money shall be raised and levied to defray the charges which may arise within the several Counties is in several instances oppressive and may be attended with the most baleful consequences--We consider it as an imposition upon the good Citizens of this Territory and protest against the same in the manner following--

1st We the grand Jury aforesaid consider it as a great grievance to the good people of this Territory that a law should be passed to assess and levy a tax on the County of Adams previous to the census of the people being taken

2d We present as a great grievance that the amount of the sum proposed to be levied should be vested in the Governor and one Judge alone--We present as a very great grievance the present ruinous State of the roads and bridges throughout the whole of this Territory to the great injury of an industrious and civilized people and furthermore that money should be levied for the purpose of repairing said roads and bridges which can be much more easily effected and less burthensome by the manuel labor of the male inhabitants and negroes as was the custom heretofore practised--

3d We present as a very great grievance the want of a white man for an indian Interpreter which has hitherto been effected by a negro slave to the great shame of a free and independent people--

4th We present as a grievance that Commissioners should be appointed and vested with a power of valuing the property of the Citizens of this Territory and adding an unlimited per Cent thereon--

5th We present as a grievance that lands which may be sold that are the property of none residents may be attended with baleful consequences to the purchasers by it being afterward proved they belong to the united States when they are only allowed a reimbursement of the purchase money with interest--a compensation by no means adequate to having put buildings thereon to the amount perhaps of some thousand dollars exclusive of other improvements--

6th We present as a grievance that the Inhabitants of this Territory may be subject to great impositions by being liable for the appearance of hireling lodgers and sojourners residing in their house at the time the Commissioners are taking a list of the names of such people who may elope or absent themselves without their previty or knowlege

1. Clarence Edwin Carter (ed.), The Territorial Papers of the United States, Volume V, The Territory of Mississippi 1798-1817, Washington, 1937, pp. 63-66.

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7th We present as a grievance that any Sheriff in this Territory should be vested with power according to the eight section of a law passed to levy a tax for defraying the expences of the same in each County to comit any Citizen of said Territory to the common gaol without sufficient proof of his or their default and without complaint warrant or commitment

8th We present as a grievance that an unlimited time is allowed to the Assessors to make out their assessments which may swell their accounts to an enormous sum and thereby become burthensome to the good people of this Territory--

9th We present as a grievance that qualified persons are not appointed to visit and examine the several public and private cotton gins throughout this Territory as the success and prosperity of this Country chiefly depend upon our particular care and attention to that valuable branch of agriculture and to prevent any frauds and neglects in preparing it for exportation--

10th We present as a grievance that any person should be vested with the sole power of contracting on their own terms for the erecting of the public buildings in this Territory and proper persons be not appointed as Commissioners to examine their accounts and inspect the said buildings during the time of their erection on failure of which great frauds may be committed to the manifest injury of the good citizens of this Territory.

11th We present as a manifest grievance and a nuisance the great number of idle and disorderly people who assemble and meet at the different public houses in the town of Natchez on sabath day particularly during divine service to the interruption of well disposed christians and to the great encouragement of vice profaness and immorality--

12th We also present as a grievance the want of attention in the Inhabitants of the town of Natchez in suffering negro slaves & playing about the fences of the out lotts at cards dice and chuck penny upon the above day--

13th We present as a grievance that the Citizens of this Territory should be ameanable to any law of the same previous to the publication thereof as thereby many good people may be injured thro ignorance who have been guilty of a breach of the same--

14th We present as a very great grievance the impositions daily practised upon the good Citizens of this Territory particularly the poor & ignorant part thereof by not having the weights & measures properly regulated and established by law--

15th We present as a great grievance the number of hogs which are suffered to run at large thro the town of Natchez to the great injury & annoyance of the Inhabitants thereof--

16th We present as a grievance the taxing of batteaux and boats carrying above twenty barreles as it will thereby prevent the freighting our produce & necessaries to and from New Orleans in our own boats to the manifest injury of our own people employed in that line--

Presentments of the Grand Jury of Adams County

17th We present as a grievance the want of a proper place for a market within the town of Natchez and the necessary buildings which are requisite for the same--

18th We present as a great grievance the gaol having been erected upon the spot where it now stands as it will manifestly be attended with great expence & inconvenience to the public in furnishing the same with wood & water and other necessaries for the maintenance of prisoners when a place more central healthy & less expensive can be had

19th We present as a grievance that the Citizens of this Territory should be taxed according to limits and not according to number or property which may tend to the great injury of the poor and other good and faithful Citizens of the same

20th We present as a great & enormous grievance that a code of laws said now to exist in this Territory have been framed by people not acquainted with or who did not pay that attention to the local circumstances and interest of the good people of this Territory that they required--particularly the section wherein no term was allowed for removing their negroes out of the spanish Territory into this of the united States--to the great injury and ruin of a number of many of it's Inhabitants--whereas had a number of men of abilities and experience been consulted an exception in that case would have been provided And we the grand Jury as the guardians of the good people of this Territory humbly conceive & assert that the situation and circumstances of this Territory at the commencement was intirely different from any other ever yet formed within the united States and ought therefore to enjoy every indulgence as a free people It was not a matter of choice our coming into this Territory as belonging to the united States--We were found here by them a useful industrious and we flatter ourselves not an unenlightened set of people much prejudiced in favor & wishing to become subjects of the U States a people descended from the same stock possessed of the same principles and animated with the same desire of freedom and expecting to enjoy in the fullest extent the same preveliges and immunities in common with the rest of our fellow Citizens--We remark that in the formation of new Territories heretofore made the Inhabitants may be said to have had a vote in the government of them as they consisted of Individuals immigrating from the several different states of the union all of which are represented in Congress--they knew that laws of such nature were to exist they had the choice as before observed of going into or staying out of said new Territory--Whereas we the good people of this Territory have no alternative not even the opportunity of being advised with a privilege always enjoyed by us heretofore when subject to a despotic government and to honor & benevolence of that govt it can be proven that the voice of the Inhabitants generally regulated the operations of government in what respected their own immediate concerns 21st We totally disapprove of the unexampled oppression and enormous fees demanded by law for licences in particular--which supasses any thing ever yet heard of 22d We know from woeful experience that imperfections & impositions with their attendant concomitants apathy cruelty & oppression in time prevail in the wisest & best of governments and we are sorry to find that ours even in its present infancy is fetching large strides to attain that disgraceful & fatal period which it is our duty as guardians of the people of this Territory to prevent with that dignity energy and spirit becoming a free people--at the same time we think it incumbent on us to acknowlege our

loyalty & attachment to government with zeal & firmness & determined resolution to support and defend it with our lives & fortunes--In testimony of which we have hereunto subscribed our names--Sutton Banks foreman & others

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