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[12 March 1788]

Henry Myers vs Jonathan Gilbert. Ordered to be Discontinued at Pltfs Cost.

Saml Ewing vs Boling Bishop. In Trespass. The Parties Mutually Submitted the Determination of this Suit to John Hunter, Saml saxon, James Montgomery & Robert Hanna as Arbitrators and Agreed their Award thereupon should be made a Judgment of this Court, the same was Ordered accordingly.

Edwerd Garrett vs Charles Puckett. In Debt. Discontinued at Pltfs Cost by Consent.

Saml Dilrumpel vs Saml Bydston. In Detinue. Discontinued at Pltfs Cost.

Nathan Camp vs Joseph Mayhon. In Debt. Ordered (by Consent of the Parties) that a Commission Issue to three Justices of the Peace in the State of No Carolina to examine and take the Deposition of James Brock a Witness for the Plaintiff and Make a return, the s'd Commission Together with a Certificate of their proceedings Sealed up to next Court Givinge the Adverse party Legal Notice of the time & place of their meeting and examination of the s'd James Brock &c.

Thomas Elliott vs David Burn. In Debt. Discontinued by Consent at Pltfs Cost.

Wm Bailey vs John Cargill. Attachment. Discontinued by Consent at Pltfs Cost.

John Blackwell vs John Milam. Trespass. By Consent this Suit is Ordered to be Dismist. Each party paying their own Cost.

Page 221: Wadsworth & Turpin vs Abraham Neighbours. In Case. By Consent this suit is Ordered to be Discontinued at Pltfs Cost.

Wadsworth & Turpin vs Memucan[?] Walker. In Case. Discontinued by Consent at Pltfs Cost.

William Anderson vs Hugh Brown. Attachment. Discontinued by Consent at Pltfs Cost.

On application of Thos Wadsworth, he is Licence'd Allowed and Admitted to Sell and Retail all kinds of Spirituous Liquors at his Store in this County in any Less Quantity than three Gallons for the Term of One Year &c.

A Lease and Release for the Conveyance of 100 acres of land from George Adams & Sarah Adams to Rich'd Turner proven heretofore by Rich'd Watts and now proven by John Caldwell & Ordered to be Recorded.

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accation there of to £5 besides his Cost. Whereupon it was Considered by the Court that the Pltf Recover against the s'd Deft his Damages aforesaid & his Cost by him in the behalf expended And the s'd Deft in Mercy &c.

[14 March 1788]

Pursuant to an Act of the Gen'l Assembly of this State passed the 29th day of February AD 1788 The Court proceeds to appoint Constables for Laurens County when the following persons were appointed to wit, Edw'd Gidien, John Owins, John Entrekin, Thos Cahoon, Elijah Stephens, John Wright, Stephen Wood, John Coker, John Milam, John Coal and Saml Parsons. Ordered that the Justices administer the oath of Office to the Above Mentioned Persons previous to entering into the Execution [of] their Respective Offices.

Thos Dugan vs John Madding. Trover. This is Ordered to be Continued till Next court.

Page 228: Charles Neal vs Jeremiah Webb. Attachment. Discontinued at Pltfs Cost.

Charles Harvey vs Wm Goodman. In Debt. John Ritchey here in Court becomes Security for the Pltf that in Case he should be Cast in this Suit he will pay unto the Deft all such Cost of Charges as by accation thereof be awarded by the Court.

Fielding Woodroof vs William Thomason. Sum Process. In Debt. The Deft comes into Court and confessed Judgment for ---- according to Note with Intrest & Cost. The Pltf agreed to Stay execution till the first of August next.

Court Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine OClock. Minets Signed by Jonathan Downs, Joseph Downs, George Anderson, Esquires.

Court met according to adjournment the 15th March 1788. Present Jonathan Downs, James Montgomery, John Rodgers, Joseph Downs, George Anderson, Esquires.

William Rodgers vs Wm Jackson. Attachment Discontinued at Pltfs. Cost.

ordered that following Estrays be exposed to Publick Sale by the Sheriff for Cash or paper medium at a Credit of Two Months Taking bond with Sufficient Security payable to the Country Treasurer to wit.

A Sorrel Horse Taken up by Rob't Coker the 26th Sept 1787 and Told before Joseph Downs Esq'r.

A White Mare Taken up by Tho's Cason 17th Octr 1787 told before Angus Campbell.

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[9 June 1788]

Ordered that a Warrant of Appraisement Issue to four freeholders who being first Sworn before some on Justice of the peace of this County to praise the Estate of the s'd Jas McCain and Return a copy of the s'd Appraisment to the s'd Ext'rx within forty days.

Page 232: Solomon Langston is Appointed Overseer of that part of the high way Leading from Aron Lynch's to the Charleston Road in the place of Aron Lynch. Ordered that he cause the several free male Inhabitants and Slaves Contagious [*sic*] to & convenient to said Road to Work thereon & keep the same in Good repair for one year as the Law Directs.

David Bailey is Appointed Overseer of that part of the high way Leading from Taylor's path to Cargill's Path in the place of Hugh Young. Ordered that he cause the several free male Inhabitants and Slaves Contagious [*sic*] to & convenient to said Road to Work thereon & keep the same in Good repair for one year as the Law Directs.

The following persons were Drawn to serve as Constables at this Court To wit John Milam, Jno Owins, John Entrekin.

A Deed of Gift from Mary Edwards to James & John Edwards proven heretofore by the oath of John Neily & now proven by the oath of Joseph Nealy & Ordered to be Recorded.

A Deed from And'w Cuningham to Spencer Bobo for the Conveyance of 100 acres of land proven in open Court by James & Elizabeth Cuningham & Ordered to be Recorded.

Whereas there was formerly a Deed of Conveyance of 190 acres of land from David Allison to Thomas Palmore presented in open Court and proven by the oath of Sam'l Whorton & ordered to ly for further proof. Declared that the s'd Order be Receeded from.

An account of the Administration of the estate of Cha's Edwards dec'd was Returned in open Court by William Craig the Administrator of the s'd Estate & Ordered to be Recorded.

Page 233: Court adjourned till Tomorro morning nine Oclock. Minets Signed by Joseph Downs, Silvanus Walker, Angus Campbell, Esq'rs.

Court met according to Adjournment the 10th day of June 1788. Present James Montgomery, Charles Saxon, Joseph Downs, Esq'rs.

Jacob Manor is appointed Overseer of that part of the highway leading from Durbins Creek to the Beverdam Creek in the place of Martin Williams; Orderd that he the s'd Jacob Manor cause the several free male Inhabitents

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The following persons were drawn as Pettit Jurours for next Court.

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| 1. Robert Allison | 11. Cornelius Dendy | 21. Jonth'n Reed |
| 2. Thomas Cason | 12. Drury Smith | 22. Dan'l South |
| 3. John Manley Jun'r | 13. Jesse Meeks | 23. John Saxon Jun'r |
| 4. John Miller | 14. James Willson | 24. John Copeland |
| 5. Drury Boyce | 15. Wm Hall | 25. Wm Thomason Jun'r |
| 6. John George | 16. John Fowler | 26. John Norris |
| 7. Martin Martin Bg | 17. Sam'l Scott | 27. John Meek |
| 8. John Medole | 18. John Wigginton | 28. Wm East |
| 9. Sam'l Lemon | 19. Elliott Clardy | 29. Micheal Megee |
| 10. Marmaduke Pinson | 20. Wm Wadkins | 30. Wm Martin |



John Milam came into Court & Resigned the office of Constable whereupon it was ordered accordingly.

David Bailey vs Thomas Rodgers. Assault & Battery. By consent of the parties this suit mutually Submitted [to] the Determination of this suit to the award of Silvanus Walker Esq'r, Saml Wharton, James Abercrumbie, & Geo Hollingsworth as arbitrators & agreed their award Thereupon should be made a Judgment of this Court. The said Arbitrators now return their award in these words, to wit, we find for the [Page 315] Plft Cost of suit Whereupon it was ordered accordingly.

Hugh Crumbless vs Curtis Moore. In Slander. Ordered to be Dismist.

Thomas Elliott vs David Logan & John Richey. In Debt. Abated as to Logan.

Reubin Pyles vs Hugh Young. S. Process in Debt. The Deft Comes into Court & says that he cannot gainsay the Plfts action for the sum of £10 with interest whereupon it was considered by the Court that the s'd Plft Recover against the Deft the aforementioned sum of £10 with Interest & Cost.

An account of the estate of George Carter Dec'd was Returned into open Court by John Carter the adm'r & was ordered to be Recorded.

On application of David Madden, Ordered that Licence be granted him to Sell & Retail all kinds of Spirituous Liquors in any Less Quantity than three Gallons at or near the Cross Roads near James Sullivant's in this County for the term of one year from this date.

Ordered that the defaulters of the Jury be Cited to appear at next Court to shew Cause why they did not appear at this Court in order to serve as Jurours.

On application of Mary Murphey, Ordered that Letters of Adm'n be granted her on the estate of John Murphey Dec'd, she being first duly sworn according

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Blackley, James Clardy, Wm. Rodgers, Charles Pucket, John Carter, Charles Jones, Hugh Abernath, Geo: Madden, Sam'l Dunlap, James Miller & Ben Malden who being Elected, Tried, & sworn the Truth to speak upon the Issue Join'd upon their oaths do say that the Deft is Guilty of the slander as in the Declaration mention & they do assess the Plfts damages by occasion thereof to the amount o £19 s15, whereupon it was considered by the Court that the Plft Recover against the s'd Deft his Damages afores'd in form afores'd assest & his Cost by him in this behalf Expended & the s'd Deft in Mercy &c. The Deft moved for a new Tryall to be taken up in the morning.

[16 September 1789]

Page 321: Angus Campbell vs John Kellet. In Trover. Refer'd to the award of John Hunter & And'w Rodgers Ordered that they Return their award to next court.

Martin Williams vs Holloway Power. S. Process. Debt. Nonsuit.

Court adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock. Minits signed by Joseph Downs, Dan'l Wright, John Hunter, Esquires.

Court met according to Adjournment the 17th day of Sept'r 1789. Present John Hunter, Cha's Saxon, Wm Mitchusson, Dan'l Wright, Esquires.

John Crabtree vs Thomas Hughes. S. Process in Debt. This day came the Deft into Court & the Plft tho Solemnly Called came not nor is his suit further prosecuted, therefore on Motion of the Deft it is Considered by the Court that he Recover against the s'd Plft five shillings Damages besides his Cost by him in this behalf Expended.

This day John Milam came into Court & was sworn according to Law as Constable. Also Lewis Wells is appointed Constable & was duly sworn in open court.

Thomas Garner assignee of Daniel Brown vs Wm Jackson and Wm Gilbert. Sum'r Process. Debt. The Court after hearing the Parties Decreed that the Plft Recover against the Defts the sum of £10 with interest & cost of suit.

John Simpson vs John Richey. Att'a. Came the Deft into Court by Charles Goodwin his Attorney & Confessed Judgment for the sum of £42 s1 d1 with Interest from the dates of the Several Notes & Cost of suit, Whereupon it was ordered that the Sheriff expose to sale the property attach'd & the money arising from such sale pay unto the Plaintiff.

Page 322: The State vs Philip Wells. The Sheriff having Return'd the Fi Fa Executed on the property of the Deft & not sold, Wm. Mitchusson Esq'r comes into court & undertakes as security for the Deft that he will pay the

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