

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the sheriff of Washington County greeting. Whereas Oliver Wheeler is proprietor of the lands on one side of the south fork of Hobson river in this County & is desirous to build a water grist mill on the said land & to erect a dam across the said River for working the said mill. Therefore we command you to summon & empanel twelve fit persons to meet upon the lands proposed for the abutment on the first Saturday in next month; which freeholders shall be charged by you impartially & to the best of their skill & judgment to examine the lands above & below of the property of others which may probably be overflowed and say to what damage it will be of to the several proprietors, whether the mansion house of any such proprietor or the officers cartilage or gardens thereunto immediately belonging or orchards will be overflowed; to enquire whether and in what degree fish of passage and ordinary navigation will ^{be} obstructed whether by any & by what means such obstruction may be prevented, and whether in their opinion the health of the neighbours will be annoyed by the stagnation of the waters, which inquest so made & sealed by the said jurors together with this writ you shall return to our next Court to be holden for our said County of Washington. And have then there this writ Witness John Campbell Clerk of our said Court at the courthouse this 24th day of January 1809 in the 33^d year of our foundation.

J. Campbell D.C.

Inquisition indented had and taken the 2th day of Feb^r 1809 before me William Poston Deputy sheriff for Elijah Gillenwaters sheriff of Washington County by virtue of a writ of ad quod damnum to me directed & hereunto annexed George Byars, Elijah Dungs, Thomas Tilton, David Denton, Joseph Cole, Sampson Cole, John Anderson, William Tilton, Jacob Blasing, Jonathan Bishop, Levi Bishop, and William Love Sen^r.

being impaneled met upon the lands proposed by Oliver Wheeler for erecting a water grist mill & dam & being charged pursuant to the directions of the said writ do say

that the lands of no other person except those the said Oliver Wheeler will be endamaged by means of erecting the said water grist mill & dam, nor will the mansion house of any other person or the officers cartilage or gardens thereunto immediately belonging or orchards be overflowed, nor fish of Passage or ordinary navigation be in the least obstructed, nor in their opinion will the health of any of the neighbours be

be annoyed by the stagnation of the waters. In testimony whereof I the said deputy sheriff as well ^{as} the said jurors have hereunto set our hands & affixed our seals the day & year above written

William Poston	Seal	John Anderson	Seal
George Byars	Seal	William Tilson	Seal
E. Dungan	Seal	Jacob Blesing	Seal
Thos. Tilson	Seal	Jonathan Bishop	Seal
David Denton	Seal	Levi Bishop	Seal
Joseph Cole	Seal	William Love Senr.	Seal
Sampron Cole	Seal		

At a Court held for Washington County the 19th day of December 1809

The Inquest of the Jury pursuant to writ of ad quod Damnum awarded on the application of Oliver Wheeler being returned by the sheriff. Therefore it is considered by the Court all circumstances weighed reasonable that leave be given to build the said Mill & Dam & the same is accordingly given & it is ordered that the said writ & Inquest be recorded.

Teste D. Campbell Secy

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the sheriff of Washington County greeting. Whereas Ezekiel Rambo is proprietor of the lands on both sides of the South fork in this County & is desirous to build a water Grist Mill on the said lands & to erect a dam across the said River for working the said Mill. Therefore we command you to summon & empanel twelve fit persons to meet upon the lands proposed for the abutment on the 10th day of this month; which freeholders shall be charged by you impartially & to the best of their skill & judgment to examine the lands above & below of the property of others, which may probably be overflowed & say to what damage it will be of ^{to} the several proprietors, whether the mansion house of any such proprietor, or the officers castle or gardens thereunto immediately belonging or orchards will be overflowed; to enquire whether & in what degree fish of passage & ordinary navigation will be obstructed; whether & by what means such obstruction may be prevented & whether in their opinion the health of the neighbors will be annoyed by