

8 State of North Carolina February Term 1756

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for
the County of Mecklenburg at the Court House on the third Monday in
February it being the 20th day of the same month in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six and
in the tenth year of American Independence

Present

John Cox

John Jackson

Philip Alston

Thos. Matthews

William Mares Esq came into Court and was duly qualified
as a Justice of Peace for this County and took his seat

Accordingly

Grand Jury Sworn To Wit

Nector McNeal Esq

James Woodworth

John Davis

Even Clark

James Morgan

James Caddle

Joseph Masso

Henry Foster Esq

Thos. Joy

William Handcock

Elisha Betts

Christoph. Yew

Thos. Joy

John Dunlap

John Philbin

In all 15

Monday February Term 1756

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Order^d that Newbin Wood Esq be appointed to act as Attorney
on the behalf of the State this Term and charged the duty accordingly

Order^d that William Cochran be appointed to attend the Grand
Jury this Term and was respdy^d accordingly

Order^d that a Habeas Corpus issue to South Carolina to take
the Deposition of John Gandy in the suit Davis Seamen on
against John McCart

Order^d that the two Children of Benjamin Johnson now
living with Robert Patterson be taken from him and brought to the
Court tomorrow to be disposed of as it may seem charitable to

Order^d that the bonds which formerly worked on the road under
Geo Brewwell return again and still continue to work thereon
as heretofore

Appeal from Thomas Cotton to Richard Parns duly heard in open
Court by the Court of King's Bench and Order^d to be reversed

Appeal from John Blumhelt to Jacob P. Duckworth was duly
heard by the Court of King's Bench and Order^d to be reversed

The Court adjourned till tomorrow 9 O'clock

84 Tuesday February Sessions 1786

Met according to Adjournment
Present

John Jackson

William Moore { Partner

Philip Alston

Order? that James Coddle be exempted from attending the Grand Jury this Term he being very sick -

Arrested

Nathl Melton {

Following Jury sworn to wit John Black

Saml Murr, Peter Satter, Nathan Bates

Matthew Davis, Matthew Hamrill, John Black, St Paul

John Blanche, John Overton, Bell Menden & Nathl Davis

and apays the Plaintiff's Damages to \$25 -

William Cox

John Jackson {

Same Jury as 1785 and apays the Plaintiff's

Damages to \$12 and the Plaintiff's attorney

receives offer and that the same be granted -

Isiah Mable

Rory {

Same Jury as 1785 and apays Plaintiff's

Damages to \$10 -

Solomon Barrett

Same Jury as 1785 and apays Plaintiff's

Damages to \$10 -

John Alston

Tuesday February Sessions 1786

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Order? that a Negroe fellow with late the custody of Saml Barnes Esq who by his last will requested the said Negroe to be paid Order? that the said Negroe be paid ^{and} he have given Thomas Lyman security for his good behaviour and that he shall not become a charge to the County &c -

John Alston

Same Jury as 1785 and find

Solomon Barrett

for the Defendant -

Order? that William Cofer be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1785 -

Order? that Eliza Jackson be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1785 -

Order? that William Handcock be excused from attending as Grand Juror this Term he being sick

Then Court Adjourns for half an hour

Met according to Adjournment -

Archabald Polymile

Same Jury as 1785 and find

John Hindrich

for the Plaintiff's Damages to \$14 - 12 - 8 -

Order? that Andrew Water be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1786 -

84 Tuesday February September 1786

Mett according to Adjournment

Present

John Jackson

William Moore { Sashin

Philip Abbotson

Order? that James Cattle be exempted from attending the Grand Jury this Term he being very sick -

Arrested

1101 Nathl Melton { Case Following Jury sworn to wit John Black, James Moore, Peter Satter, William Cato, Matthew Davis, Matthew Hamrill, John White, St Paul, John Blanche, John Buxton, Isaac Melton & Nathl Davis and apose the Plaintiff's Damage to £5 - 00 -

William Cox

1102 John Jackson { Case Same Jury as 1101 and apose the Plaintiff's Damage to £12 and the Plaintiff says an Appeal reasons offered and that the same be granted -

Isiah Mable

1103 Benj Mitchen { Case Same Jury as 1102 and apose Plaintiff's Damage to £10 -

Solomon Barrett

1104 John Alden { Case Same Jury as 1103 and apose Plaintiff's Damage to £2 - 10 -

Tuesday February September 1786

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Order? that a Negro fellow with late the custody of James Barnes &c who by his last will requested the said Negro to be free Order? that the said Negro be freed ^{and} he have given Thomas Lyon security for his good behaviour and that he shall not become a charge to the County &c -

John Alden

Same Jury as 1104 and find

1105 Solomon Barrett { Still for the Defendant -

Order? that William Cofer be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1785 -

Order? that Philip Jackson be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1785 -

Order? that William Handcock be exempted from attending as Grand Juror this Term he being sick

Then Court Adjourned for half an Hour

Mett according to Adjournment -

Archabald Polymple

Same Jury as now and apose

1106 John Hindrich { Case Plaintiff's Damage to £14 - 12 - 00

Order? that Andrew Watson be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1786 -

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A Decr from Philip Alston to Mr Goldst was duly taken on
edges in Open Court and Order to be reported

A Decr from Richardson Treason to John Williams duly heard
by the oath of John Carrell and Order to be reported

A Decr from John Thornton to William Gordon was duly
heard by the oath of Mary Mathews and Order to be reported

Then Court Adjourns till Tomorrow 9 o'clock

Wednesday

Met according to Appointment

Present

John Carrell

Mr Mathews { Justices

William Barrott

Elijah Jackson being summoned as a Gomastee to declare
what property he has in his hands of Saml Morris says on oath
he has £10

Admonitions on the Petition of Jacob McNamee Granted to the
Ships he have given John Love and John Bargarney security
in the sum of five hundred pounds and were duly heard

Accordingly

Saml Alston gave Philip Alston security over and above a Clerk
and so

February Term Wednesday Annistown 1787

Order that Samuel Patterson be appointed Constable in William
More District he giving the More County oaths to the law and
Justice accordingly

Rebecca Muckerson

Simon Barrott { Barriatt

Following Jury sworn to wit Daniel Jones, John Bargarney
the Guinney, Peter Walter, John Black, Peter White, Saml Stiles
Rennell Mapher, John Medley, John White, William Cook
and John Medley and find for the Plaintiff &c

Same

Same { Barriatt

Same Jury as before and find for the Plaintiff &c

Colene Campbell

William Poo { Alphant

Same Jury as before only Mathews/Davis in the room of
Saml Mapher and Alphant Plaintiff damages to £25

Order that John Overton and William King and Matthew
Hunnant be appointed Patrollers in Capt Macleod's District
the ensuing year &c

February Septimus Wednesday 1786

110/10

Robert Church

or
Charles Mearns

{ 1000

Following Jury sworn to wit William Payne, William Dickman,
Mr. Collier, Stephen King, Mr. Gilmore, William Davis
James Moore, Sam^l W. Elmore, Paul Thier, Nathaniel Hammett
Henry Gentry and Geo. Fox and Appts. Plaintiffs Damages £12

110/11

Same

or
Same { 1000

Same Jury as 110/9 and Appts. Plaintiffs Damages £2

110/12

Thomas Galloway

or
Archibald Polymorph

Same Jury as 110/10 and miss. Trial. Juror paid £2

Order? That a Pedemur Photomura issue to Kingston to take
the Deposition of the Excellency Thos. Barwell Esq. in the
suit James Caddle against Daniel Jones

Order? That Appts. Thos. B. B. of — be bound unto Mr.
Robert Gurner until he come to lawful age to learn the
Indi of Thos. Mokes he now being adjudged to be four years
of age —

Wednesday February Septimus 1786

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Order? That John Coyle be exempted from paying a Poll Tax
for the year 1785

Order? That William Hart be exempted from paying a Poll Tax
for the year 1785

Order? That Penney Lett B. of — be bound unto Master
Newton and wife until she come to lawful age to learn the
Ministry of House Wifery she now being adjudged to be five
years of age

Order? That Daniel McHenry be exempted from paying a Poll
Tax for the year 1785

Order? That John McLean be exempted from paying a Poll
Tax for the year 1785

Order? That John Parle be allowed his house to Tom Smith for
building the Stocks and That the Sheriff pay the same

Appts. from Richardson Esq. to John Ouston Esq. to lay
the Oath of Henry Thos. and Order? to be taken

Appts. from Same to Same know by Same and Order? to
be taken

Wednesday February 26th 1786

A Plea from John Howell to Leonard Thomas brought by the
Oath of Daniel Jones and Order to be recorded

A Plea from James Thornton to Thomas Matthews brought
by the Oath of Anthony Street and Order to be recorded

A Plea from Inquisit Campbell to John Matthews brought
by the Oath of John Borgeaux and Order to be recorded

A Bill of Sale from Robert Pickensworth to William Pickensworth
brought by the Oath of the Master of the Court and Order to be recorded

A Bill of Sale from the Collens to James Collens brought
by William Pickensworth and Order to be recorded

Order that William Lockman be allowed for four days attendance
on the Grand Jury the Term agreeable to law

Then Court Adjourned till Tomorrow 9 O'clock

Met According to Adjournment

Present

Chas Campbell

John Jackson

Mr. Moore

} Justice

February 27th 1786 Thursday

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Continuation of the Act on the behalf of the State on Order being
first made to execute a Writ of Indictment on the behalf
of Daniel McLeod the same being done, Only on one of the
Grand Jury being on the next day when tried the

Admonition on the Oath of Thomas McLeod given
to Norman McLeod he giving McLeod McLeod twenty
in fifty pounds and was duly recorded

Order that Nicholas Wall have leave to keep a Tavern at his
new dwelling where he have given William Dunn twenty
agreeable to law and that he will give them at 4 p. Gold

State

John Atkins { Assault

Geo. Grimes

Following Jury sworn to wit the McLeods, John, Peter, John

John Johnson, John Black, Peter Blue, John Madson, John

McLein, Inquisit Campbell, John White, the Collens

John Madson and McLeod McLeod and find John Atkins guilty

and Geo Grimes not guilty Order by the Court that Atkins be
fined twenty shillings and Cost

February Session Thursday 786

William Linley come into Court and gave Nicholas Hall and his Mother security for his performance as Surveyor of this County not choosing that Nicholas Hall the former security should continue any longer.

Order that Henry Bennett be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of William Swan the ensuing year.

Order that the Sheriff summon a sufficient Guard to attend this Goal and to forward a certain Stephen Pette to Richmond County Goal, under a strong Arm^d Guard without delay.

Order that John Ray be appointed Overseer of the Road in the room of Samuel Patterson the ensuing year.

No 14
State
or { Pett Loring -
Henry Pye
Same Jury as No 13 John Bengears in the room of
Mildred Meland find Not Guilty -

No 15
Isaac Pennington
or { Oath
David Lawson
Same Jury as No 14 and agree Plaintiff Damages \$50 -

No 16
Mary Pous
or { Oath
Frederick Fugg
Same Jury as No 15 and agree
Plaintiff Damages \$89 - 2 - 6,

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Order that John Adams be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of William Kestley the ensuing year.

Order that Stephen Oeto be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of Abraham Cole the ensuing year.

Order that James Moore be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of Isaac Horden the ensuing year.

Order that Melchor M. Beathen be exempted from paying a Poll tax for the year 786

Order that the Sheriff summon William Moore, Joseph Mapple, Pincheon Patten and Kenneth Black to attend next Willingness in Sup^r Court or Juries

Nicherson Tegen Eger come into Court and Bond for the safe delivery of the money owing from Lane to with John Cornell and William Barret security, agreeable to Law be.

James Collins come into Court and give Bond with John Cornell and John Cox security, for his faithful discharge in office as Coroner of this County agreeable to Law be.

94 February Session Thursday 17th

Order that the Sheriff summon the following persons to attend next Court as Jurors to wit Nathl Davis, Matthew Davis, Thos Collier Junr, Melchor Gilchrist, Thos Ageston, John Cole, Andrew Cole, Wm Lutz, Peter Walter, Chas. Manning, Thos Lyon, Wm Shultz, John Ray, Thos Ray, George Duck, William Morgan, Peter Shumbarger, Jacob Smith, Nicholas Wall, Geo Eagle, Robert Guiner, Thos Gilmore, Russell Napier, James Napier, Drury Richardson, Jacob Smith, Thos Napier, John Richard as John Hays near and Mores Pleas in all 30

Account of the sale of the late Jacob Davis' Estate returned into Court and Order to be recorded

Affid of Gift from Mary Ageston, late to Elizabeth, Anne and Nancy Pitchen Daughters of Benjamin Pitchen duly sworn in open Court and Order to be recorded

Then Court Adjourns 'til Court in Course

Let Geo Hancock Esq

State of North Carolina

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At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Session begun and held for the County of Moore at the Court House therein on the third Monday in May it being the fifteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty six and in the tenth year of American Independence

Present

John Jackson, Philip Alston and

William Barrett Justices

Order that Geo. Eagle be exempted from attending this Court as a Juror

Affid from John Davidson late to theophilus Petty was duly acknowledged in Open Court and Order to be recorded

Affid from Solomon Morgan to John Castle was duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of Drury Richardson and Order to be recorded

Grand Jury sworn to wit Nathl Davis for men

Thos Ageston --- John Cole --- Andrew Cole ---

Wm Lutz --- John Ray --- Thos Ray ---

Jacob Puckworth --- William Morgan --- Thos Shultz ---

Robert Guiner --- Drury Richardson --- Jacob Smith ---

Thos Napier --- James Napier In all 15

Thos Guiner sworn to attend the Grand Jury this Term

96 Monday May 27th

Sam^r Green Hunt Esq^r came into Court and was duly
qualified as a practicing Att^r in this County

Affid^t from John Warner to Sam^r Caddle was duly proved
in Open Court by the Oath of John Caddle and Order to be registered

Order that Lewis Sander have leave to build a Gravel Mill on the
banks of Bear Creek formerly called Siler's Mill on the Old Graham
road near the fork

Then Court Adjourned for two Hours

Next According to Adjournment

On Motion of John Harrison to have a Dec^r Records from
Abraham Brownson to the said Harrison Order that the same be
sent Committee to rec^d & then Court Adjourned till tomorrow morning

Tuesday

Next According to Adjournment

Present

William Hale

John Jackson

William Marshall

Order that a Pedemur Potestatum issue to take the Depositions
of John Brownson on the behalf of William Newton Whittier in
his suit against Margaret & John Burgley

John Black

Stephen King

Following Jary sworn to wit

Matthew Davis, John
Nichols

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Nich^s Kean, Eliza Jackson, Michel Hill, J^r Dun-
can Thuring, Ben^r Shild, John Blanchett, Johnathan
Caddis, J^r Collins &c. and William Beggly and others
in favour of the Defendant

Affid^t from Robert Livermore to Robert Chalk was duly
proved in Open Court by the Oath of William Moore Esq^r
and Order to be registered

Affid^t from Thomas Livingston to Thomas Boston
was duly proved in Open Court by the Affirmation of
Robert Chalk and Order to be registered

Affid^t from Sam^r Mure to Geo. Clavick was duly proved
in Open Court by the Oath of John Jackson Esq^r and Order
to be registered

Affid^t from William Seaver to William Peckham was
duly acknowledged in Open Court and Order to be registered

Joseph Dun

J^r Dun

J^r Dun

Following Jary sworn to wit John Black, J^r Dun, J^r Dun,
Mure, John Woodworth, John Dunlap, Solomon Brown
Esq^r Upton, Anhabold Dwyer, Samuel Mohler

William Marice, Ben^r Lamb & Edmund Hodger and
find for the Plaintiff Eleven hundred & no

98 Tuesday May September 1796

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Nichl. White

Matthew Davis { All Genl. issue
Following Jory sworn to wit Chas. Shearing, Henry Shick
Joshua Jackson, Michael Hill, William Hargley, William
Harden sen., John Shivers, John Blomkett, ~~John Hargley~~
His Collins de Sells, Markers and William H. Hargley and
not agree Juros with Down -

Order? that John Williamson be exempted from paying a
Poll Tax for the year 1796 -

Order? that the following persons be appointed to lay out a
road from the Court House to Chatham County ~~and~~ agreeable
to the report of the County Surveyor to wit, His Honor Pitt
Peter, Satter, Matthew Coggan, His Honor, James Moore -
Joseph Louis Edens, Josiah Napier, Matthew Davis, William
Payne, Edward Moore, James Moore, William Goring, John
Evans, Anthony Street, Nathan Davis and Henry Gray and
that any twelve make report to next Court -

Order? that the following persons be appointed to lay out a
road beginning at Morgans Mill both end thence to Morgan
Mill into the Old Goshen Road to wit, William Morgan Esq.
Bragwell, Phil. Dun, James Morgan, William Morgan
Lewis Teller the same Morgan, John. McFar and John Morgan
James Dun, Norman McLeod and Robert Cox and that
they make report to next Court -

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Order? that John Delany be exempted from paying
a Poll Tax for the year 1796 -

Order? that William Morgan have leave to build a Grist
Mill on Littlepaw Mill Creek where a Mill have been formerly
erected &c -

Order? that Frederick Morris, Henry Gault and Philip Schuster
be appointed to employ workmen to build a bridge over
upper Little River near to Frederick Morris and that they
shall be reimbursed out of the County Tax &c -

James Gaddis Senr.

Bennet Blackwell { All Genl. issue

Same Jury as No 3 only John Hargree in the room of
John atter Gaddis, and find for Plaintiff \$150 - and that the
agreement to Note -

Order? that John G. Darn be exempted from paying a Poll Tax
for the year 1796 -

Order? that the following persons be summoned to lay out a
road beginning near to the house Catherine and Down being bound
leading towards Fayetteville to wit, John Patterson, James Gray
Archibald Gray, Daniel Patterson, Heber McNeil, Archibald
Black, Daniel Martin, Peter Blair, Archibald Patterson
Nathan Clark, Archibald Patterson, Nath. Hargree, and that
they make report to next Court -