

State of North Carolina

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held
at the dwelling House of Richardson Ferguson the County
the Commissioners for the Holding of Courts and repairing the
Public Buildings for the County of Moore is appointed and
on the third Monday in November it being the 21st
day of the same month in the year of our Lord
One thousand seven hundred and eighty five and in
the tenth Year of American Independence —

Present

Philip Alston
John Jackson { Justices —
Wm. Barrett —

Grand Jury sworn to wit —
Peter Valler Foreman —

Henry Morris — William Mainis —
John Arrington — Percy Richardson —
James Hume — John Black —
Nicholas Newton — William Hodge —
Geo. Goble — Robert Grimes —

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Ralph Davis — William Brayley —
Abraham Cole — David Smith —
Williams Smith — Jacob Smith —
In all — 17

Thomas Grimes sworn to attend this Grand Jury
this Term — Jury Petition not charged —

A Plea from Saml. McDonald to this Jury duly
tried by the Oath of St. Ivo and Order to be returned —

A Plea from same to same duly tried by same
and Order to be returned —

This Court Adjourns till Tomorrow 9 o'clock

Tuesday

Met according to Adjournment —

Present
Philip Alston
William Barrett { Justices —
John Jackson —

68 Tuesday November Septimus 1785

Grand Jury come into Court and being charged -
retired and proceeded to business

No 1 John Overton

Frederick Greig {Oath}

Following Jury sworn to W.C.

John Cadwell, John Camron, Daniel Peterson

Elisha Jackson, Johnathan Cadwell, Daniel Monk

Melchor McLoud, John McLoud, Daniel Jones -

Willie Dickinson, Solomon Norrith, and the others -

and Appear the Plaintiff's Damage to £48-5-6

No 2 Hanson Furthensland

David Lawson {Oath}

Same Jury as No 1 And appear the Plaintiff's Damage

to be Two hundred fifteen Shillings and seven pence

and six pence Cost - £2 15-7-

69 Tuesday November Septimus 1785

No 3 Hugh McDaniel

Lawhorn McPherson {Oath}

Same Jury as No 2 and Appear the Plaintiff's Damage

to One Hundred and thirty eight pounds thirteen Shillings

and 6^d Cost - £138-13-

No 4 John Gunters

John Brooker {Oath}

Same Jury as No 3 and Appear the Plaintiff's Damage

to Ten pounds and 6^d Cost - £10--

No 5 William Wilson

John Goldston {Oath}

Same Jury as No 4 And Appear the Plaintiff's Damage

to Seventeen pounds five Shillings and six pence

and six pence Cost - £17-5-6

Tuesday November 11th 1785

1706 John Brooks

William Smith { Joseph

Same Jury as 1705 and find for the Defendant -
Then Court Adjourned till Tomorrow 9 o'Clock

Wednesday

Mett According to Adjournment

Present

Chas Crofford

John Jackson { Justice
Philip Abston {

1707

Stale

Gabriel Harden { Joseph

Following Jury sworn to wit, John Blanchett, the
Agstons, Andrew Keate, Robert Patterson, John
Borgance, Robert Davis, Willis Oliver, Moses
Oliver, William Morgan, J^r Duckworth, Benjamin
Bitcher, and Edw^d Moore, and find the Defendant Guilty
Ord by the Court to be fined Fifty Shillings

Wednesday November 12th 1785

1708 Following Jury sworn to wit, John Blanchett,
Andrew Keate, Robert Patterson, John Borgance,
Robert Davis, Willis Oliver, Moses Oliver, William Morgan
Benjamin Bitcher, Edw^d Moore, William Smith and
John Overton and find the Defendant Guilty Ord by
the Court to be fined Ten Pence

Order^d That John Shepard be allow^d the sum of Ten
pounds this as a reason Adjudged in need of support
by being Wounded in the Defence of his Country &c

Order^d That Chas Crofford do give leave to keep a
Tavern at his now dwelling House he have given Mrs
Barrett Security against to do so

Order^d That John Shepard and John Shepard and
and Alex^r Stone be Appointed to keep the road in repair
from Chatham County line to the said Shepard road

72 Wednesday November Sessions 1785

Molly Seal wife of Williams Seal came into Court and took the Oath of the Inen against him the said Williams he giving Williams Seal Jur. and Juries. Make his Security in One Hundred pounds each for the good behaviour of the said Seal for the term of Twelve Months &c as usual below

No 9 State
Daniel Patterson { Assault
Same Jury as No 8 and find the Defendant Guilty and
Ordered by the Court to be fined Six Pence

No 10 - State
John Harden & { Petit Larceny
Same Jury as No 9 only John Duvall and Mr
Puckworth in the rooms of John Banger and Mr
Overton and find the Defndt Guilty. Reasons of Arrest
being fully argued - Opinion of the Court that the
Defndt be acquitted &c

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Anthony Shal being suspected of Harboring a
dangerous Person was brought into Court and after
due examination Orderd that the Jail be kept open
until Tomorrow

Then Court Adjourns till Tomorrow 9 O'Clock

Thursday

Mett According to Adjournment

Present

Chas Croft

Chas Campbell { Justice

John Jackson

Anthony Shal came into Court and on a second
examination and no witness appearing Orderd that
the said Anthony be acquitted

Williams Poplar being accused of stealing a mare
the testimony of John Harden being examined Orderd
that the Jail be kept open till Tomorrow which Anthony
being his Security for his appearance in 200

74 Thursday November Sessions 1785—

Order^d that Robert Wirt be Appointed Overseer of the road from Williams Storeys leading by Nicholas Poles towards Marts Ferry and Keepers and that all the hands Contiguous thereto work on the same —

Order^d that William Garner be Appointed Overseer of the road from River Creek leading towards Maden and that all the hands Contiguous thereto work on the same —

Order^d that Norman McAdams be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1785 —

Order^d that Abner Campbell be exempted from paying a Poll Tax for the year 1785 —

Order^d that all Orders being granted for the exemption of Poll Taxes shall be allow^d to the Collectors and County Treasurers as vouchers for the year 1784 and 1785 —

Order^d that an Orphan Child which lived with William Cox be taken from him the same appearing to be his sister and to be let out to some other person to —

75 Thursday November Sessions 1785.

Order^d that the Grimes be allow^d the sum of One hundred Twelve Shillings for her Attendance four days on the Grand Jury this Term —

Richardson Seagren Sheriff came into Court and made Indict against the Goal of this County —

Order^d that Mary Sowell have leave to sell the Estate of Isaac Sowell dec^d and make return to the next Court agreeable to Law —

Order^d that the following hands work on the road from the woolly Hill to Sides road under Mr. Joy as Overseers (to wit) Peter Sather, Henry Joy, Daniel Jones, Nathan Joy, John Foster, Isaac Warwick, Abner McLeod, Neil McLeod, John Coddle, James Coddle, Henry Coddle, Daniel Coddle, Solomon Cox, Samuel Jackson, George Jackson, Christian Jackson hands, John Jacksons hand, Angus Campbell, Thomas Harmon and the Harmon Cont^d —

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Will, and John Atkins

Order? That Katherine Johnson & others of the Johnsons Dec? be bound unto Daniel Wray until the order to lawfull age to learn the Mystery of House Wifery

Order? That Sarah Going be bound to some person of her own choosing until the order to lawfull age to learn the Mystery of House Wifery &c

Order? That William Kezely be Appointed Constable in the town of Upper Meru in William Cox District and was duly qualified

Order? That Richard Neone be Appointed Constable in Court John Cox District and was duly qualified accordingly

Then Court Adjourns till Tomorrow 9 o'clock

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With according to Adjournment

Present

John Jackson

Wm Barrett { Justice

Philip Alston

Chas Campbell

William Jackson came into Court and on a grand examination respecting stealing John Hordens. Now it was Order? by the Court that he be acquitted

Order? That the Sheriff summon the following persons to attend next Court or Surron to wit, Adam Combes, Peter Shumburger, James Gagle, Christlita Yeom, Hardy Davis, Saml Morgan, David Lewis, Joe Toy, Tho Toy, Saml Coddle, Aaron Motowith, Edward Cox, William Hancock, John Dunlop, John Evans, Upper Meru, Hendrick Cheek, John Phillips, Reginald Kethgo, John Featherston, Saml Clark John R. Whannow

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78 Friday November 29th 1785.

James brought in Post, Hector McNeil, John McEntee,
William McPenney, Henry Gaults son, Abner Chit-
man, Hugh Watson, John Borgees and Dr.
Gilbert In all 30 -

Order that George Gloucester Esqr be Appointed to take the number of the Citizens of all Parishes in each Towne within his District agreeable to law -

Order? Mrs William Barrett Esqr. be appointed for
the same purpose for Capt John Cox District. Jan

Order that John Buchanan Esqr be Appointed for the same function for Capt Wm Cox District &c -

Order: That ~~Chas~~ Compstelle be Appointed for the sum
of seven for Capt Sams Garters District &c

Order that ^{the} best ^{of} the Gilmore be appointed
for the same purpose in his own District.

Provisions allowed for the year 1794. 2200 Lons four
hundred and twenty five
2200-

Friday November 21st 1885—79

Order? that William Morie be appointed for
the same purpose in Wm. Parish Va—

Order? that Abner Chapman be appointed for the same purpose in Capt Chs Croffords Parish &c -

Order^d that William Davis and William Besely -
or Overseers on their part build a good and sufficient
Bridge across Waltons Creek at the ^{old bridge} ~~old~~ Charity
House with the Assistance of each of their Companies
without delay &c -

Order? That Peter Shumburger be appointed Overseer
of the road in the room of Geo. Goble the ensuing year.

Order? that Edmund Hodges be Appointed Overseer
of the road from Chatham County line to the Great
Buffalow Creek the ensuing year and that he keep the
same in good repair &c

80 Friday November 7th 1785

On the motion of Philip Alston against James Thornton for a contempt offer^d to his Authority, Order^d that the said Thornton, be cited to appear to next Court to answer the said Alston complaint —

On the Motion of Philip Alston against Chas. Shering for a contempt offer^d the Sheriff, Order^d that the said Shering be cited to appear to answer the said Complaint —

Geo: Glascock Esq^r came into Court and was duly qualified as a Deputy Clerk of this County and Order^d by the said Court that all Warrants hereafter to be issued shall be in the name of the said Glascock as Clerk of this County. &c —

Order^d that the following persons be appointed to lay out a road the best and convenient way from the Court House into the road leading to Karamulla Ferry on Cape John Main to wit, Tho^s Ferry, Tho^s Maples, Tho^s Agoston — Tho^s Matthews, Chas Campbell, Matthew Cogger

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Williams Gair, John Cole, Duncan Roy, John Mathews Lonsdale, Matthew Campbell, William McHenry, Chas Campbell, John Campbell, Philip Alston, John Shanks, Mr. William Hodge — Edmund Hodge, Tho^s Thompson, and Tho^s Cole and that any below lay out the said road and make them to the next Court —

After from Archibald McDuffie to William Hodge was duly knowⁿ by the oath of Mathew Newell, and Order^d to be register^d —

John Shanks

Justin Wren

William Bennett

Chas Campbell

Philip Alston

Then Court Adjourn^d till Court on 14th —

Geo: Glascock Esq