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Wilmington, Tuesday 9 March 1741/42

Court began; present: John Porter, William Faris, Robert Walker, Esqrs., Justices.

Grand jury: Rufus Marsden, foreman; Daniel Dunbibin; James Brown; Richard Hellier; Joseph Poitevint; James Campbell; Michael Higgines; Thomas Hedges; William White; Wm Routledge; James Long; Joshua Grainger; John Watson; Josep Jones; and Richd Earle. Court adjourned to 10 a. m.

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Present: The Hon. Mathew Rowan, Cornelius Harnett, John Porter, William Faris, Esqrs., Justices.

Neil McNeil excused for absence as juror December last, and Thomas Bell for such absence September last. Petit jurors absent this Court: John Anderson; Jno Cook, Jr.; Thomas Bell, "appeared;" Richd Player; and Jonathan Evans.

Estate of Duncan Beaton, Decd.--Corns. Leary appointed Admr.

Edward Porter proved his right to land for "himself only."

Estate of John Linscome, Decd.--John Colley and his wife Eliza, ~~sister of decedent, Admrs~~ with nuncupative will annexed.

"Wm. Blake was Excused his fine for not attending at June Court. Ord'd. Sherif Return the goods he has In Custody."

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Recorded mark and brand of John Simmons and brand of Edward Wingate. [Description lacking.]

Adjourned to 3 p. m.; when present: The Hon. Mathew Rowan, Roger Moore, Collo. Moore, William Faris, Edwd Hyrne, Robt. Walker, Cornelius Harnett, Esqrs.

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Estate of Henry Neil.--Joseph Clarke, called to account by order of last Court and having produced a copy of the will not attested by the Secretary, was ordered to produce one at next Court properly attested by the Secretary or his Deputy in order to proceed thereupon.

John Martindale resigned as ferry-keeper at the Bluff.

Richard Shaw was excused for absence as juryman, because he was very ill with the gout.

f 67 Rights proved: John Bell, five whites and two blacks, New Hanover; and James Smith, three whites, New Hanover. Adjourned to 8 a. m.

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Present: The Hon. Mathew Rowan, Roger Moore, Edward Hyrne, Cornelius Harnett, Maurice Moore, Wm Faris, John Porter, Robt Walker, John Sampson, Esqrs., Justices.

Ronald & Hepburn v. James Long.--On motion of Archd. Hamilton, Atty. for Plfs., entry made in docket "that Charles Hepburn was dead;" Mr. Porter was sworn; and jury found for Dft.

Estate of Joshua Grainger, Decd.--Ann Grainger authorized to sell perishables of estate of her deceased husband.

Hugh Blanning licensed to keep ordinary in Wilmington.

f 67v Peter Cliff brought an orphan into Court pursuant to order of some time ago, and orphan was apprenticed to Cliff for 10 years during which time Cliff shall teach him trade of sailmaker and "to read, write & Cypher."

Henry Shaw, discharged as Constable, recommends Levi Swain; John Brathwait was appointed for Lockwood's Folly.

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Thomas Finny also discharged as Constable recommends William Routledge and James Longe. Wm. Routledge appointed Constable for Wilmington.

Thomas Waman appeared and was discharged.

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Estate of Isaac Poitevint.--Joseph Poitevint appointed Admr.

Constables appointed: Duncan Cowan for Brunswick; Francis Rhodes, Upper District of Town Creek; Anthony Bordeaux, Long Creek; and Wm Harvey, Rocky Point.

Adjourned to 3 p. m.; when present: The Hon. Roger Moore, Edward Hyrne, Maurice Moore, Corn. Harnet, Richard Eagles, Wm Faris, Robert Walker, Esqrs., Justices.

Francis Alexander recorded mark and brand; John Stoakley appointed Constable for Upper Part of the Sound; and James Cooke appointed Constable for Welsh Tract, vice Wm. Lewis, Jr.

Presentment: "...That Michl. Lober on or abt: the Second Monday in Sept. last did with force & armes Contrary to the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown & Dignity Break down the Fences of one Saml. Greek on the Sound & and other Enormities then & there did Committ. Rufus Marsden, Foreman."

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[s] M: Moore Edwd: Hyrne Corns. Harnett William Faris

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[Minutes for June Term 1742-November Term 1758, inclusive, are lacking]

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[A fragment remains for February Term 1759 covering its closing session]