

Commonwealth of Virginia
Prince William County to wit:

John Gibson attorney for the Commonwealth for the County of Prince William in the County Court thereof being present here in court this seventh day of November in the eighteen hundred and forty three gives the court to understand and be informed that a certain Alexander C. Bullett yeoman late of the county aforesaid and Town of Dumfries with force and arms at the county aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this court, on the (blank) day of (blank) in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two, knowingly and willfully and without lawful authority trespassed on the grounds and embankments of the Quantico Canal situate in the County of Prince William, the same being public property by cutting a ditch near to and obstructing the tow path and carriage way of the said canal whereby the citizens of the Commonwealth and more especially the citizens of the County of Prince William for the whole space of the day and year last aforesaid, were not able with convenience and common highway to return pass and trespass along and through said public grounds to the said canal with their horses carts and carriages as they were accustomed and ought of right to do. To the great damage, hindrance and common nuisance of the citizens of the Commonwealth and especially the citizens of Prince William County in going, returning, passing and re passing in and through and along said common highway, to the evil example of all others in like cases offending and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

And the said attorney gives the court further to understand and be informed that the said Alexander Bullett yeoman late of the county aforesaid, to wit (of Prince William and Town of Dumfries with force and arms at the county aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of the court for the space of thirty days within six months next preceding the date of the presentment made against him the said Alexander C. Bullett by the Grand Jury for the County of Prince William at the June term for the court, to wit, on the fifth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, knowingly and willfully and without lawful authority went on the grounds and embankments of the Quantico Canal situate and being in the county aforesaid, the same being public property and used as such and did cut a ditch near to and obstruct the tow path, and carriage way of the canal injuring the citizens of the Commonwealth. And more especially the citizens of Prince William County were not able with convenience to go return pass and re pass along and through the said public grounds and common highway as they were accustomed, and ought of right to do.

To the great damage, hindrance and common nuisance of the citizens of this Commonwealth and more especially the citizens of the County of Prince William in going and returning, passing and re passing in , along and through said public grounds and common highway, to the evil example of all others in like cases offending and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

John Gibson attorney for Prince William County
In the County Court thereof