

**Commonwealth vs Gray**  
**8 March 1826**

Prince William County to Wit: Memorandum that upon this 2nd day in March in the year 1825 Charles Curtis came before me Charles Meng of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid and acknowledged himself indebted to James Pleasants Esq. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his Superior in the sum of twenty five dollars to be levied of his goods & chattels lands & tenements to the use of the said Commonwealth upon condition that if the said Charles Curtis do personally appear before the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for the said county on the first Monday in March Inst. at the court then to be holden for the said county - and do then and there on the behalf of the said Commonwealth give such evidence as he knoweth against a certain negro slave called Harry Gray said to be the property of Sukey Gray - Charged this day before me by Samuel Lucas with a breach of the peace &c. concerning the matter wherewith he is charged and that he do not depart without leave of the said court then this recognizance to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Acknowledged before me.  
Charles Meng

Prince William County to Wit: Be it remembered that on the 2nd day of March 1825 Sukey Gray a free woman of colour on the aforesaid county came before me one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid and acknowledged herself to owe to James Pleasants Esq. governor or chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his successor to wit the said Sukey gray in the sum of fifty dollars current money of Virginia to be levied and made of his goods and chattels lands & tenements to the use of the Commonwealth aforesaid there should be any failure in complying with the conditions underwritten - The condition of this recognizance is such that whereas a certain negro slave named Harry Gray said to belong to the said Sukey Gray is now brought before me charged by Samuel Lucas with a breach of the peace and other violence's against the family of the said Lucas - Now if the above named slave shall personally appear at the next court to be holden in and for the county aforesaid to do and \_\_ what \_\_ shall then and there be enjoined him by the said court and in the mean time keep the peace and be of good behavior towards the Commonwealth and all its citizens and especially towards Samuel Lucas a free man of colour in the said county then this recognizance shall be void or else to remain in full force and virtue acknowledged before me

Chas. \_\_\_\_\_

Prince William County to Wit: Whereas Samuel Lucas personally appeared before me and made oath that Bill Wakfield a free man of colour & Harry Gray a negro slave said to be the property of Sukey Gray deceased on the 26th day of February in the year of 1825 did violently assault and abuse him the said Samuel Lucas at his own house in the county aforesaid against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth forthwith to bring this said Bill Wakfield and Harry Gray before me or some other justice of the peace to answer the premises that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of February 1825. To the constable of  
Prince William County. Robert  
Hamilton

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Prince William County, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to summon Samuel Lucas and Charles Curtis to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court -House of the said county, on the 1st day of June court next, the truth to say in behalf of us in a certain matter of controversy in our said court, before our said Justices, depending and undetermined between us and Negro, Harry Gray. And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

Witness, Phillip D. Dawe, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, aforesaid, this 4th day of May 1825, and in the 49th year of our foundation.

P. D. Dawe

[Executed by W. Chapman deputy sheriff for Charles Ewell]

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Prince William County, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to summon Samuel Lucas and Charles Curtis to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court -House of the said county, on the 1st day of August court next, the truth to say in behalf of us in a certain matter of controversy in our said court, before our said Justices, depending and undetermined between us and Negro, Harry Gray. And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

Witness, Phillip D. Dawe, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, aforesaid, this 11th day of July 1825, and in the 49th year of our foundation.

P. D. Dawe

[Executed by James Fewell deputy sheriff for Charles Ewell]

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Prince William County, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to summon Alexander Lucas to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court -House of the said county, on the 1st day of August court next, the truth to say in behalf of us in a certain matter of controversy in our said court, before our said Justices, depending and undetermined between us and Negro, Harry Gray. And this he shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

Witness, Phillip D. Dawe, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, aforesaid, this 22nd day of July 1825, and in the 50th year of our foundation.

P. D. Dawe

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Prince William County, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to summon Samuel Lucas and Charles Curtis to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court -House of the said county, on the 1st day of November court next, the truth to say in behalf of us in a certain matter of controversy in our said court, before our said Justices, depending and undetermined between us and Negro, Harry Gray. And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

Witness, Phillip D. Dawe, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, aforesaid, this 7th day of October 1825, and in the 50th year of our foundation.

P. D. Dawe

[Executed by James Fewell deputy sheriff for Charles Ewell]

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Prince William County, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to summon Charles Curtis and Samuel Lucas to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court -House of the said county, on the 1st day of November court next, the truth to say in behalf of us in a certain matter of controversy in our said court, before our said Justices, depending and undetermined between us and Sukey Gray. And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

Witness, Phillip D. Dawe, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, aforesaid, this 11th day of February 1826, and in the 50th year of our foundation.

P. D. Dawe

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