

In the Court of Harrison County, Virginia
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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Henry Wise

In the Circuit Court of Harrison County – The Grand Jurors for said County on their oaths present that heretofore to wit: On the fifth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, and from that day to the finding this presentment Horace Greely did write, print and publish, and caused to be written, printed and published weekly in the city of New York and state of New York, a book and writing to wit: a newspaper and public journal styled and entitled “New York Tribune”, the object and purpose of which said “New York Tribune” was to advise and incite Negroes in this state to rebel; and make insurrection and to inculcate resistance to the rights of property of masters in their slaves in the state of Virginia.

And the Jurors do further present that said Horace Greely, afterwards to wit, on the day of July in the year 1856 did knowingly, willfully, and feloniously transmit to and circulate in and there and proceed to be transmitted to, and circulated in the said County of Harrison the said book and writing, to wit: the said “New York Tribune” with the intent to aid the purposes thereof, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Horace Greely on the (blank) day of July in the year 1856, did knowingly, unlawfully, and feloniously in said County of Harrison a writing to wit: a newspaper and public journal, which said writing newspaper and public was on the fifth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, published, written and printed in the City of New York and State of New York, and was styled and entitled “New York Tribune” with intent in him the said Greely then and there to advise and incite Negroes in the state of Virginia aforesaid to rebel and make insurrection, and to inculcate resistance to the right of property of masters in their slaves. Against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

Upon the information of Amaziah Hill and Seymour Johnson, witnesses sworn in open court and sent to the Grand Jury to testify at the request of the Grand Jury who had the “New York Tribune” in the above presentment referred to before these &c.

B. Wilson, attorney for the Commonwealth

(Endorsed) A True Bill – A. J. Garrett
Foreman