

8 October 1832

Commonwealth vs Davis

The Commonwealth of Virginia: To the Sheriff of Prince William County Greetings: Whereas John H. Keyes and Richard Davis at a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for Prince William County the 8th day of March 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the said county court and acknowledged themselves severally indebted to John Floyd Governor or Chief Magistrate of this Commonwealth, the said John H. Keyes in the sum of \$100 and the said Richard Davis in the like sum of \$100 of their respective goods and chattels, lands, and tenements, to be levied, and to the aid Governor or his successors for the use of the Commonwealth rendered yet upon condition that if the said John H. Keys should personally appeared before the justices of our said county court of Prince William on the first day of June Court then next to answer a presentment made against him by the Grand Jury at August term 1829 for disturbing a religious assembly while engaged in the performance of Divine Service at New Brentown Meeting House within three months previous to said presentment then the said recognizance was to be void, or by said recognizance now remaining among the records of our said county court manifestly appears. And whereas the said John H. Keys hath failed to make his personal appearance before the justices of our said county court of Prince William at the time and place aforesaid according to the condition of the said recognizance as appears to us of record. And whereas the said Richard Davis hath departed this life having first made his last will and testament in writing and administration with said will annexed of all and singular his goods chattels and credits hath been in due form committed to Sarah B. Davis. Therefore we command you that you make known to the said Sarah B. Davis administratrix with the will annexed of Richard Davis deceased that she be before the justices of our said county court of Prince William at the court house, on the first Monday in March next to shew if anything for herself she hath or can say, why the said John Floyd Governor or chief magistrate as aforesaid for the use of the said Commonwealth execution against her the said Sarah B. Davis administratrix with the will annexed of Richard Davis deceased of the sum of money aforesaid according to the force form and effect of the recognizance aforesaid ought not to have if to us it shall sum expedient and further to do and receive what our said county court, then and there, of her in this part shall consider. And have then there this writ. Witness John Williams clerk of our said county court, at the court house this 27th day of November 1832 and in the 57th year of our foundation.

John Williams

Executed on Sarah B. Davis by Samuel Tansill deputy sheriff for Jesse Ewell, Sheriff October 8th
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