

**Governors Executive Papers – Wells  
Accession #43756, Box 1, Folder 6  
Grand Jury Indictment – A true bill  
3 August 1868 – William Manly**

Prince William County to Wit:

In the County Court of said county the jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of the County of Prince William and now attending the said court upon their oaths present that John Manly and William Manly on the twenty-sixth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, in the county aforesaid with malice aforethought, in and upon Benjamin P. Mitchell, did make an assault, they the said John Manly and William Manly being then and there armed with dangerous weapons called hatchets, and did then and there unlawfully beat wound and ill treat him the said Benjamin P. Mitchell with intent him the said Benjamin P. Mitchell, with set purpose and malice aforethought to kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A. Nicol attorney for  
Commonwealth in said County

In Prince William County Court August 3, 1868 H. M. Cunningham foreman and sixteen others were sworn a grand jury for the body of the county, and having received their charge withdrew to consider of their presentments and after some time returned into court, and presented an indictment against John and William Manly.

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8 September 1868 – William Manly**

I hereby state that John Manly who was indicted by the grand Jury at the August term 1868 of Prince William County Court for assault upon myself with intent to kill is now a fugitive from justice from the state and that he is now to be found in the District of Columbia.

B. P. Mitchell

Prince William County to wit:

This day B. P. Mitchell personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said county and made oath that the facts set out in the foregoing statement are true.

Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1868  
Wm. A. Bryant J. P.