

Commonwealth of Virginia
Prince William County to wit

To B. N. Merchant, Sergeant, Corp. of Manassas Va. and to the keeper of the jail of said county. These are to command you the said Sergt. In the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to forthwith to convey and deliver into the custody of the keeper of the said jail together with his warrant the body of Mat smith and ___ Lyles, witnesses in the case of Commonwealth vs Edward Tyler Jr. The said witnesses having failed to furnish bail for their appearance at an examination to had in said case on the 16th day of June 1896. And you the said keeper of the said jail are hereby required to receive the said Smith & Lyles into your jail and custody that they may be examined as witnesses in said case and then there safely keep until they shall be discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of July 1896.

N. M. Longwell J.P. (seal)