

Prince William County Clerk's Loose Papers

Prince William County, to wit:

Be it remembered, that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year 1844 Benjamin B. Merchant and George W. Merchant of the same county, came before us two of the commonwealth justices of the peace for the county aforesaid and acknowledged themselves to owe to James McDowell Esq. governor or chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his successors, to wit, the said Benjamin F. Thomas the sum of two hundred dollars, and the said Robert B. Merchant the sum of one hundred dollars and the said George W. Merchant the sum of one hundred dollars current money of Virginia to be levied and made of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the Commonwealth aforesaid if the said Benjamin F. Thomas shall fail in performing the conditions under written.

The condition of the recognizance is such, that if the above bound Benjamin F. Thomas shall personally appear at the next court to be holden in and for the County of Prince William aforesaid, to do and receive what shall then and there be enjoined him by the said court for an affray and breach of the peace, made on the date hereof in the Town of Dumfries to the terror of the citizens thereof, by beating & wounding Alexander C. Bullet of said county on the head with a hickory club, and in the mean time shall keep the peace towards the Commonwealth and all its citizens, and especially towards the said Alexander C. Bullett: Then this recognizance to be void, or else remain in full force.

Acknowledged before us

R. W, Wheat (SEAL)  
Wm. Cockrell (SEAL)

Witnesses:

George H. Cockrell

George W. Merchant

Washington H. Norvill