

Governors Executive Papers

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Commonwealth vs Bryant Johnson

Prince William Court March 6, 1815

The Grand Jury returned into court with sundry presentments and an indictment against Bryant Johnson "A True Bill" having nothing further to present were discharged. The following is a copy of the indictment.

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Prince William County to wit:

The jurors of the county aforesaid upon their oath present that Bryant Johnson of the said county, mail driver, on the (blank) day of (blank) in the year 1815 with force and arms at the county aforesaid in and upon one Thomas T. Page, then being one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid, in the peace of God and of the said Commonwealth and in the due execution of his said office then and there also being, did make an assault and him the said Thomas T. Page then and there did beat wound and ill treat so that his life was greatly despaired of; and other wrongs to the said Thomas T. Page then and there did to the great damage of the said Thomas T. Page and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

Thomas T. Page gent
Prosecutor Prince William County

Heath Atto
Pro. Rep.

"A True Bill

Philip Warder foreman"

Commonwealth vs Johnson

Prince William County to wit:

This day came Thomas T. Page before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath. That the within mentioned Bryant Johnson has fled from justice, and is resident in the District of Columbia.

Given under my hand this 28th September 1815
Wm. Barnes

Commonwealth vs Johnson

Copy of Summons

The Commonwealth of Virginia – To the Sheriff of Prince William County Greetings. You are hereby commanded to summon Bryant Johnson to appear before the justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court house in the Town of Dumfries on the first day of June Court next to answer an indictment found "A True Bill" against him by the Grand Jury at March Term last for an assault on Thomas T. Page one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County of Prince William while in the due execution of his office. And have then there this writ. Witness Philip D. Dawe clerk of our said court at the Court House aforesaid this 17th day of March 1815 and in the 39th year of the Commonwealth.

Phil. D. Dawe

Sheriffs return “Not found W. R. Chapman D.S. for E. Brooke.”
Prince William County Court, June 5th 1815 continued until tomorrow

Prince William County Court, June 9th 1815, alias summons awarded
Copy of Alias Summons:

The Commonwealth of Virginia – To the Sheriff of (blank)County Greetings. You are hereby commanded to summon Bryant Johnson to appear before the justices of our County Court of Prince William at the Court house in the Town of Dumfries on the first day of August Court next to answer an indictment found “A True Bill” against him by the Grand Jury at March Term last for an assault on Thomas T. Page one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County of Prince William while in the due execution of his office. And have then there this writ. Witness Philip D. Dawe clerk of our said court at the Court House aforesaid this 16th day of June 1815 and in the 39th year of the Commonwealth.

Phil. D. Dawe

Sheriffs return “No Inhabitant of my bailiwick, W. R. Chapman D.S. for E. Brooke”

Prince William County Court August 8th 1815, Capias awarded against the Defendant
Copy of the Capias:

The Commonwealth of Virginia – To the Sheriff of Prince William County Greetings. We commanded you that you take Bryant Johnson if he is found in your bailiwick, and him safely keep so that you have his body before the justices of our said County Court at the Court House, on the first Monday in November next to answer an indictment found “A True Bill” against him by the Grand Jury at March Term last for an assault on Thomas T. Page one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County of Prince William while in the due execution of his office. And have then there this writ. Witness Philip D. Dawe clerk of our said court at the Court House aforesaid this 18th day of August 1815 and in the 40th year of the Commonwealth.

Phil. D. Dawe

Sheriffs return “No inhabitant of my bailiwick as I understand. W. R. Chapman for Edmund Brooke”

Teste, Phil D. Dawe Cl Cur.