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NUGGETS of gold for many a genealogist, historian, sociologist, novelist, are these abstracts and verbatim extracts from the loose papers of Princess Anne County, Virginia, painstakingly assembled in the Virginia State Library, where these ancient papers are now stored for safekeeping.

While these gleanings are primarily for the use of the genealogist, persons with far different interests may study them with profit, for the loose papers are those which were submitted to the court for its perusal, in order to aid the court in rendering its decisions.

Just as in our day, one would expect to find, and does find, evidence relating to a wide variety of civil suits, including many chancery suits, as well as scores of crimes, misdemeanors, and scandals in families of high and low degree. As the editor points out, the loose papers of any county will automatically reflect the other side of that county.

John Harvie Creecy was searching primarily for papers throwing light upon obscure matters of kinship, but with so much "local color" constantly coming to his attention, he did not feel justified in omitting it just to soothe the sensibilities of the squeamish. These papers are public records in the same sense that the bound volumes in the Clerk's Office are public records, Mr. Creecy reminds us, and a brief account of most of these matters is usually to be found in the minute books and order books of the county. He has abstracted these misdeeds with impartiality.

There are several good reasons why abstracts of the loose papers may be considered more valuable for the researcher than abstracts of the minute books. In the first place, the facts presented to the court were in much greater detail than the clerk's summaries for the minute books. Secondly, there were numerous papers, including personal tax vouchers, depositions showing ages, and the like, which are not mentioned at all in the minute books. Thirdly, the papers exist in only one place, whereas there are photostatic and microfilmed copies of the bound volumes in other places. Fourthly, there being, understandably, no index to these papers at the Virginia State Library, they are usually examined only as a last resort, with great loss of time.

More than 14,000 papers were examined and the most revealing abstracted in order to present this volume. Mr. Creecy has prepared a second volume dealing with Princess Anne County Loose Papers, beginning with the year 1790, and plans to offer it to the public as soon as the first volume shows signs of success.

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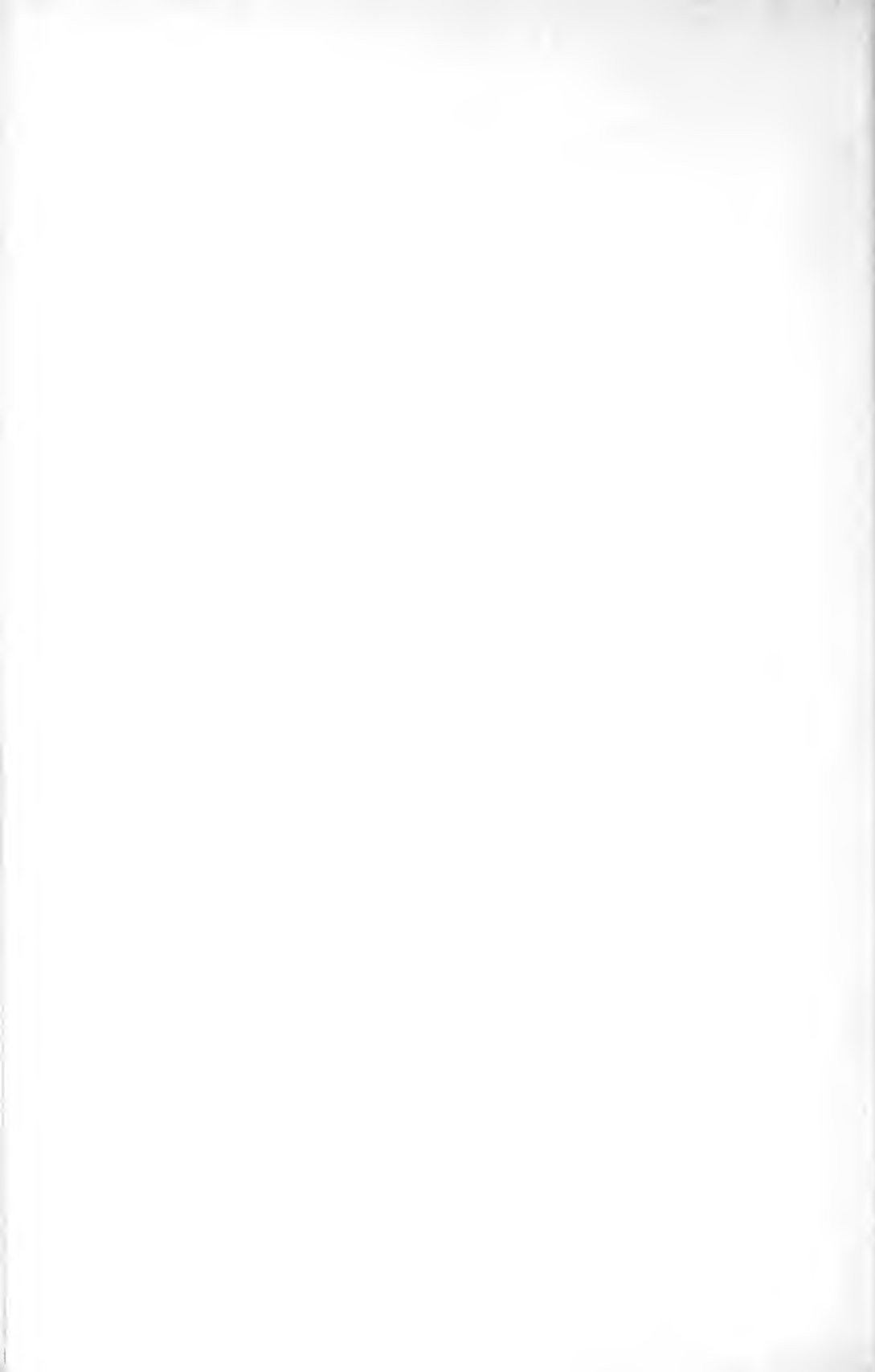
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Dedication

To the young in spirit, who find excitement in the pursuit
of truth,

And to the unsure, who are seldom quite positive when
they have found it,

And to the perplexed, who wonder what to do with it
afterward,

And to the curious, but with some reservations in regard
to meddling,

And to the debonair, who can take the bitter with the sweet,
but who prefer the sweet,

And to the well-intentioned, provided they give us fair
warning,

And to those who will allow us a little pride without asking
what we are proud of, a difficult question at best,

And to all those nice people whose niceness is apparent
without documentary proof;

To all of these this book is warm-heartedly dedicated.

FOREWORD

SOMETIME between 1924 and 1930 many thousands of loose papers were brought from the courthouse of Princess Anne County and stored in the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Virginia. There much of the dust of ages was removed, and those papers which were tied together or folded together were straightened out and fastened with paper clips. They were sorted out according to date, the latest date on a single sheet or group of sheets being the determining factor, and then flat filed in sturdy cardboard boxes. Because of the magnitude of the undertaking it was inevitable that several hundred of the more than 25,000 papers should have been misfiled, as these abstracts will show.

The papers from 1700 to 1789 were filed in boxes to which dates were assigned, and the boxes were marked "A 1" through "A 44." A new series of boxes was started with the papers dated 1790 and later, and these papers were placed in numbered boxes from which the "A" was omitted. On the average there appear to be slightly more than 300 papers per box. At the beginning of the first series a single box contains the surviving papers of 1700 through 1759, and at the end of the second series three boxes contain the papers of 1813 through 1860. With the exceptions noted, there are generally one or more boxes for each year, or occasionally one box for two years.

In the records of Princess Anne County there are only a few order books, the summaries of the court proceedings having been usually kept in minute books. In actual practice there was no difference whatever in this county between an order book and a minute book. In general, these minute books were made up of the clerk's notations as to what action the court took on the various cases presented to it for decision. A person with a complaint of any kind who felt that he could obtain justice only through a court action customarily had to have one or more papers filled out for him, and may have had to bring other papers with him to present to the court for its perusal. These papers are the raw material from which this book was compiled. In a typical case a summons was issued at the instance of a plaintiff against a defendant, and the summons showed the nature of the complaint. A date for the hearing was noted on the back of the summons, or if the defendant could not be found, the sheriff might note on the back that he had left the county. If the case was one involving debt we should expect to find, and usually do find, the actual account, promissory note, or bond, with

date and witnesses, or some other paper giving information which the clerk did not find it necessary to enter in the minute book. Occasionally some of this information was found to be written on the backs of personal letters entirely unrelated to the case at hand. Some of these letters contain information of sufficient interest to make their copying or abstracting worth while.

Of especial genealogical value are the Chancery suits. These suits were nearly always initiated by certain members of a family against other members in order to obtain a court decision for the proper division of land or slaves. In the minute books we frequently find the relationships of the various parties mentioned, but this is not always the case. On the other hand, in practically all the Chancery papers we are either explicitly informed of these relationships or we can infer them more readily, and we are likewise told when certain heirs have died before the commencement of the suit, or have gone to sea and are presumed to be dead because of their long absence.

The name of a slave, the nature of a land boundary, a road petition showing the names of the owners through whose land the proposed road was to pass; such scraps of information, while appearing to be insignificant, are often the long-sought clues that enable the genealogist to distinguish between two persons of the same name, and thus to prove a genealogical case. In compiling these abstracts the primary object was to glean from the loose papers information of a genealogical nature. Perhaps 85% of the papers giving clearly stated genealogical information were abstracted, it having been found from experience that much of the remaining information could be found in the minute books. Naturally it would have been impractical to abstract all or even most of the papers, for it is estimated that more than 14,000 were examined for the purpose of compiling this book, and probably 90% of them contain little or no vital information which is not more readily to be found in the bound volumes. Occasionally what seems to be irrelevant to most people is found to be of importance to a particular person. Hence a few papers which offered only the vaguest kinds of clues were abstracted.

Certain papers were copied or abstracted for reasons other than genealogical. A number of them threw additional light on major historical events. Others showed the hates, jealousies, crimes, misdemeanors, spitefulness, or stinginess of some of the inhabitants, and were included by way of adding local color, as well as providing basic material for some future historian, biographer, novelist or sociologist.

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Essentially, however, this book seeks to provide answers to genealogical problems, or clues which may aid in their solution.

No history of Princess Anne County could properly be written, of course, without a close examination of its public records. On the other hand, it would be a serious mistake to assume that the actions resulting in court cases were typical of the behavior of most of the inhabitants. Undoubtedly most of the debts were paid and most of the quarrels settled without the necessity of a judicial decision. The ordinary daily acts of kindness, generosity and decency of many members of a community are not generally included in the court proceedings of a county, nor can any instance be recalled wherein a man or woman was hailed into court to receive a citation for a noble deed. The minute books, order books and loose papers of any county will automatically reflect the worst side of that county.

There is nothing secret about the papers from which this book was compiled. They are public records in the same sense that will books and deed books are public records, and as such may be examined by anyone who will take the trouble to go to the Virginia State Library and ask to see them. Of all the public records of Princess Anne County, it was considered that abstracts of the loose papers would be of the greatest help to the researcher, if for no other reason than that the person with a limited time at his disposal automatically rebels at the very thought of examining thousands of miscellaneous papers which have no index.

Not more than half a dozen of the hand-written documents can be recalled which were spelled correctly by today's standards or by the best standards of that period. Verbatim copies presented herein in quotation marks will show many of these droll misspellings. In general, however, these errors have not been slavishly copied, except in a few instances to preserve some of the flavor of the times.

Many of the papers were written in handwritings difficult to decipher, and many others were found to be torn, smudged, stained by water, or partially eaten by mice. Under such conditions some errors in copying are inevitable. Words or parts of words which were difficult to read are printed in italic type in this book.

For the most part, abstracts of several papers relating to a single case have been grouped in a single paragraph. Usually a date precedes the facts abstracted. Inasmuch as some papers have many dates upon them, the nearest date on which the statements were valid has been selected to head the paragraph. In Chancery proceedings in particular

the reader is cautioned to remember that the date selected is generally the date on which the facts were presented to the court, or the date on which the court rendered a decision upon the facts. Thus, a lawsuit which states that a certain person died intestate and that his heirs seek a division of his estate does not necessarily mean that the death occurred at a time which was then recent. It may have occurred fifteen or twenty years before the date of the suit. Some suits took many years to settle, and during their progress changes may have occurred in the status of some of the participants. Thus, an infant may have died or may have reached maturity, or a widow may have married for the second time during the progress of a suit. In such cases we frequently find interlineations, where another name was added to the interested parties, as well as deletions of the names of one or more persons. In attempting to fix inferentially the approximate date of a birth, marriage or death, the reader should allow a little leeway to take into account some of these complications.

Genealogy is the handmaiden of history. Can any adequate history be written without knowing something of the kinships involving those who made history, without knowing what legislator was the brother-in-law or cousin of another rising young political figure, and why the one aided the other? County records frequently provide the only answers to many puzzling questions of kinship. They also provide clues as to why a slanderous word, an impulsive act, a habit of getting into debt, or the hatred of a neighbor may have influenced a person to leave the county and seek his fortune elsewhere. Occasionally they reveal some of the chief factors that molded his thinking as a young man, such as the fact that his teacher was a Scotch clergyman. The faded writing on a single cracked and torn sheet of paper may provide the clue as to why he changed from a man of prodigal habits to a man of caution, or why his views changed from conservative to liberal. The statement that he was sued as a security on another man's promissory note is brief and unimpassioned as it appears in the records, but it may have been the beginning of a lifetime of heartache and poverty for him, and the chief explanation for the fact that the descendants of one branch of a prominent family faded into obscurity for generations, while those of another branch carried on the traditions of leadership.

Certain wealthy foundations which have recently become interested in history have been very lavish in donating millions of dollars for the restoration of historical buildings, and for this they deserve our thanks. It is hoped that they may also see the wisdom of setting up a foundation

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for the purpose of indexing and abstracting our colonial county records, thus providing in easily accessible form some of the most important raw material from which histories are made. The historian and the genealogist have this in common: each is interested in dead people. Each in his own way may help the other.

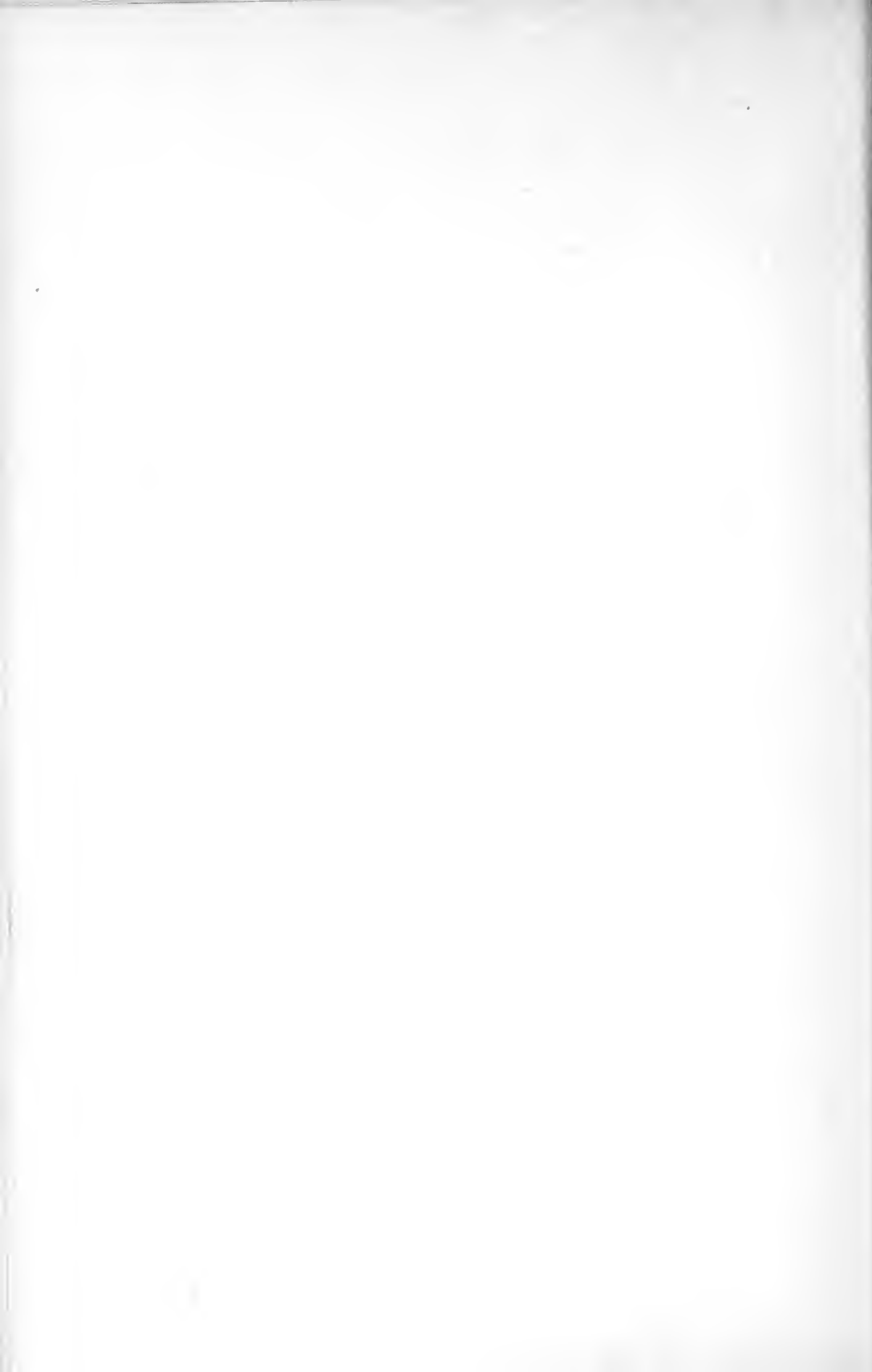
The editor of this book is in no sense a historian. It is for the latter to take some of the dry facts herewith presented and breathe the breath of life into them. If any facts of value have been herein rescued from semi-oblivion, the effort expended in presenting them will not have been wasted.

For their advice, criticism and helpfulness, the editor wishes to express his thanks to Mr. John Melville Jennings of the Virginia Historical Society, and to Mr. Milton C. Russell, Mrs. Bertie Craig Smith, Mr. John W. Dudley, Mrs. Nell M. Nugent, Miss L. Estelle Bass, Mr. Marvin D. Evans and Mrs. Mary Pollard, lately deceased, all of the staff of the Virginia State Library, as well as to many other members of the staff.

Libraries are requested to catalogue this volume under the name of the county as well as under that of the state, and to accord the same treatment to all other volumes which may follow in this series.

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ABBREVIATIONS

(As found in the original records.)

<p>att, att^o attorney aldⁿ alderman amt, amo^t amount ads adversus, adsectum alis, al^s alias ag^t, agst against acco^t, ac^t, acot, acc^t account a/c account current attach^t attachment appe^r appear admor, adm^r, ad'or administrator adm'x administratrix aforesd aforesaid bot bought cont^d continued comp^t complaint certif^d certified comp^y, co company ct^y county cap^s capias Cr credit clk, cl, c clerk Col^o, Col, Coll^o, Cn^{ll} Colonel Cor^t, Ct, Co^t Court curr^t, cur^t current def^t defendant dec^d, dc^d, d:d, des^d deceased Doctr, Doct, D^r Doctor D^r debit deposⁿ, depⁿ deposition d^o ditto disc^td discontinued dism^d dismissed dep^y, dp^y, dy, d deputy divⁿ, divⁿ division exec, exc, excⁿ execution execu^d executed</p>	<p>exec^r, ex'or, ex^r executor exec^x, exec^{rix}, ex'x executrix est, est^t estate fi: fa: fieri facias fⁿ foreman fav^r, fav favor g^t grant Gent, Gentⁿ Gentleman humb, hble humble inst, in^t instant imp^l imparlance judgm^t, judgt, jud^t judgment Jun^r, Jr, Jun, Jn^r, Ju^r Junior L^{re} Letter M thousand Maj^{ty} Majesty merch^t merchant m'rk^d, m'k^d marked N^o north, number O. R. ordered recorded pet^r petitioner petⁿ, pet^o, pet^t petition plt plaintiff paym^t payment P. tax poll tax p^r per, pair q^t quit quit^s quit rents rep^d repeated R Rules rec^d, reced received rec^d recorded sq square sci: fa: scire facias Sr Sir sur^r surveyor serv^t, s^t servant</p>
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A B B R E V I A T I O N S

<p>sp^l special Sen^r, Sen, S^r, Sn^r, Se^r. Senior surv^g surviving Sc^t, Sc. scilicet (to wit) sp^a, subp^a. subpoena sec^v security sd said shff, shf, sh, s. sheriff S. Shf, S. S. sub sheriff TQCF. trespass quare clausum fregit</p>	<p>T. A. B. trespass, assault & battery tob^o, tob tobacco vs. versus Virg^a Virginia w^{ch} which wid^o, wid^w. widow y^r, yo^r. your y^r year / shillings &c^a, &c. etcetera</p>
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Note: Many of the above abbreviations have variations, but these are the ones which were found to be used most frequently. If there was any standard table of abbreviations, the clerks, lawyers and others paid scant attention to it; instead, they used those that suited their convenience. Most of them can be recognized without difficulty, but occasionally there are some which are open to interpretation. Dis^d, for example, might mean discharged, discontinued or dismissed, according to the intention of the user.

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BOX A 1, MARKED 1700-1759

[*Note:* There are a number of manila folders in this box. The one with the earliest papers is marked "1700, 1717, 1729, 1730-1739." The next is marked "1741-1749." The other folders are marked with a single year each.]

First Folder

5 March 1699/1700. The founders & trustees of His Majesty's Royal College of William & Mary in Virginia complain against James Lamount in a plea of debt, in that he subscribed 400 pounds of tobacco toward the endowment of the said college (pursuant to an Act of Assembly made 16 Oct. 1693 at James City), and hath not paid.

3 July 1717. Whereas Mr. Lewis Conner, assignee of Mr. Jno. Cornick, sued Eliza Catherill & Charles Kinsey for 500 pounds of Tobacco due by bill & the said Kinsey appearing and confessing Judgment, it's therefore ordered that he pay the plt. his debt according to Specialty with Cost alis Exc'. & forasmuch as it doth appear that the said Catherill is very Sick and incapable to come it is also ordered that the plts Suit agt. her be continued to next Court. On the reverse side of this paper is an order to the sheriff of Pr. Anne County as follows: "Wherein having failed ----- These are therefore in His Majts name to will & require you to arrest the body of the within named Charles Kinsey and him [*in your cus*] tody keep without baile or main prize untill he Shall fully Satisfy & pay the contents of the within order and costs unto the within Specified Mr. Lewis Conner or his assigns herein faile not allso make Due return hereof Dated at my office the 30th of June 1718. Charles Sayer, Cl Cur."

2 and 3 Sept. 1729. Copy of a lease and release, dated as stated, from Henry Spratt to Henry Woodhouse for 300 acres of marsh land, part of a patent for 4150 acres dated 21 Feb. 1720. Witnessed by Hillary Moseley, Jno. Lovett, Henry White. Written on the back is the notation "For Capt Wm. D. Woodhouse" and another notation as

follows: "This Deed mentions the Marsh land which Mr. Henry Woodhouse sold to Fentress."

Copy of a lease & release, dated 5 and 6 March 1733/4, from Major Henry Spratt to Henry Woodhouse for 400 acres at Nany's Creek, being part of a patent for 4141 acres dated 21 Feb. 1720, joining on 300 acres of marsh formerly conveyed by said Spratt to said Woodhouse on 2 and 3 Sept 1729. At the bottom of this copy (made by E. H. Moseley) and in a different handwriting is the notation: "This Deed contains the High Land sold by Henry Woodhouse to Fentress."

Letter. "To Capt. Wm. Parsons, New Town. This / Sr. may Please to give mr. Fraasier of Maryland who married the Daughter of one mr. Holland mother of Wm. Bolithos Daught^{rs} upon wch Daught^{rs} acot. give them Credit in yr. Store at New Town for between forty & fifty Shillings at most, & take sufficient Receipt on this my noat wch shall oblige the paymt thereof by Novem^r: 25th 1735. Sr Y^r Humb: Servt. Edw: Moseley. Shal return the 5 pr Shos soon they'l made. E. M." On the reverse side of this paper is the following: "Recd. this 25th of Novr 1735 Two pounds ten shillings and six pence on the Acct of this note for Wm Boliters Children I say rec. per Petr Frazer." [Note: the first name of Mr. Frazer is very hard to decipher. We can be certain of the name only by comparing this item with another loose paper in the same folder. This other paper is an account of the estate of Colo Edwd Moseley decd to Bryan Blundell Mercht in Liverpool for goods delivered by Wm. Parsons. This account was sworn to on 5 Jan. 1736 before Jacob Ellegood. One item in the above account is dated 7 Jan. 1735 and reads: "To his Order in fav: of Petr Frasier for £2:10:6." Here the name Petr is clear and unmistakeable, and it will also be noted that the sum of money is the same as in the preceding paper.]

Second Folder, 1741 – 1749

22 Feb. 1741/2. The account of Elizabeth Harvey decd to Mr. John Harper Senr. To 1 gallon of Brandy for her husband's funeral. 4 Shillings.

1742. The estate of Eliza Harvey is debtor to Thos. Lester 5 shillings for making her coffin. Sworn 23 Dec. 1745 by the above Thos. Lester.

George Harvey decd to Antho. Moseley is debtor. To the Ballance of his father's account, £0:8:11½. To the Ballance of his own account, £0:3:2½. 22 Feb. 1741/2, to 45 foot of plank for his coffin, £0:2:3. Two other items for sugar and one sheet, almost new.

1740. The Estate of Palmer Moseley decd is debtor to Thos.

Grainger. For $\frac{1}{2}$ years schooling Mr. Edward from 24 March to 24 Sept., 10 Shillings; for 7 months schooling Mr. Hewlitt from 4 May to 4 Dec., 14 Shillings, 7 pence. The above account sworn before Nathl Newton 11 March 1740/41. [Note: Mr. Edward and Mr. Hewlitt, referred to above, undoubtedly were Mr. Edward Moseley and Mr. Hewlitt Moseley. "Mr." in this case was probably intended as an abbreviation for Master.]

May 1743. Sale of the estate of Thos. Ivy decd. Purchasers of various items were Capt. Thos. Walke, James Kempe, Mr. Geo. Wishart, Mrs. Aliph Miller, & Mr. Robbinson (who bought a set of silver buckles). Wm. Purdy was administrator. Also sold was a large Bible, purchaser not stated. The articles sold brought in £22:14:11.

1747. Various papers relating to Henry Southern decd, his debts, the sale of his estate, etc. The estate of Henry Southern is indebted, May & June of 1747, to William Happer, for salivating Henry Southern's daughter and for dressing her leg. [Note: the Happers have been doctors for generations, even unto the present one.] Among the papers is this note: "Elizabeth Southern Came to my Hous the first day of Desember and went a Way the 20 day of Jenuary and my Cheard [Charge?] is for Ceaping of hur the time is fifteen Shillings for So doing by me. March 13d, 1746/7. Elizabeth Smith." On the reverse side is the following: "Novembr 19th 1747, Elizabeth Smith this day made oath that she performed the within Service for which she charges Fifteen Shillings and hath not recd any Sattisfaction. before me Antho: Walke."

The estate of George Harvey decd is debtor £0:7:0 for Quits of 300 acres of land for 1737 and 1741. Sworn 18 May 1742 by James Condon, Sheriff.

The estate of Henry Chapman deceased is debtor to Thos. Grainger £0:7:6, Oct. 1749, for reading his funeral sermon.

8 Nov. 1749. Sale of Henry Chapman's estate. Purchasers of various articles were Alif Chapman, George Jemason, Tully Robinson Smyth, Peter Dale, Capt. James Moore, Lewis Thelaball, Mr. Edwd Hack Moseley, John Cann, Capt. Jno. Cook, Majr Thomas Walke, George Oldner, Arthur Sayer, Mark Powell, Capt. Maxl Calvert, Mrs. Martha Connyer, Benja Jenkins, Henry Holmes, Jno. Harper (Gloster), Joseph Wallace, Capt. Geo: Wishart, Margret Griffin, Jno. Wmson (son of Jno.), Nathl Thelaball, William Martin, Thorowgood Spratt, George Dudley, Thomas Thelaball, Charles Nicholson, Abell Belote, William Garton, Benja Moseley, Leml Langley, James Oast. At another sale on

29 Nov 1749, some of the above persons were again purchasers, as well as William Guy and William Pebworth.

The Remaining Folders

Letter to Mr. Spence Hall: "Sur Mr Robert titus has been with me and I have Drawd of his acount of the freight Book an his inst Due is £2:3:4 pensylvanea Curincey for wheat and flaxseed Deliverd on bord of the Schooner Eagle in pardner Ship between you and me in october the 15th 1750 I hope you will take care to Settle this acount to oblige youre Distrest friend Charles Dickinson." Letter is endorsed: "Titus vs. Dickinson."

22 Jan. 1750/1. Sale of the estate of Jno. Wilbur decd. Purchasers were Elizabeth Wilbur Senr the widow, Franciss Wilbur, Samuel Wilbur Junr, Amy Wilbur, Peggy Wilbur and John Wilbur son [of] Wm.; also Thomas Walke, Edward Land, Jno. Axted, Pattick Smith, Zacheriah Boush, John Smith, Jno. Cumberland, Batson Whithurst, Simon Whithurst, Robert Murden, Saml. Williams (Smith), Lewis Baker, Epa: Munden, John Jones, Adam Ackiss, Wm. Parsley, James Lovett, Phillip Malbone, James Moore, James Eaton, Jno. Henly son [of] Jno. At a continuation of the sale on 27 June 1751, Charles Nicholson and Edmond Absolom were purchasers.

"At Nansemond Court 11th Augt 1752. Then recd of Doctr. Chrst Wright the sum of forty Two pounds Ten Shillings in full consideration for a Negro Called Ned, & Bot of me Thos Holladay. Test, James Stockdale."

31 March 1753. Sale of the estate of Mrs. Eliza Montgomery decd. Purchasers were Mr. Thos. Rasco, Coll: Edwd Hack Moseley, Mr. John Cann, Benja Gankins, Thos. Cone, John Montgomery, Wm. Harper, Charles Nickolson, Hewlett Moseley, Capt. James More, Eliza Wiggins, Chrst Write.

17 Feb. 1753. Emanuel Elkes decd is indebted to Robt. Read £0:2:6 for finding plank for his coffin, and the same amount for his wife. Sworn 20 May 1756 before Wm. Keeling.

Letter, 5 May 1757, addressed to Capt. Arthur Sayer. "Sir Please to let John Ackiss have my Proportionable part of my Fathers Estate as I petitioned for last Court & oblige Yr hble Servt. Keziah (her mark) Elkes." There is also another letter to Sayer in practically the same words, signed by Thomas (his mark) Elks. Among the Elks papers we also find the name written as Yelks.

The following is copied verbatim: "At A Court held for Nanse-

mond County May 14th 1753 The Persons appointed to Devid and set apart Mary Holladays Dower in the Slaves Whereof her former husband John Wright died Possessed of made their report which is ordered to be recorded and is as follows, In Obedience to an order of Nansmond County Court bearing Date the 9th Day of April 1753 we the Subscribers have met at the house of Mr. Thomas Holladay and have Devided & Set apart his wives Dower in the Slaves which did belong to Mr John Wright Decd and we have assigned unto the said Holladay one Negro man Named Ned and the third Part of a Negro Boy Named Peter. Given under our hands this 8th Day of May 1753. Jno King, Jos. Corbell. Test, Leml Riddick, Clk. Ct. A Copy Test, Leml Godwin, Dy. Clk. Ct."

15 Jan. 1754. Charles James petitions for his proportionable part of the estates of Robert James decd and Elizabeth James decd.

"At a Court held the 16th October 1754. Whereas Solomon Wood who was committed to Gaol for want of Security for his good Behavior in Betaking himself to some honest calling & Labour for Support of himself & Family & to Indemnifie the Parrish therefrom, having Escaped Out of Gaol without having Given any such bond or Security it is Ordered that the Sherif to go in Serch after the said Solomon Wood & him having apprehended to Commit again into the Said goal there to remain untill such bond & security be given agreeable to the former Order of the Court in that Case made & Provided. -----Copa. Arth. Sayer Cl Cur." Endorsed as follows: "Not to be found per Edw. Cannon."

"This is to Sartifye that Readaulphus Molbron has Given Andrew Etheredge Liberty to Act and Doe in my stead, in the Esteate of John Sealey Desest for my wife Estate all from me. April 12th Day 1754 Readaulphus (his hand) Molbo--." Witnessed by Henry Trippe and James Tooly.

16 April 1754. Mary Etheridge, wife to Andrew Etheridge, petitions for her proportion of the estate of her brother John Cealey decd.

16 April 1754. Reodaphus Malbone humbly prays that your worships will grant him an order for his proportion of his Brother in L[aw's] Estt John Cealey decd. [Record torn.]

25 June 1754. Anne Ashman claims that Henry Capps & Elizabeth Jolley have sundry goods of hers in her possession and she is afraid they will leave the colony. This is an order to the sheriff to require them to give security not to leave the colony without permission of the Court. Endorsed as follows: "Not to be found within our county per Adam Keeling."

Wm. Gisburn claims £1:14:10½ as his part of his brother Edwd Gisburn's estate. [Found in 1754 folder.]

"The petition of Dinah Capps Humbly Sheweth that She hath Kept won Child of Michal Shearwoods the Space of two months and better and desires that Your Worships Will be please to grant her & order for sum Small sum out of the sd Shearwoods Estate and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray." Endorsed as follows: "To the Boarding of the within mentioned Child £2:10," and in another place "The above Acct Sworn before me this 19 day of Augt 1755. Nathl Newton."

22 Aug. 1755. Thomas Caton petitions for his proportion of the estate of his father Solomon Caton.

The following have claims against Eliza Burgess's estate: Charles Gasking, John Morris's estate, Doct. Christor Wright, Robert Huggins, Andrew Consaul, Isaac White's estate, A. Sayer, Andrew Stewart. [Found in 1757 folder.]

1 Jan. 1757. George Stone & Willis Lane sign a promissory note to pay Tully Robinson three Shillings, being for goods bought at the sale of Margtt Linton Decd.

Petition of Charles Broughton sheweth that he was in his minority bound as an apprentice by his father Thomas Broughton of this county to a certain Robert Moseley for ten years which ended in August 1757, during which time he was paid no wages. By the laws of this colony in such cases, your petitioner apprehends that Robert Moseley owes him £3:10 for his freedom dues. Endorsed: "Dismissed."

25 May 1757. Barbara McBride & Duncan McCaul obligate themselves to pay £21:10:8 to Tully Robinson, sheriff of Pr. Anne County, for goods bought out of the estate of Angus McBride decd.

23 June 1757. An order to the sheriff to attach Rachel Martin, Mary Barnes, Sarah Morris and Hanah Batts to answer such matters as shall be laid to their charge. This is an attachment per Grand Jury, and is endorsed thus: "The within named Persons not found by me Edward Cannon, Sh."

22 Sept. 1757. Sale of the estate of Capt. John Thorowgood decd. Purchasers were Thomas Walke, Collo Edwd Hack Moseley, Mr. Henry Rothery, Mr. Thomas Haynes, Mr. Erasmus Haynes, Mr. Samuel Farmer, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Thomas Rascow, Mr. William Harper, Mr. James Moore, Mr. John Moore, Mr. John Cann, Mr. Thomas Carter, Mr. William Young, Mr. Michael Wilder, Mr. Samuel Boush, Mr. Maxl. Boush, Mr. William Keeling, Mr. Adam Keeling Junr, Mr.

Jonas Cawson, Mr. John Biddle, Mr. Charles Norris, Mr. John Colley Junr, Mr. John Hunter, Mr. Thos Walker, Mr. Lawrence Gamwell, Mrs. Mary Dyson, Richard Lewellen, Messrs White & Scott, Collo Anthony Walke & Son, and Mr. George Jameson. Total amount of sales was £262:12:7. Purchaser of the largest amount was Thomas Walke, who purchased goods which sold for £74:1:19.

1756. The estate of James Randolph decd is indebted to Tully Robinson, sheriff. To 1 Levy & 1 poll, £0:4:10¼. To Quits 105 acres, £0:4:0.

27 April 1757. Account of sales of the estate of James Randolph decd. [This paper is very badly mutilated.] Purchasers include Capt. Isaiah -----, Cartwright Butt, Matthias Miller, Sam -----t, -----thead Junr, Joshua West, Robert Reed, Jno. Berry Junr, Joseph Corbell, Saml Smith, Arthur Oldes, Robert Hodges, Patrick Write, Andrew Etheridge, Dennis Caps Senr, Mary Randolph widow, -----Randolph, Caleb Merchant, Jno. Berry Senr, Lem--- -----, Willioug--- Miller, Jno. Ackiss, Richard Berry.

19 Jan. 1756. Keziah Ealks petitions for her proportion of the estate of her father Emanuel Elks.

19 Jan. 1756. Thomas Ealks petitions for his proportion of the estate of his father Emanuel Ealks.

Four undated vouchers found in the 1757 folder. These are the basic material from which the land and personal property taxes were compiled. They are written on four scraps of paper and read as follows:

"James Johnson-----1."

"Henry Johnson one tidable & Sixty Seven & a half acres of Land."

"Robert Jones-----1. Cuffee, Cole, Philip, Owen-----4. Ned, Jesper, Cupid, Moll-----4. Fib and Moll-----2. 1 Chair & 933½ acres of Land."

"Mary Jones List. Negroes David, Roger, Mingo, Laray, Frank -----5. Of Land 275 [or 215 ?] ackers, one Rideng Chear."

"Whereas I Walter Lyon student of Divinity by a certain Contract or Articles of Agreement entered into at Glasgow and bearing date the 9th day of March 1754 did Contract with and Indent myself to Mr. James Dunlop Junr Mercht. in Glasgow in behalf of Edwd Hack Moseley in Princess Ann County in the Colony of Virginia to serve for the Space of four years to teach Educate and instruct the Children of the said Edwd Hack Moseley in the Several parts of Learning and Education according to their respective ages and Capacities, for the Salary or Wages of Twenty pound Sterling a year," etc., etc. The contract goes

on to state that in spite of any previous agreement, Lyon agrees that if Moseley will allow him to teach any children of the neighboring gentlemen, then he, Moseley, shall be entitled to one half of the sums arising from these fees for teaching. The present contract is dated 25 June 1756, signed by Walter Lyon, and witnessed by James Dent. On the reverse side of this paper is written the following: "I do here agree that the within mentioned Walter Lyon shall have all the benefit for Schooling the five scholars that he the sd Lyon teaches English only, Given Under my hand this day of June 1756." As this last paragraph is not signed, it might be surmised that it represents an unsuccessful attempt on the part of Lyon to gain an additional concession from Moseley.

List of bills delivered to Peter Taylor, guardian to Wm., Thos. and Mary Taylor, 8 June 1747. There are bills totaling £10:8:11½ from William Jacobs, Patrick Brooks, Majr Thos Walke and Benja Moseley. This small scrap of paper was attached to a larger sheet of paper mentioning the legacies paid to the orphans of Thos. Taylor. Those mentioned as orphans are Eliza & Martha Taylor (to both of whom David Ballentine is guardian), and Thos, Mary, William and James Taylor.

Feb. 1757. The estate of Mr. Angus McBride is indebted to Daniel Dudley £0:12:6 for making & finding plank & Nails & Blacking for his coffin.

25 May 1757. Account of sales of the estate of Angus McBride decd. Purchasers were Mr. John Cann, Barbara McBride, Duncan McCall, John Thomson, Collo Edward H. Moseley, James Moore, Mr. John Ince Junr, Mr. George Jamisson, Mrs. Mary Dyson, Tully Robinson, James Scott, John Stone Junr.

"Princess Anne. Pursuant to an order of Court to us directed bearing date the 17th Januy 1758 Wee the Subscribers have mett & Viewed the Road Motiond to be Cleared by Capt. Chrstr. Wright down to the Glebe beginning at a small Vally at the Eastward End of the said new Road & Running a Strait Course to the divin line Between the said Wright & the Glebe Land bought of Dudley thence along the said division Line to or near a Red Oak & from thence by a Strait Course to fall in the Old Road near an Old pine standing at the Northwest End of the said new Road, And do Believe the Said new Road when Cleared to be as Convenient to the Glebe as the Road now in use. Given under Our hands this 21st day of Feby 1758. Frans Thorowgood Land, Adam Lovett, Andw Stewart, Willm Moseley."

Mr. Benja Dingley Gray is indebted to the estate of Doctr Geo:

Rouviere for several items, including a "visit to your spouse" on 6 May 1758, and "3 fondans [?] pills to your child for the worms" on 13 July 1757.

Account of Stephen Daugherty for various sums for various medical supplies due to Chr. Wright. Account dates from 17 April 1759 to Nov. 1759. Significant items, with dates, are: 2 Sept., to X oz Cordial Julap for his wife, £0:5:0. 15 Sept., to 2 Blysters for his wife, £0:4:0. 21 Sept., to Plank for his wife's Coffin, £0:3:4. 21 Sept., to Day's hire of a Negroe Fellow (not under him) to Digg her Grave &c., £0:1:3. 21 Sept., to Cordial Drops for his child, £2:6. 2 Oct., to paid the Clerk for Burying his wife, £0:7:6. 2 Oct., to his Levy & P. Tax for the year 1759, £0:8:8¼.

✓ 28 June 1759. John Godfrey of Norfolk County entered into a recognizance in the sum of £100 to insure his appearance in Princess Anne County Court on 7 July next to give evidence against Charles Jones Peckman, suspected of Felony.

The estate of Mr. William Harper is indebted to James Williamson. Items date from Jan. 1754 to May 1761. There are two items of significance: 1758, to making one coffin, £0:15:0, and 27 May 1761, to making one coffin, £0:15:0.

14 Feb 1759. Mary (her mark) Banks & John Ackiss sign a note to pay John Whitehurst, sheriff, £14:8:6 for goods bought at the sale of the estate of William Banks decd.

14 Feb 1759. The Account of the estate of William Banks decd to Chr. Wright, S. Sheriff. Significant items are: to the Sheriff's per cent on the sale of the estate, amounting to £20:19:11½, £1:1:0. To one Levy & Poll tax for the year 1758, £0:7:8. To the Minister for one register fee, £0:0:4½. To the Qt Rents of Miss Mary Sand Thorowgood's Land & Marsh for the years 1757 & 1758, being 400 acres, £1:18:4. To Mary Banks's bill for ----- £14:18:6½. Purchasers of various items belonging to the estate of William Banks deceased were Mary Banks, Major Thos Walke, Mr. John Ackiss, Robert Davis, William Berry, Chr. Wright, William Ackiss, Elias Cornish, John Berry Junr, George Ackiss, Jno. Cumberland.

8 Feb. 1758. Francis (his mark) Land (son of Frs) and James Cotton obligate themselves to pay £2:4:6 to Capt. John Whitehurst, sheriff, for goods bought at the sale of the estate of Lemuel Hartgrove Decd.

BOX A 2, MARKED 1760-1761

6 June 1761 in the first year of the reign of George the Third. Capias for William Nimmo, cabinet maker, to answer Joseph Hutchings, Gent., acting ex'or of the last will & testament of Josiah Smith, Gent., decd of a plea of debt, damage £10.

✓ Petition of Wm. Godfrey to build a water grist mill. He holds land on one side of the Mill Dam Run opposite to the land of David McClenahan, Gent. Petition prays that $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of McClenahan's land may be laid off for your petitioner, according to the Act of Assembly in such cases made & provided. 17 Nov. 1761, Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury to view the land & make report.

3 June 1762. Depositions of John Gilmour, aged 20 years & upwards, and of John Campbell, aged 17 years & upwards, taken in the case of Lester vs. Logan.

12 Mar. 1762. Capias for Francis Moore, James Moore and John Moore to answer Mary Norris and Charles Gasking, ex'ors of the last will and testament of Adam Lovatt decd, of a plea of debt, damage £400.

25 Oct. 1765. Capias for Isaiah Barnes to appear on the third Tuesday in November next to answer Mary Lovett of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12. Executed, and Henry Woodhouse, bail.

"Princess Anne County Novembr 1st 1760. Mr. John Williamson in Little Creek Precinct. Sir, This is to give you notice that I intend to appear at the next Court to be held for this County of Princess Anne, on the Third Tuesday in this instant, then & there to Prove (in right of Mary my wife) a Property to a Negroe Boy named or called Harry, now in your Possession as Executor of your Father Mr. James Williamson late of said County Deceas'd by virtue of a Gift thereof made to her the said Mary my wife by the said James Williamson Deceas'd, her, and your Father in his Lifetime: And I do hereby request and desire you then & there Likewise to appear and make all the Legal defence you Possibly can against my claim to, & Recovery of the said Negroe Boy called, or named Harry, and am Sir Yr: hble Servt: Anthony Whitehurst. To the Sheriff of Princess Anne County to Execute &c^a. Memo: You the sd Sheriff are to Summon Michael Wilder & Mary Jenkins widow, as Witnesses for the Pet. Anthy. Whitehurst."

15 Dec. 1760. Deposition of Michael Wilder in the suit now depending wherein Anthony Whithurst is Plaintiff and John Williams, ex'or of James Williams decd, defendant. Deponent saith that some-

time in 1756 he lived at the house of James Williams decd and that he heard James Williams, father to the wife of the now Plaintiff in the year aforesaid and at several times after call Harry a Negroe Boy born in the house of the aforesd James Williams, father to the aforesd Plaintiff's wife (which Boy was Born of a wench named China the property of the sd James Williams) his Daughter Mary's Negroe, and that sometime after the sd Mary offered to swap the aforesd Negroe Boy Harry with her Brother John for his Negroe Girl Sarah, etc., etc. [Note: Williams and Williamson are frequently interchanged.]

18 Oct. 1760. A survey of sixty acres as the outward bounds of Lynhaven Town land, bordering Lynhaven River on the north and The Pond on the south. A neat plat of the town shows Princess Street intersected by King Street and by Queen Street. Within the survey, five tracts of land are in dispute, namely, John Richarson's and Thos Brinson's tracts on the north side of Princess Street, and on the other side, John Moseley's and Wm. Moseley's tracts, bordering the street, and Attwood's tract at the extreme southwest corner of the entire survey.

26 March 1761. Henry James is commanded to render unto John Robertson & Bridget his wife, which said Bridget was the wife of Henry James, their reasonable dower which belongs to them of one message & Tenement which belonged to the said Henry James formerly her husband whereof they have nothing as they allege & whereof they complain that the said Henry James hath deforced them, etc. [Note: the will of a certain Henry James of Pr. Anne county, proved in 1741, mentions a wife Bridget.]

1 Nov. 1760. Capias for Jonathan Hopkins to answer Joshua Hopkins of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. June 1761, Issue &c. Joshua Hopkins complains that Jonathan, by speaking & publishing of false, scandalous & defamatory words, has injured Joshua in his good name, fame & reputation and in the love, esteem & affection of Kezia his then & now wife. Joshua says that Jonathan, in the hearing of others, proclaimed in a loud voice that "he (Speaking of & meaning the sd Joshua Hopkins) hath begotten a Child or Mulatto Bastard by a Negro Wench Rachel belonging to him the said Defendt himself meaning, Whereas in truth the sd Joshua never was guilty of any such like Crime," etc., etc. Nov. Judgt for Deft. "The Deposition of Anthy Wiles, of full Age, in a Suit depending between Joshua Hopkins & Jonathan Hopkins, being first sworn, deposeth & saith, That in Conversation near two years ago between the sd Anthy Wiles and Jonathan Hopkins as they were riding along the Road near the House of Elizabeth Fentress, the said Jonathan Hopkins told the sd Wiles that upon his going to the House of his Father John Hopkins, he

was met by his Brother Jeremiah Hopkins who informed him that they were of Kin to Negroes; that Negro Rachel was deliver'd of a white Child, that he the sd Jonathan Hopkins went to see the sd Child, & said, if that was not a white Child he had never seen one, and likewise told the sd Deponent that about the Time the sd Child was begotten, the sd Negro Wench Rachel was carting Timber for Joshua Hopkins, & that the sd Joshua had begotten the said Child, that the said Negro Wench informed him the sd Jonathan that a white man in the place was a great Rogue, that in Answer he the sd Jonathan said it must be the sd Joshua, and that the sd Joshua [in] going up the Woods to feed his Hogs was lost, & that he tarry'd in the House with the sd Negro Wench two or three Nights, and further this Deponent saith not. Anthony Wiles. Sworn to, this 3^d Day of March 1761 before Antho: Walke, Anthy: Walke Junr." On the back of this deposition are these words: "We of the Jury find for the Defendt. Adam Thorowgood, foreman."

19 May 1761. Jonathan Dison signs a note promising to pay Mr. Lamuel Collins or order £12. Witnessed by Gershom Nimmo, Adam Keeling jr.

17 July 1761. Pursuant to a Court decree of 16 June 1761, Anthy Lawson, Jacob Hunter & Geo: Wishart have met at the dwelling house of John Weblin and made a division of the nine Negroes in the plaintiff's bill mentioned, among John Weblin (who received a half) and Susanah Weblin and Eliza Moseley (who received a fourth each). On the back of the paper is written: "Division of Geo: Weblin's Negroes."

Walter Lyon, King's attorney, sets forth that Sam, a Negro belonging to Adam Thorowgood, planter, did on 19 Sept. 1761 between the hours of eight and six of the Night of the same Day, with force and arms enter the plantation of a certain Margaret Smythe of this county, and carried away one sheep.

Josiah Morris complains of Duncan McCaull in custody &ca of a plea of Trespass, claiming that Duncan, with force & arms, carried away a certain Petti Agua with her Tackle, apparel and furniture, of the value of £12, afterward with the like force and arms carried away a certain gelding of the value of £8, and two saddles, etc. June 1761, Issue &ca. "We of the Jury find for the plaint Seven pound. Wm Ackiss, fourman." [Note: a pirogue, or piragua, is a canoe-like type of vessel. Originally it referred to a dug-out, made from a tree. The spelling and pronunciation have been much corrupted in various localities. In Princess Anne County it was generally called a petty auger. In the above record, however, we find it called a Petti Agua.]

Sworn 7 Aug. 1761. Account of Ann Lovett, orphan of Adam, with Charles Gasking. The first item is dated 1 June 1759. Also in 1761, "To paid Mrs Lucey Maye for Cureing sore head. . . . £0:7:6." Also 9 Jan. 1760, "To paid Mr Robinson for schooling. . . . £0:6:3." Also accounts of Mary & Elizth Lovett, orphans of Adam, with Charles Gasking.

1756 to 1761. Account of the indebtedness of Mr. William Robinson decd to the estate of Geo: Weblin decd. "27 May 1756, To 1 large Bible. . . . £0:19:0."

Sworn 21 July 1761. Account of the estate of Wm. Cottle with Charles Gasking. 8 Feb. 1761, "To Buring the Deceased. . . . £0:7:6." Attached to the above account by a paper clip was another undated account, as follows: "Wm Cottle Son of Wm Cottle Decd aged 10 years to Sarah Cottle widw of sd Wm. To maintenance of the sd Wm for 2 years @ 40/. . . . £4. Avarilla Cottle to sd Sarah Cottle; to 2 years maintenance @ 50/. . . . £5. [Signed] Sarah Cottle."

20 Feb. 1761. Inventory & appraisalment of the estate of Mrs. Margret Harper decd. There are about 60 entries totaling £161:13:7, including one woman's saddle & bridle at £2:10.

15 June 1761. Jemima Holt petitions for her part of her deceased husband's estate.

26 Feb. 1761. Capias for William Keeling, son of John, to answer Alexander Keeling of a plea of Trespass on the Case. James Woodhouse & William Raker are summoned as witnesses for Alexr Keeling. 23 May 1761, Barbary Keeling, aged seventy odd years, makes a deposition in the above case.

"Articles of Agreement Between Doctr Robt. Paterson and Jonathan Porter, Joyner, Concerning a house which the said Jonath Porter has undertaken to build, of the Dimensions hereto mentioned (to Viz:) Thirty one feet nine Inches Long, and Eighteen feet, nine Inch wide, with two Rooms upon the under Floor, and two Chambers, two pannel Doors above & four pannel Doors Below, Five windows below, four of which is to have twelve Lights Each, & the other Eight, and lay the floors above & Below, and to wainscott the Brest of the Hawll Chimney & Chear board & wash boards &c. For the Consideration of the sum of Twenty Five Pounds Curr. Money of Virga. the half of the money to be paid when the work is half finish'd, and the other half when Finished, to which we hereunto set our hands this 24th day of May 1759. Robt Paterson, Jonth Porter. Copy Test, Edwd Cannon." 7 July 1761, capias for Robert Paterson to answer Jonathan Porter of a plea

of Trespass on the Case, damage £20. Issue June 1763; plaintiff says that he has performed his part of the bargain but the defendant has paid him only £15:12:7. "We of the Jury find for Damage sustained by the Plaintiff Six pounds three Shillings and two pence half penny. Thos Abbott."

Continued May 1761. Your oratrices Elizabeth Moseley of the county of Norfolk (which said Eliza was a Daughter of a certain George Weblin late of the county of Princess Anne decd) and Susannah Weblin (a daughter of the aforesaid George), an infant under 21, by Robert Moseley her guardian, shew that the said George Weblin made his will a short time before his death, and left certain property to his wife Mary and to his four children, Eliza, Mary, Hester and Susannah, and appointed his wife ex'x and a certain George Weblin ex'or of his said will. Your oratrices shew that Mary and Hester, two of the daughters of the aforesaid George Weblin, died sometime since the death of their said father, infants under the age of 21 years, and long before the decease of the aforesaid Mary Weblin, widow & relict of the aforesaid George Weblin, who is also since dead intestate, upon whose decease John Weblin (who your oratrices pray may be made a party and Respondent to this their Bill of Complaint) their brother as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed, has taken into his hands and possession, as well the slaves aforesaid, as other the personal estate, and likewise has sold and disposed of the plantation whereon the aforesaid George Weblin lived at the time of his decease, etc. . . . The answer of the said John Weblin admits that George Weblin the testator made his wife Mary ex'x and his kinsman George Weblin ex'or of his will, and that both ex'x and ex'or are now dead, and the said Mary & Hester Weblin are also since dead intestate, under age and without issue, leaving this defendant, John, their only brother & heir at law, etc.

1761. The sale of the estate of Majr. Thomas Walke deceased. Names of about 80 purchasers are listed, including Mr. Content Titus, Mr. John Harrison (Cooper), Mr. John Guy (son of James), Mr. Thomas Rascow, Mr. William Woodhouse (son [of] Henry), Mrs. Mary Smyth, Mrs. Sarah Williamson, Mrs. Sarah Gasking, Mr. John Williams (wheelwright), Mr. William Keeling (son of Adam), Mr. Adam Keeling Junr, Miss Franky Walke, Mr. Thomas Trueblood, Mrs. Mary Ann Walke, Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson, Miss Molly Walke, Miss Peggy Walke, Miss Ann Walke, Mr. Thomas Walke. Among the papers is also a list of well over a hundred persons who owed money to the deceased Thomas Walke, or were owed by his estate.

Sworn 17 Nov. 1761. The answer of Charles Williamson, eldest

son & heir at law of James Williamson late of the county of Pr. Anne decd, to the bill of Joshua McCoy & Pembroke his wife, John Smith & Elizabeth his wife & Willoughby Williamson an infant by the said John Smith his next friend complainants. The defendant Charles Williamson admits to be true that his grandfather [*sic*] Anthony Moseley decd made a bequest unto his eldest daughter Anne Moseley, this defendant's grandmother [*sic*], of the Negro wench Amy, as is in the bill set forth. The defendant further saith that he admits that Frances Moseley his grandmother [*sic*], the said Anne his mother [*sic*], and James Williamson his father are all since dead, and that the said James died intestate, leaving five children, to wit, this defendant Charles Williamson his eldest son & heir at law, the complainants Pembroke, Elizabeth, and Willoughby Williamson, & one other son named Arthur WmSon, who is since dead intestate & without issue. This suit concerns the division of slaves. [Note: though Anne Moseley was called both the grandmother and the mother of Charles Williamson in the above record, it seems to be the only reasonable interpretation that she was his mother.]

Account of Doctr Robert Paterson to Chr: Wright. One item reads: "2 Dec. 1759, To Bleeding him £0:2:6." Other items are for ointment, drops, powders, etc.

25 June 1760. George Logan complains that Henry Singleton (who owes him £3:16) hath privately removed himself out of the county, or so absconds, etc.

21 June 1760. William Maye of Pr. Anne County, blacksmith, binds himself to pay to "Will^m Keeling & Cornelius Calvert, messors of Norfolk & princess anne County," the sum of £18:2:11. Bond to be void upon payment of the just sum of £9:1:5½. Witnessed by Mary (her mark) Absalam, John Thorowgood Keeling. A footnote on the bond reads: "I promise to allow what I am Indebted to W^m May out of the above. per W^m Keeling."

So that the reader may have an example of the language used in an attachment, the following is copied verbatim: "Princess Anne Sc. Whereas Christopher Wright of the said County hath this day complained before me Mitchel Phillips one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, that Stephen Daugherty late of this County is indebted to him the Sum of Two pounds Seventeen Shillings & 8 pence Current Money of Virginia; and that the said Stephen Daugherty hath privately removed himself out of this County, or so absconds that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him: These are in his Majesty's Name to require you to Attach the Estate of the said Stephen

Daugherty or so much thereof, as shall be of value sufficient to Satisfie the said Debt, & Costs; and such Estate, so Attach'd, in your Hands to secure, or so to provide, that the same may be liable to further Proceedings thereupon to be had, at the next Court to be held for this County, on the third Tuesday in September next; and that you then and there make return how you have Executed this Warrant. Given under my Hand this 19th Day of August 1760. Mitchel Phillips. To the Sheriff of Princess Anne." On the back of this attachment is written: "Executed & Levied on the overplus of Wm. Gartons Attach & in the hands of Thos Harvey Junr., sum^d @ Garnishee & his part of Tobacco. pr Dun: McCaull, S. Shf." Continued Aug. 1761 and Sept. 1761.

"Decr the 5th 1741. Then Surveyed at the Request of Capt Jno Hutchings a point or Neck of Land Lying & being in New Town P: Ann known by the Name of Landys point Containing 41½ Lotts & 38 Sq: poles Beginning upon the main Street Near to an pohicory Thence binding upon the main Street N: Westly: 61 deg: 561 foot to the head of a Cove or Creek Thence binding upon the Said Cove or Creek to a point wch Lyes to the Northard of the Eastern Branch of the Elizth: River Thence binding upon the Said River to the first Beginning upon the Main Street where the Said McClanahans Lott begins & his Said Lott Runns along the Said main Street 264 foot Thence Down to the River According to the prickt Line in the plott S: Eastly 10 deg: to the River. pr James Nimmo, Surr." A map of the survey is drawn above the foregoing description, and shows the gentle bend of the cove, and its intersection with the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River.

Sworn 1 Nov. 1760. Deposition of Francis Spratt, aged 53 or thereabouts, taken in a suit in Ejectment between Solomon Saveall, lessee of Samuel Tenant, plaintiff, and William Hunter, deft. Deponent saith that "about Ten or twelve years agoe Mr. Agall Thorowgood late Deceased told this Deponent that he had gotten a Plan of the Town on Lynhaven River near the Mouth thereof; and that he had spoke of Mr. Thomas Granger to Survey the Land & to look over the said Plan, and try what he could make of it, And that Granger said he could not make anything of it; And that the s^d Argall Thorowgood further told this Deponent (when he this Deponent applyed to him for a Sight of the said Plan) that he could not show it to him for that he had made away with it, and that it was then in Ashes, & saith that the s^d Thorowgood offered him £5 for what he had there. And Saith that he remembers when one Peel lived in a House in the s^d Town; And further this Deponent saith not."

1 June 1753. Dannel (his mark) Grimsted, with Richard (his

mark) Lester his security, sign a note to pay to Capt. Anth^o Moseley, sheriff, 24 shillings for goods bought at the sale of Thomas Giles decd estate.

Sworn 1 Nov. 1760. Deposition of Anthony Moseley, aged 64 or thereabouts, taken in the suit of Tenant vs. Hunter. Deponent saith that in or about 1743 Mrs Ann Trevethan died & appointed this deponent one of her ex'ors. Among her papers were several deeds from several persons to her late husband Mr. Samson Trevethan for divers lots of land lying in a town which had been laid off near the mouth of Lynhaven River in this county, and also a plan of the said town in which was particularly distinguished the streets and lots, and to whom the said lots belonged, etc. Mrs Trevethan's first husband Colo Argall Thorowgood laid out and sold the said land as a town. Deponent knoweth not what became of the said plan. By the said plan it appeared that the said town land is the same which is now in the possession of the said William Hunter & is part of the field adjoining to his dwelling house, and on Lynhaven River. And saith that he remembers when one Peel, a pilot, lived in the said town.

1760. Benjamin Hilliard of Northampton County promises to pay to Wm. Aitchison & James Parker, etc.

26 June 1760. Letter from Anthony Walke & Son to Messrs. Tucker & Bedford, Merchts in Barbadoes, to which this postscript is added: "We are desired by a Neighbor to write for a copy of the will of Nath^l Tatem, who died in Barbadoes 50 or 60 years ago. If convenient you'll please procure & send it per Capt. Broughton."

14 Dec. 1761. Thorogood Beary's wife is the daughter of John Holt decd.

17 Nov. 1761. The wife of Hezekiah Dyer is the daughter of John Williams decd.

BOX A 3, MARKED 1762

"Norfolk County Sc. This day came before us the Subscribers two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County Edward Portlock being of full age and made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that in Some time in the month of September one thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty that Richard Jones was at his House. in some Discourse with Richard Jones said [*sic*] he should be glad to come & Live amongst his old Neighbours again for living in Nancemond did

not Suit him it was out of his way. Edward Portlock ask'd him if he had not Bought the Land of Thomas Talbut. Richard Jones told Edward Portlock that he had not Bought it and did not Know whether he should buy it or not and further this Deponent saith not. Certifd under: our hands this Ninth day of January, 1762. Edwd: Portlock. Sworn before us, William Ivy, Matthew Godfrey." On the back of this paper is written: "Talbot &c ads. Jones. Deposa."

14 June 1762. A well drawn survey of Willm Capps' patent for 500 acres bordering on the south fork of Nanneys Creek. The plat shows that the tract is divided into Lester's land (3131½ acres), Morris's land now Cornix's (106 acres), land in dispute between Richard Lester & John Cornix (49 acres), and Russell's land (211 acres). [The acreage actually totals 679½. As in many of the old patents, there was much more land than the patent called for.]

6 Jan 1762. Capias for Henry Lamount to answer Sarah a free Negro of a plea of T. A. B. and false imprisonment, damage £200.

3 Sept. 1762. Capias for Tully Robinson, Gentleman, to answer Mary Sparrow of a plea of T. A. B. and false imprisonment, damage £500. Plaintiff saith that defendant on 1 Jan. 1762 beat, wounded, ill treated, took & imprisoned her without lawful cause, & restrained her of her liberty from 1 Jan. to the day of issuing the original writ. Issue Feb. 1764. Jury verdict for plaintiff, forty shillings.

7 July 1760 in the XXXIV year of the reign of George the Second. John Wickins is commanded to appear before the Justices of the Chancery Court to answer a certain bill exhibited by Betty Wickins. Betty is the wife of John Wickins. . . . 17 April 1762, George Coats, aged 27 years, deposes "that some time in the month of December 1753 as well as this Deponent can Remember he was at John Wickins house and wolked out it Being very Dark and this Deponent Se Bettey Wickins and Thos Gibbs Kissing Each Other and the Said Gibbs Sade to Bettey Wickins if your Husban is jealus hereafter it Shoul not Be without a cause and the Said Bettey Wickins Replyd It Should not when Ever oppertunety Permeted and This Depnant further Saeth not. Geo. Coats." . . . 5 March 1762, Joseph Dobs, aged forty years, deposes "That Somtime in the month of Septemr or Octor 1757 as well as this Deponent Can Remember he hear John Wickins Sr. and his wife have a grate quarrel with Each other Consarning his Negro member and many other Degrading words to Each other and this Deponent further Saith that he was Informed By this Said Wickins famely that the Said John Wickins and his wife Parted ther Beads for three or fore months Before

She left the Said Wickins house on account of his being grate with his Negro Whoman member and this Deponent further Saeth not. Joseph (his mark) Dobs." 5 March 1762, Sarah Clarkson, aged 25 years, deposes that "Sometime in the month of June 1760 as well as this Deponant Can Remember that John Wickins wanted this Deponent to leve her husban and be to this Said Wickins your *mers* and he wold Cloueth her in Silk and Satten, and this deponant further Saeth that she was at work at the Said Wickins house Sometime after the Said Wickins and his wife was Parted wich gave this Deponent a mistrust of the Said Wickins and his Negro Whoman member wich Cosed her to watch and this Depoanant Saeth that She Se John Wickins *Sc* [or is it *Ser*?]and his Negro whoman member. . . .in the Very Act of horedom and the Depoanant further Saeth not. Sarah (hir mark) Clarkson."

26 April 1762. Capias for Francis Moore and Anna his wife to answer Mary Ross, adm'x of Alexander Ross decd, of a plea of debt, damage £50.

30 June 1762. Francis Clarke makes oath that Charles Riew, late of N. C., owes him £4:13:8, and that he has reason to suspect said Charles is privately removing himself out of this colony, or so absconds, etc. Attachment issued. Endorsed: "Nothing to be found."

31 Dec. 1762. Plat showing division of 400 acres of land on Nanners Creek, equally between Jacob Nimmo & Frances his wife (who received the manor part of the land according to the will of her cousin Henry Spratt decd) and Mary White an infant (who received the other 200 acres by the will of the said Henry Spratt). The dividing line ran up a branch known by the name of the Iron Mine Branch. Mary White received the part where Thomas Alenas did live.

8 June 1762. Grand jury presents Frances Powers wife of Lowrey Powers, Lydia Salmons, Sarah Keeling wife of Thorowgood, Frances Gelding, Doctr Robert Paterson, Joshua Cummins, Jno Gisburn, Thomas Gisburn, George Berry, Phillip Fisher, James King of Pungo, John Whitehead, John Kermack, all for not going to church; Eliza Smith for a base born child by information of Eliza Lane, Margaret Jacobs for the same, Anne Burgess for the same, Wm. May for Sabbath breaking, John Kelly for common swearing, Charles Dickerson for selling Liquor without Licence. Thos Reys Walker, foreman.

9 April 1762. Samuel Wiles gives notice to Mr. John Fentress, heir at law of Moses Fentress deceased, that he, Wiles, intends to prove a property to a Negro girl named Moll, "now in my Possession, Given

to my Wife by Mr Moses Fentress late of the said County deceased, to whom you Claim as Heir at Law."

14 Aug. 1762. Petition of Anne Brinson, being lately arrived to lawful age, entitled to one moiety of the estate of Henry Brinson her deceased father, said estate being lodged in the office.

"Pursuant to an order of Princess Anne County Court bearing Date the 21th July 1762, We the Subscribers met and appraised the value of the following Slaves at the Death of Mrs. Frances Moseley who died in the Year 1758, viz Judah at sixty Pounds Max at sixty five Hannah at fifty five Peter fifty Pounds and China at forty five Pounds, and this we give as our Report Given under our Hands this 11th August 1762. John Whitehurst, Nathl McClenahan, Robert Ballard."

23 June in the second year of the reign of George the Third. Summons for James Harrison to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Elizabeth Mary and Frances Harrison, infants, by Isaiah Barns their guardian.

9 Aug. 1762. Summons for Mary White, an infant, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against her by Jacob Nimmo and Frances his wife, an infant by the said Jacob Nimmo her husband and next friend.

✓ 23 June 1762. Capias for Thomas Keeling to answer John Woodhouse of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Dis^d Aug. 1764.

2 Aug. in the second year of the reign of George the Third. Capias for Samuel Tenant to answer Samuel Wiles and Elizabeth his wife of a plea of detinue for one Negro girl named Abb of the price of £85, damage £15. [Note: George III ascended the throne on 25 Oct. 1760.]

23 Sept. 1762. Summons for Jonathan Porter to answer a complaint lodged against him by Ann Old.

26 April 1762. Capias for Francis Moore and Anna his wife to answer George Oldner of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20.

13 Oct. 1762. Capias for Thorowgood Keeling to answer Maximilian Boush of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Endorsed on the back: "The Deft. saith he will not Apper as it was Exed Late. And. Stewart, S. Sher."

Lanman King complains of Epaphraditus Munden in Custody &c. of a plea of Trespass on the Case (slander). King says than Munden in 1762 uttered these words, to wit, "That the said Lanman was a Thief, and had Stole some Shirts from off a piece of Cloth that the sd Lanman his Wife had wove for the sd Epaphraditus, and that he the sd Epaphraditus could prove it, and further the sd Epaphraditus speaking of and to

the sd Lanman, desired the sd Lanman not to be ashamed to pull the sd Stolen Shirts from off his the sd Lanmans Back, for that the Flax whereof the sd Shirts were made grew on his the sd Epaphraditus Land," etc. Plaintiff seeks damages of £200. "We the Juery find for the Plantif four Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Leven pence. Frederick Boush, foreman."

Grand Jury presents Robert Stevens, pilot, for committing on 1 June 1761 an assault on Lawrence Gamewell. Discontd July 1763.

✓ 22 May MDCCLvj, bill of sale. John Bayley of the Borough & County of Norfolk, for £14:7:6, sells to William Godfrey one half of a certain schooner named the Eagle, "which half of said schooner Eagle formerly belonged to Bartholemew Pettit of the County of North Hampton." Witnessed by Sam^l Langley, Jane Hawkins.

22 Nov. 1762. Petition of Jonathan Malbone sheweth "that I have found all the Timber for the use of Daugh's Bridge for Ten years Last past, which humbly pray your Worships to allow me Reasonable Satisfaction for the Same."

Sale of Henry Scott's estate, sold 5 March 1761. Purchasers include: Betty Scott, Will^m Keeling son of John, Margt Whitehurst, W^m Woodhouse of Mary, Will^m Woodhouse of Philip, John Stone Junr. and others.

Sworn 11 March 1762. The estate of Majr Thos Walke deceased is indebted to Cason Moore £3 for schooling of three of the widow Morse's girls one year to read. The account is dated 3 April 1760.

17 April 1761. Capias for Evan Purdy, adm'r of all the goods & chattels, rights & credits of Hugh Purdy decd, to answer John Wigley of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £10. 13 Aug, 1762, the sheriff of Norfolk County is ordered to summon Thomas Dameron, William Grant, Lemuel Pead & Anna Peed to testify on behalf of John Wigley vs. Evan Purdy. Wigley claims he was never paid ten barrels of Indian corn & one barrel of cider for helping Hugh Purdy make a crop of corn & flax in 1759.

Sworn 21 July 1761. The estate of Henry Scott is indebted to Charles Gasking, "Novr 5th 1760, To Buring the Deceased£0:7:6. To Buring your Child£0:7:6."

Sworn 16 March 1762. The estate of Henry Scott decd to Robert Titus. Debit. "1761, To making one Cofing£0:6:0. To Do Do for Daugter£0:4:0."

4 June 1762. Summons for Richard Wicker to answer a bill in

Chancery exhibited against him by Jonathan Bonney an infant by Jonathan Bonney his uncle and next friend.

Issue Feb. 1764. Your oratrix Fanny Denby, daughter of Edward Denby the younger decd, an infant under 21, by Jacob Sikes her uncle and next friend, sheweth that Edward Denby the elder, your oratrix's grandfather, made his last will dated on or about 1 May 1761, in which he devised to your oratrix a young Negro wench named Jenny, and appointed Ann his loving wife and Nathaniel Denby his son with Thomas Jones his ex'ors.

In obedience to a Court order dated 19 Mar. 1762 we the subscribers (James Kempe, Nath^l McClenahan and Tully Robinson) have divided eleven Negroes among Mrs. Eliza Sayer (for her dower), Charles Sayer, John Hancock, Peter Singleton, Mary Sayer and Eliza Sayer.

Account, 16 Feb. 1762. The estate of Wm. Shortt to Anne Shortt for maintaining three children in the year 1761, viz, Markum @ £1, Elizabeth @ £3 and John @ £4. Anne Shortt petitions the Court to be allowed the total sum of £8.

16 Feb. 1762. Anthony Salmons and John Woodhouse humbly pray your Worships will grant them an order for their proportionable part of Henry Scott's estate.

13 Feb. 1762. Mary Hoolt petitions for her equal part of her deceased father's estate.

19 Jan. 1762. Mary (her mark) Fentress, widow & relict of Moses Fentress decd, who died intestate, refuses to administer on his estate. Witnessed by George Williamson Junr.

20 July 1762. Division of Robert Huggins's Negroes in the following manner: Ephraim & Kate to Robert Huggins; Max & Bridget to Charles Norris; Tibb and Frank to John Williams; China & Phillis to Natt Huggins; Caesar & Peter to Argent Huggins; Venus & Rose to Markham Huggins. Natt Huggins is stated to be the brother and Argent Huggins the sister of Markham Huggins. Certain payments were made between the various parties to equalize the value of the slaves.

"The Estate of Mr. John Holt Decd. Dr. To Clothing feeding & Boarding the Two Smalles Children of his from last May Court to this present Court Six pound Cash. pr. me Jemima Holt. May the 17th 1762."

Sept. 1762. Continued Aug. 1764. Whitehurst vs. Whitehurst. Your oratrices Sarah Whitehurst and Mary Whitehurst shew that Wil-

liam Whitehurst made his last will and devised "to his son Francis Whitehurst and his Heirs a Negro Boy named George, his wife have the Use of him during her Life." The said Francis died intestate and without Issue in the lifetime of the testator's widow, by whose death his title to the said Slave descended to his brother Oden his heir at law, who also died intestate in the lifetime of the testator's widow leaving your oratrix Sarah his widow and the following children, Joel his heir at law, your oratrix Mary and three other children, to wit, Elizabeth, Josiah and Courtney, and that not long since the testator's widow departed this life, since whose death the said Joel hath possessed himself of the said slave and refuses to set apart to your oratrix Sarah her dower therein, and also refuses to pay to your oratrix Mary her proportionable part of the appraised value of the said slave, and that the said Joel since the death of the said testator's widow hath possessed himself of one horse & one mare & colt of the estate of the widow (who was the said Oden's mother) and refuses to pay to your oratrices any part of the value thereof, and refuses legally to administer the estate of the said widow.

"The Estate of Mr. John Holt Decd. Dr. To Boarding & Clothing & feeding his Three Youngest Children. . . . £10. June the 17th 1762. Jemima Holt."

1762. Your oratrix Mary Anne Walke, widow & relict of Majr Thomas Walke, sheweth that the said Thomas died in February last past. He died possessed of 44 slaves (here named). Thomas Walke at his death left the following six children, to wit, Elizabeth now wife of a certain Capt. Charles Williamson, Molly, Frankey, Pegge, Anne & Thomas Walke, all except the said Elizabeth being infants under 21. The deceased Thomas Walke also died possessed of other slaves, to wit, Dick, Sarah, Kate and Sarah, which were devised to the complainant for life by Jno. Thorowgood, Gent., deceased, her former husband. One of the last mentioned slaves has borne a child called Tom.

Sworn 10 Aug. 1761. Account of the indebtedness of Mr. William Harper deceased to John Merener & wife. One item, dated 1758, reads: "To money Lent him at the Ohio Court. . . . £1:13:3."

4 Aug. 1762. Your orator & oratrix William Wilkins & Elizabeth his wife (daughter of a certain James Spratt decd) shew that the said James Spratt died intestate in 175-, leaving Amy his widow (who has since intermarried with a certain James Powers of this county) and these children, Elizabeth the now wife of your orator William, and Amy and Mary Spratt, which said Mary is since dead an infant under

21 and unmarried. The deceased James Spratt died seised of a certain plantation of about *Three* hundred acres, which descended to his three daughters. 18 Dec. 1762, defendant Amy Spratt, an infant under 21, by Dennis Dawley her guardian, makes reply, and admits the allegations in the bill.

BOX A 4, MARKED 1763

July 1763. Amy Barrot, a midwife, sues Eliza Nicholson in Slander, for saying in July 1761 that she, Amy, murdered the wife of John Montgomery. Amy claims that Montgomery's wife died in childbed, and Amy was not called in until after the birth of the child. Verdict for the plaintiff, five shillings.

✓ 7 May 1763. Andrew Small (also spelt Smaw) vs. Alexander Keeling ex'or of the last will of Barbara Keeling. Trespass on the Case. Smaw claims that in Dec. 1758 Barbara Keeling asked him to live with her and take care of her & maintain her, which he did for two years until her death, on her promise to leave him all her estate. He built for her three small houses & other things to the value of £27:10, but Barbara in her will left him only some animals of the value of £4:2:6, and left the rest to the defendant. Judgment for the plaintiff.

18 Jan. 1763. Weblin vs. Weblin. George Weblin whose will was dated 175— also left three other slaves, to wit, Grace, Quan and Philip, which he held in right of his wife Sarah, who is now alive and stood to the said Testator's will, to be held by her during her natural life, which slaves she held as the dower of her former husband.

1 Sept. 1763. Letter. Johnson Jenkins, brother-in-law of Mungo Campbell (the signer of the letter), was in 1760 bound to Anthony Walke Junr to learn the art of navigation, & now has a great aversion to the sea, & wishes to learn the business of Pewterer. Mungo Campbell obliges himself to teach the said Johnson Jenkins that art.

Tuesday, 18 Oct. 1763. "On the 16 Day of September my Husband Thorowgood Capps Departed this Life and died undetested [meant for intestate, no doubt], and as I do not Intend to Administer on the estate I hope therefore your Worships will Please to Grant Administration on the Same. Ann (her mark) Capps."

4 March 1763. Plat of a tract of 333 acres bordering on Nanney Creek, and divided into two parts of 166½ acres each, and, in accordance with a Court order of 15 Feb. 1763, one part (the eastern half)

was assigned to William Wilkins in right of his wife Elizabeth, and the other part to Amy Spratt. The plat shows the two halves divided by a straight line, with Nanneys Creek touching the southern boundary of each. The entire tract is about four times as long as it is broad, and the longest side is the western.

✓ Copy of a deed of gift, dated 16 Aug. 1763, whereby William Keeling the Elder deeds various slaves to his children, John Thorowgood Keeling, William Keeling, Francis Keeling, Robert Keeling, Elizabeth Keeling and Mary Keeling. The copy was made by E. H. Moseley Junr, Clerk, for Mr. Robert Keeling. On the back of this copy are some scribbled notations such as a lawyer might make, as follows: "Eliza Keeling born 7 Aug 1751 died in 1771—lawful age only @ 21—*hire* demanded from May 71 to Novr 75—about 42 yrs—Mr Mathews—bard by Limitation—Equity to be adm'd—title not to be involved—Mrs. Cannon's testimony, probability thereof—all the Estate She had not sufficient to maintain her—we only claim from her death." Off by itself is another notation: "Blacks, Vol. 5, page 463."

16 Aug. 1763. Elizath Lovett, orphan of Adam, in account with Chas Gasking.

17 July 1764. Frances Power relinquishes adm'n of the estate of her husband Lowery Power, and desires that John Cann as greatest creditor be made adm'r.

Your oratrix Sarah Ackiss, widow & relict of George Ackiss decd, sheweth that the said George Ackiss died in 1762 intestate and possessed of five slaves, Mingo, Joe, Kate, Rose and Hanna, and that the decedent left these children, to wit, Anna, Fanny, Jacay and Nancy Ackiss, infants under 21, and that adm'n was granted to John Ackiss, Gentleman, whom your oratrix prays may be made defendant.

21 June 1763. Petitioners James Moore, Jacob Moore and William Dyer Senr shew that Mr. Solomon Whitehurst has fenced up "the old, antient way to our marsh and wont allow us to Come through his fence; that we are utterly Debar'd from any Convenient way to our marsh, and thereby Render'd unable to Enjoy the Benefits and previledges of three hundred Acres of marsh, by his fencing of his forty or fifty acres."

28 May 1763. Commissioners divide certain slaves into shares as follows: to Abiah Moseley late Abiah Wiles as her dower; and to the orphans of Samuel Wiles decd, to wit, to Abiah Wiles, to Jona. Hopkins & wife Sarah, to Thomas Wiles, to David Wiles and to Joshua Wiles.

17 Jan 1763. Tamar Ewell, widow & relict of James Ewell decd, refuses adm'n of the estate of her husband who died intestate, and

prays that adm'n may be granted to her son Thomas Ewell, eldest son & heir at law of the said James.

Summons 3 Dec. 1762; issue Feb. 1764. Your oratrix Mary Denby (daughter of Edward Denby the Younger deceased) an infant under 21 by Jacob Sikes her uncle and next friend, shews that her grandfather Edward Denby the Elder decd, in his will dated about 1 May 1761, did devise to your oratrix one Negro girl named Violet, and one English Guinea, and bequeathed to your oratrix & her sister Anne all the sums of money which at the time of his decease he should have out at interest, etc.

Aug. 1763. Account of the estate of Joseph Moses to Sam^l Mose— [torn]. "To Board of his Child called Leaven 2 years @ £3 pr yr."

Personal letter from Gershom Nimmo to his brother William Nimmo. Gershom made the survey of a tract & division line for William Wilkins & Amy Spratt, and wishes his brother to tell him whether to bill Wilkins for the full fee or both parties for one half fee each.

Mr. Wm. Davis to Anthony Jeames & Martha Jeames his wife. Dr. 1762 & 63. "To 10 Months Living in my house @ 2/ pr month. . . . £1." Other items are for pasturing 9 head of cattle, a mare & foal, and for fattening 11 hogs, all belonging to Davis.

14 Aug. 1763. The estate of Jesse Wickens decd is indebted to Mary Wickens £4 for keeping 1 child called Jesse 10 months. On the same small sheet of paper is another account: 16 Aug. 1763, the estate of Willis Wickens is indebted to Abigail Wickens £4 for keeping 1 child called Dinah 18 months.

1763. The estate of Francis Etheridge decd is indebted to Mary Etheridge £15 for keeping & clothing three children named Andrew, Fanny & Francis Etheridge for 18 months.

22 Sept. 1761. Robert Matthias, tailor, agrees to serve Nicholas Powell of Norfolk Borough for one full year as a journeyman tailor for £25 per year and his keep.

3 March 1763. John Cornick signs a bond to pay £6:15 to Kedar Marchant of the county of Currituck, N. C. 15 Nov. 1764, Kedar Marchant endorses the said bond to Zacharias Marsingale.

26 Nov. 1763. Capias for William Keeling son of John, Thos Ward, and Henry Woodhouse son of Wm., to answer Adam Keeling Junr of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £300. Abates Nov. 1764.

8 May 1762. Capias for William Parsons to answer James William-

son of a plea of Trespass on the Case by which he lost the service of his apprentice John Scady alias Parsons.

3 Dec. 1762. Capias for William Woodhouse son of Henry to answer Maximillian Boush of a plea of T. A. B., damage £200.

18 Jan. 1763. Capias for Keader Merchant to answer William Keeling of a plea of trespass quare clausum fregit, damage £100. A scribbled footnote on this paper reads: "Whitehead could have supported an action of Trespass." 11 Sept. 1766, summons for Joseph Corbel and Moses Jones to testify on behalf of Wm. Keeling, plt., vs. Kedar Merchant, deft. On another sheet in this batch of papers is this notation: "Delivered Capt. Keeling his Deeds from Whitehead &c. Deld Caleb Corbell by Mr. Merchants Desire Hector Danbys and Eliza. Clarks Patent for 244 Acres of Land in Prs Anne Dated 24th of Apl. 1700."

15 March 1763. Commissioners divide the slaves of George Weblin as follows: Frank, Sarah, old Bettey & girl Phillis to Willoughby Weblin; young Bettey, boy James, old Cato, Rachel, & girl Sarah to William Weblin; Amy, boy Lewis, wench Murreah & Tibb to John Weblin. Willoughby, William and John Weblin are brothers.

17 May 1763. "Your humble petitioners Abigail Wiggans & Mary Wiggans Humbly Sheweth that your Honours will Grant us the favour of our parts of our Deceased Husbands Estate for to Support us In Maintenance of our Children which Being *very* hard & scarce times & we being left as Poor widows with young Children & hopes that your Honours will Grant our Requests," etc.

15 Aug. 1763. The commissioners return a report concerning a road petitioned for by certain inhabitants of Little Creek Precinct. "It will be most Convenient for the within Petitioners for the Road to run as follows to begin at the road that runs by Philip Dysons Pasture fence thence to a marked pine a corner Tree between Gershom Nimmo & Thummer Hoggard their Lands thence to a marked red Oak a corner Tree of Tully Robinson, Leml Roberts & James Holmes thence to a Line that divides this County from Norfolk so as to meet or Join a new Road lately established in Norfolk County Court runing up said dividing Line."

19 July 1763. Petition of Capt. Christopher Wright for altering the road leading to the Glebe. Viewers appointed. 16 Aug. 1763, viewers report that the intended alteration will greatly benefit the petitioner and not prejudice the public, but rather be of advantage to them, as the proposed new road is straighter & more than 130 yards

shorter, and runs all the way upon the petitioner's land, except about 50 yards on the land belonging to the orphan of Mr. Wm. Robinson deceased, whereas the old road now runs 140 yards on the said orphan's land.

3 Jan. 1763. Capias for George Ackiss to answer James Mason & Dinah his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. John Haynes Sen., bail.

13 Oct. 1763. Capias for Lewis Price to answer Edward Moseley, glazier, of a plea of debt, damage £80. Rob't Cartwright, bail.

13 Aug. 1763. Capias for David Barrot to answer Edward Moseley and Anne his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Alexander Poole, bail.

5 July 1763. Capias for Mark Axted to answer John Kelly of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £15. Endorsed as follows: "Not to be found within my Bailiwick. A Cobby Left. Thomas Williamson."

23 July 1763. Capias for John Woodhouse to answer Henry Johnson of a plea of Trespass why with force & arms he beat William Moses, apprentice to the said Henry Johnson by which means he lost the service of the said apprentice to the damage of Forty Pounds Curr money of Virginia. Aug. 1764, issue.

13 Oct. 1763. Capias for Isaac Cary to answer Adam Keeling of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Abates Nov. 1764.

21 April 1761. Capias for Malachi Wilson, adm'r &c with the will annexed of John Simmons decd, to answer Adam Dale of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50.

28 Feb. 1763. Capias for William Keeling, son of John, to answer Nehemiah Stoot of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20. 3 Feb. 1763, Wm. Keeling & John Keeling sign a bond to the sheriff in the sum of £40 to insure Wm. Keeling's appearance at the next court to answer Nehemiah Stoot.

8 Aug. 1763. Isabella (her mark) Russel and James Powers sign a bond to the sheriff in the sum of £50 to insure Isabella's appearance at the next court to answer the suit of John Cornack in an action of Trespass on the Case, damage £25. Bond witnessed by Francis (his mark) Consalvo.

BOX A 5, MARKED 1764

1762-64. Account of Mr. Joshua Mathias Son of Mathew to George Logan & Co. for various supplies.

29 Oct. 1764. John Bishop's note to Robert Ballard for £4:13:6 was witnessed by John Lovett Junr.

Summons 7 July 1764. Robert Harper left a will dated 6 Nov. 1698, leaving legatees, his wife Mary and his children Mary & James Harper. Mary the widow later intermarried with Mark Powell. Mary Harper, daughter of Robert, married Bartholemew WmSon decd by whom she had a son John WmSon her eldest son and heir. James Harper, son of the above Robert, is now decd, leaving children, to wit, Sarah Harper (now wife of William Ackiss), William Harper, James Harper, Banister Harper and John Harper. John Harper is the eldest & heir at law, but is not one of the parties to this suit. James is an infant under 21, and Jacob Hunter is his guardian to defend him in this suit.

20 Nov. 1761. Deposition of Samuel Denby who worked in the shipyard of Thomas Talbutt, one of the defendants in the case of Richard Jones vs. Thomas Talbutt & Jonathan Langley.

A plat on a single sheet of paper, dated 17 Sept. 1764, showing a proposed road across a small corner of the land of the orphan of Adam Lovett decd, by agreement with the other bordering landowners, Rot. Cartwright & Jno. Williams, and with Charles Norris, guardian to the said orphan.

27 Feb. 1764. Deposition of John Fentress, aged 58 years and upwards, in the case of Tully Moseley vs. John Hopkins. He deposeth that the place called or named the head of the Gum Swamp is that place that formerly used to go by the name of the Horse Penn, and that this deponent's father-in-law, who was father to the now defendant, told this deponent so often times and that he this deponent with his said father-in-law has met upon the said Place many times.

14 May 1764. Deposition of Mary Fentress aged 81 years & upwards, a witness for Tully Moseley in a Chancery suit vs. John Hopkins. She says that 40 or 50 years ago John Hopkins Senr, in the complainant's bill mentioned, built a house & tended corn on the north side of the run that runs through the gum swamp in the said bill mentioned & that she this deponent has often heard the said John Hopkins the Testator call the place where he so built a house & tended corn the

Head of the gum swamp which place lies of the north side of the run & is now contended for by the said John Hopkins the defendant.

Deposition of Thomas Wiles Senr, aged 62 years & upward, taken in the above case of Tully Moseley vs. John Hopkins. Deponent saith that the place formerly called the Horse Pen and the wolf Pitt about 44 years ago and ever since was called the head of the Gum Swamp, and he says he can now show very near where the Horse Penn and Wolf Pit formerly was.

6 April 1764. Deposition of John Newman, aged 60 or thereabouts.

19 March 1764. Thomas Harvey (son of Francis) is summoned as a witness in the case of Daniel Dudley vs. Alexander Poole.

12 Jan. 1764. Capias for John Lovett, son of Thomas, to answer Joel Whitehurst of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50. Endorsed as follows: "Not to be found & copy left, pr. Thomas Williamson."

Letter addressed to Mr. Francis Clark, at Marchant, No. Landing. "Mr. Clark. Ser/ I Recd yor Recept & beg that youl write me what is the most youl give for them hoops if Cannot Conveantley send to me pray Derect to my Father Jas Pasteur in norfolk County if you Dont by, pray Cart them to the whearehouse & pay yourself out of them & Send them to Doctor Campbell at Norfolk Town where youl have your Recept warein. I am Sir yor hble Servt. John Pasteur. March 14th 1764. Kemps Landing."

4 Nov. 1764. Account of the indebtedness of Mr. Thomas Gordin to Edward Moseley. "To a Coffin for your Mother pr your Order. . . . £1:1:6."

1764. Mr. Wm. Kilgore to Lanman King. Dr. "To your agreement for keeping Mundens Child from 15 Feby to 24th October 1765 @ 10/£4."

21 Aug. 1764. Elizabeth Lovett in account with Charles Gasking. "To Cash pd. Mr. Thorowgood Keeling for Schooling. . . .£0:15:0. To Cash pd Anne Gasking for Board. . . .£2:13:9."

24 May 1764. Charles Dewpree & William Woodhouse sign a note to pay £3:6 to Henry & Mary Lovett, ex'ors of John Lovett decd, on 24 Nov. next.

1764. Margaret Whitehurst to Chr: Wright. Dr. "1 Sept, To a Visit (sent for) to her son Drue and Dressing his Ulcerated Leg. . . . £0:7:6." Other medical expenses also listed.

18 Sept. 1764. The estate of Obediah Moore Decd to Saml Elks. Dr.

"To Keeping Clothing &c Obediah Moore orphan of Obediah Moore D:d 5 years old£9. To Keeping Clothing &c Jas Moore orphan of Obediah Moore D:d 3 years£9."

15 Aug. 1764. The estate of William Shipp decd to Eliza Ship. Dr. "To Clothing & boarding Simon Ship Orphan of said Wm. Sheep he being near six years old£5. To Clothing & boarding Nancy Ship orphan of Do she being 4 years old£5. To boarding his Daughter Katherine 9 years old 3 months when she went to School @ 10/. . . .£1:10."

15 Feb. 1764. Abiah (her mark) Consalvo declines adm'n of the estate of her husband Frans Consalvo.

"Princess Anne 21 February 1764. The Humble petition of Benja Hillyard Sheueth tht I was Sumoned before your Worships now Setting to answer why I Did not make payment to Mr James Parker first must lett you know it is out of my power to apear, being Extremely ill with the Gout not able to helpe myself in aney Shape: the next have ben this two years very aldeing at times with a Swelling in my brest & so troubled with the Shortnes of brath tht my Deth was Expccted Every Minett wich I can prove by the man I hierd who satt up & all the famely with him Expteing me to Diey Every moment & kept sending to Cnll Walkes Constant for meains to keep life tell I was ashamd to send so often & sent once to Doctor Wright who sent me 2 vials for wich he Charged me a pistole: had the Cnll Charged me at tht rate I must a ben 10 or 12 pound in his Debt for physick & an alding one forth or more of my time & I have no Coles, Iron nor Steal nor brad nor meat house nor Shoos but what I have of Cnll Walke & he is now all most out of patiocn with me, & have nothing in this world of my one & am not able to pay him. I confest judgment of Six pound nine Shillings & Still Do the Same, if mr parker or his atorney wants me in Gale I am willing to Goe & Surrender my selef as Sune as I am able to Walke I am not so frade of a Gale as off a parish house, is what offers from your Humble petitioner. Benja Hillyard"

22 Aug. 1764. Capias for Smyth Sparrow to answer Amy Simmons of a plea of trespass for entertaining her Negro Jack, damage £50. In another paper the Negro is called Jacob. Plaintiff claims that in 1764 Sparrow did incite & procure the said Negro to leave her service & did receive the said Negro into his own service. Jury verdict for plaintiff, nine shillings.

Sworn 18 Sept. 1764. The answer of Thomas Carraway an infant, by George Logan, Gentleman, his guardian, to the bill of complaint of

William Nimmo Senr and Martha his wife, Amy Carraway, William Carraway, James Carraway, Sarah Carraway and John Carraway, infants by William Nimmo their next friend. The defendant Thomas Carraway admits that William Carraway, father to the defendant, died intestate, and that he left Martha his widow (who has since intermarried with a certain William Nimmo Senr) and children in the bill mentioned. Defendant offers no objections to setting apart the widow's dower, nor to accounting with his brothers & sisters for their proportionable parts.

✓ 5 July 1764. Summons for Robert Jones to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by William Keeling, son of Adam. Your orator William Keeling, son of Adam, sheweth that Matthew Pallet in his lifetime gave 30 acres of Land, with other lands adjoining thereto, to your orator in marriage with Frances, daughter of the said Matthew Pallet, by parole, and that your [orator] by a decree of this court was put in possession thereof, etc. Decree March 1768.

Sworn 27 Feb. 1764. Deposition of Precilla (her mark) Fentriss taken in the suit of Tully Moseley vs. John Hopkins. Deponent saith that "sometime after her Marriage with John Hopkins her husband she heard her sd Husband say that if any other person should Buy fifty Acres of Land which he had given in his will to his Granddaughter Dinah Hopkins that any person else excepting John Hopkins should buy it it would be a hurt to him and further saith not." . . . Sworn 27 Feb. 1764, deposition of Hillary Moseley, aged 25 years & upward, taken in the same suit. Deponent saith that he "was present when John Hopkins the Deft. agreed with his Brother Joshua Hopkins that the run should be the line betwixt them & in Consequence of sd agreement Chopt Trees in the middle of the said Run."

19 Dec. 1764. Deposition of Thomas Suggs, sworn before Thomas Taylor Senr and John Smithson, justices of the county of Pasquetank, N. C. Thomas Suggs, a witness in a suit depending in Princess Anne County between John Fentriss, plt., and Elizabeth Fentriss, deft., "declares that Eliz^a Fentriss the Deft. hired one Marmaduke Yelps to maul Rails, & that the sd Yelps Cut down more Trees than what he made use off, & that she the Deft. afterwards hired two Negro fellows of one Benja Dingly Gray named Kitt & John to maul Rails and they likewise Cut down more trees than they made use off; and further this deponent said not. [Signed] Thomas Suggs."

22 Oct. 1764. Capias for Henry Lamount to answer Mary Easdale of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Jury finds for plaintiff forty shillings.

Account, dated 9 Oct. 1764 at St. Kitts. Executors of Peter Carew are indebted to Arch^d Ingram. "To Loss on Sloop Providence as per note of Hand on Back of Policy £49. To Samuel Esdaile for Costs of suit in obtaining Judgment £0:6:7. To Cash p^d William Smith for Copy of proceedings of Court and Judgment £3:15:01."

Your orator David Etheridge shews that his father David Etheridge dec^d was seised at his death of a good estate of inheritance in fee simple containing by estimation 50 acres or thereabouts, and that in his last will, dated 22 June 1764, he bequeathed to his son the said David the aforesaid tract of land, and also gave to his widow Mary Etheridge, your orator's mother in law [*sic*] one third part of the aforesaid tract during her widowhood or marriage. David seeks to have the widow's dower set apart.

8 April 1762. Capias for Nathaniel McClenahan, surviving ex'or of George Weblin dec^d, to answer Margaret Smith, surviving ex'x of Charles Smith dec^d, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. 21 March 1764, Sheriff of Norfolk County is ordered to summon Charles Smallwood to testify on behalf of Eliza Smith, ex'x of Charles Smith, dec^d, in a controversy between Smyth's ex'ors, plts., and George Weblin's ex'ors, defts. On the back of this summons is written: "Knows nothing of the matter." [Note: the will of a certain Charles Smyth of Newtown, merchant, was dated 2 Nov. 1749, with a codicil added the following day, and was proved on the following 20th of March. The testator left property to his wife Margt, his sons Tully and Perrin, and his daughters Betty, Margaret and Anne, and appointed his wife Margt and his well respected friend Capt. Arth. Sayer ex'x and ex'or of his will. Witnesses were Thos Grainger and George Weblin. This will was recorded in Pr. Anne Deed Book 7, page 161.]

21 Feb. 1764. John Williams petitions for a road out from his house to the main road between Chas Norris and Robt Cartwright.

✓ 14 Nov. 1764. Capias for Smyth Shepherd to answer William Booker of a plea of T. A. B., damage £20.

Sworn 5 March 1762. Deposition of Frances Berray, aged twenty years, who saith "that Som time in the month of July or August 1759 as well as this Deponant Can Remember She Come Unawars to John Wickins house Dore and the Said Wickins hand was on his Negro Whoman Member Sholder and this Deponant furthar Saith not."

4 June 1764. Sheriff of Norfolk County is ordered to summon Robert Moorie and Robert Harper to testify for Robert Cartwright vs. Angus McCaul. Endorsed as follows: "Executed on Moorie & Robert

Harper not to be found within my bailiwick. Per Abraham Wormington, S. Shf."

12 Dec. 1764. Joel Whitehurst complains that Arthur Gornto owes him £10:4:6, & that the said Arthur Gornto hath privately removed himself out of this county or so absconds, etc. An attachment is levied on some furniture belonging to Arthur Grinto [*sic*].

29 Dec. 1764. Robinson Smith complains that Emperor Moseley late of this county is indebted to him £2:8 current money of Virginia, and that the said Emperor Moseley hath privately removed himself out of this county, or so absconds, etc. Attachment issued & levied upon one horse.

31 March 1763. Capias for Angus McCaull to answer William Keeling, son of John, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £15. Smith Sparrow, bail. July 1764 issue.

3 Sept. 1765. Capias for James Peterkin to answer Anne King of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £30.

8 Jan. 1762. Capias for John Deane to answer Bartholemew Pettit of a plea of T. A. B., damage £20. Executed by Andw Stewart, sheriff.

4 June 1762. Capias for Lemuel Cornick to answer Luke Hill & Millbury his wife of a plea of T. A. B., damage £50. Issue May 1764. Jury finds for plaintiff £50.

BOX A 6, MARKED 1765

3 July 1764. George Williamson (with the consent of his father George Williamson) binds himself as an apprentice to Laughlin McCabe for four years from this date to learn the art of a tailor.

28 Aug. 1765. Elijah Mundaⁿ, son of Aquilla Munden Decd, is debtor to Francis Morse Junr. To 7 mths board &c. . . . 3.5.

21 May 1765. Account of Amy Lovett to Geo: Stiring. The following items are significant: "To suit at law. . . . £1:11:2." "To Acquittance of Land. . . . £0:6:2¾." "By rent of ⅓ of a Plantation. . . . £2:13:4." The account for 1764, attached, reads: "To ⅓ the Charges, Munden & wife vs. sd. Stiring for dower of Land. . . . £7:12:11½."

Chancery papers concerning Weblin & McClanahan, dating from 1763 to 1774.

1765. Martha Munden, 4½ years old, daugr of Equilla Munden.

27 July 1765. Deposition of James Fentress, aged 45 years & upwards, concerning Moses Fentress decd. Moses told this deponent that he loved his cousin Jonathan & Betsy Wiles better than any of his other relations, etc.

27 July 1765. Deposition of James Williamson, aged 42 years & upwards.

31 Oct. 1765. John Williamson, son of Geo:, makes a note to Anthony Walke & Son for £4:8:7.

7 Feb. 1765. Laugn McCabe & Reuben (his mark) Lovett are witnesses to a bond signed by Chas Nicholson, James Carraway & Anthony Whitehurst, binding them to John Ackiss, sheriff, to answer James Kempe, ex'or of Majr Thos Walke Est, of a plea of debt, damage £9:13.

6 July 1765. Henry & Mary Lovett, executors of John Lovett, petition for a debt of £3:6 owed the estate by Charles Dewpree & Wm. Woodhouse.

15 March 1765. Sheriff is ordered to take John Lovett into custody to answer Henry Edwards of a plea of Trespass, Assault & Battery. [Note: in the minute books of Princess Anne County, this plea is frequently abbreviated to T. A. B.] Endorsed as follows: "Agreed Dismis'd by the Plant'f."

27 Aug. 1765. Deposition of Mary (her mark) Whitehurst, aged 43 years & upwards.

11 Aug. 1764. Summons for John Cann and Robert Cartwright to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by John Buskey, an infant by William Keeling, Gentleman, his guardian, and Arthur Buskey, an infant by John Keeling his guardian.

1 Sept. 1764. Capias for James Williamson (son of Charles) and Charles Hartgrove to answer James Moore (son of Henry decd) of a plea of T. A. B., damage £150. "Executed on Hartgrove; John Hartgrove & Lydia Hartgrove, Bail. A copy left Williamson. Per Andw Stewart, S. S." 17 Sept. 1765, Elizabeth Thomas, wife of John Thommas [*sic*], is summoned to testify on behalf of James Moore, son of James Moore, son of Henry, in the above suit.

Sworn 20 Aug. 1765. The answer of David (his mark) Etheridge to the bill of complaint exhibited against him by Mary Etheridge, widow and relict of David Etheridge deceased. The defendant says it is true that his father David Etheridge appointed this defendant whole & sole ex'or of his will, that the said Mary did relinquish all right she might claim from the said will, that his father died possessed of all the

Negroes in the bill named, except the one named Judith, which he in his lifetime sold to one Smith Sparrow, and that it is not true that his father died possessed on any horses nor did he leave any such child as in the bill named Polly.

1762. Accounts of Mary, Anne and Elizth Lovett with Charles Gasking.

20 Aug. 1765. Accounts of Elizth & Mary Lovett, orphans of Adam Lovett, with Charles Gasking. Elizth had expenses for three months schooling.

1765-66. Account of Miss Elizabeth Lovett to Charles Gasking. Expenses for schooling, paid to Mr. John Marston, 17 May 1766.

1765. Your orator Samuel Hoggard sheweth that a certain Amy Simmons, by deed dated 2 Nov. 1764, did grant unto your said orator, her intended son-in-law, the use, labor & profits of two slaves, Jane & Sam, and the use of one half the plantation whereon the said Amy now lives, during her natural life, and did grant for four years next ensuing the one half of the profits of these eight slaves, to wit, Jacob, Own, Else, Phillip, Sarah, George, Lewis and Rachel. Samuel Hoggard seeks specific compliance of the said Amy under the terms of the deed.

Summons 6 Feb. 1765. Your oratrices Sarah Bannister & Frances Bannister, infants under 21 by Peter Nawley Ellegood their guardian & next friend, and Anne Gaskings, widow, shew that your oratrices' father James Bannister died intestate in 17--, possessed of these six slaves, to wit, Jammy, Phebe, Jenny, Caesar, Sarah & Sarah, and that he left Sarah Bannister his widow & five children, to wit, Mary (wife of Alexander Poole), Martha & your said oratrices Sarah, Frances & Anne. Adm'n of the said intestate's estate was granted to Alexander Poole. All the slaves of the said intestate (except Jammy who was set apart to & received by the said Sarah Bannister the widow as her dower) have since the death of the said intestate been equally divided amongst the said Alexander Poole in right of the said Mary his wife, the said Martha, and your said oratrices, pursuant to an order of Court made 16 July 1754. The said Martha is since dead intestate without issue, and the said Sarah Bannister the widow is also since dead, whereby the said slave Jammy hath descended to the said Poole in right of his wife Mary, and to your said oratrices. Your oratrices seek to have the slave Jammy sold, and the money from the sale distributed. The said Jammy was sold by Jno Ackiss, sheriff, for £48.

14 Feb. 1765. Thomas (his mark) Rice and John Rice of Pr. Anne County sign a bond to pay £29:8:9 to John Cann of Norfolk on demand.

3 May 1765. Frances Nimmo, widow, complains that Henry Spratt is a person of Lewd life and conversation, and a common disturber of the peace. Warrant for the said Henry to give security for his appearance at the next court. Emmanuel Whitehurst and Amy Powers are to be summoned for the plaintiff. Endorsed as follows: "Ex^d & afterward Dismist by the Plaintiff. Thos W^mSon." Another endorsement reads: "Executed & afterwards made his Escape one the way. Pr. Thos W^mSon."

15 Oct. 1765. William Whitehurst petitions the court for an order for his wife's proportionable part of the estate of her father Lemuel Hargroe [*sic*].

✓ 22 Feb. 1765. Capias for William Keeling, son of John, to answer Obedience Davis of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20. 14 March 1765, William Keeling, son of John, gives bond to the sheriff in the sum of £40 to insure his appearance at the next court. Isaac Cary, security.

29 Nov. in the fifth year of the reign of George the Third. Summons for John Phripp Junr to appear in court the third Tuesday in December to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Thomas Walke, an infant by Thomas Reynolds Walker his guardian. Nov. 1766, abates by defendand's death.

21 May 1765. The petition of Thos Scopus sheweth "that I am now Three Score and Six years Old, and has paid Levy pole Tax &c. in This parish near or Quite Forty years, but am now So afflicted wth A Swelling, A Shortness of Breath, A blindness of Eyes &c. That for These Last four years I have never been abel to perform one days Work, nor to go to the house of God, to hear his Word, preach't as heretofore I used to do, So Humbly pray, that the few Remaining Days which the Lord Shall be pleas'd to Lend me for Further preparation of my Immortal Soul, you'l be So kind as to free me of The Levy &c. and your favour Shall Cause your Humble the much afflicted Servant while Life doth Last Ever to pray &c."

30 March 1765. Capias for John Consaulvo and Anne his wife to answer Andrew Consaulvo and Elizabeth his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50.

4 July 1765. David Glendining and William Maye sign a bill obligating themselves to pay £4:19:6 for goods bought at the sale of the estate of John Stone deceased. Witnessed by John Thomas.

12 June 1765. Mary Gordon, Barbara Morse, Aliff Brock, Mary

Randal (or Randolph) and Mary Katon (or Caton) are ordered to appear in court to answer presentments against them, each for having a base born child.

BOX A 7, MARKED 1766

✓ Sworn 18 Nov. 1766 by Mr. Jas Parker. Mr. John Keeling is indebted to Aitchison & Parker, 5 Nov. 1765, "To a 40 fathom Saine. . . .£16." In another account with the same dates, Capt. William Woodhouse is also indebted to the same creditors the same amount for an identical article.

8 Sept. 1766. We the subscribers (John Whitehurst, William James, James Henly & Cason Moore) have met at Mr. Wm. Cox's and have appointed him a road out to the main road which road is staked off "on Mr. Robt. Jones Dower and Leads through the Swamp to the Dividing Line of Capt. Wm. Woodhouse and Mr. Wm. James."

10 Oct. 1765. Capias for Thomas Hunter, son of Thomas, to answer Elizabeth Saunders, adm'x de bonis non of John Thorowgood decd, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £26.

6 Feb. 1765. Capias for Edward Cannon, Gent., to answer John Tainor of a plea of Trespass, damage £10. 14 July 1766, summons for Edwd Lamount & Rachel his wife, Henry Lamount, Thos Leslie, Capt. Wm. Keeling, Erasmus Haynes, Thos Reys Walker, Thos Keeling and Henry Keeling, to testify for Edward Cannon, plaintiff, vs. John Tainor, defendant. Another paper states that Edward Cannon sued John Tainor for slander and that the matter was arbitrated by several persons, the decision being in favor of Cannon.

9 Dec. 1766. Capias for James Bonfield to answer Aquila Hall of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50.

7 Oct. 1766. Capias for Francis Beekley to answer Ballard & Newton of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12. John Woodhouse, bail.

5 Aug. 1760. Matthew (his mark) Berey, with the consent of his father Richard (his mark) Bearey, binds himself to Christopher Whitehurst until the age of 21 to learn the trade of a ship carpenter. Later, in an undated declaration, Christopher Whitehurst complains that Richard Berry had induced Matthew Berry to leave the said Christopher's service. April 1765, jury verdict for the plaintiff, £2.

6 Nov. 1765. Capias for Mary Herbert & William Wickens, ex'ors of the last will & testament of Peter Herbert decd, to answer Doctor Charles Male of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20.

21 March 1765. James Moore, the son of Henry, and Samuel Moore his son, sign a note to pay £6:8:3 to Andrew Gootee before 1 Jan. next. Samuel Moore signed with a mark.

Summons 14 Oct. 1766. Your orators & oratrices James Coan & Elizabeth his wife, John Easter and Mary his wife, Arba Frost & Joyce his wife (which said Elizabeth, Mary & Joyce were daughters of John Guy decd) and William, Patty and Henry Guy, infants under 21, by John Easter their next friend, shew that the said John Guy died intestate in 1765, being at his death seised of these slaves, to wit, Jeny, Nancey, Martin and a child of Jenny's, and that the said John left Margaret his widow, and George Guy his eldest son & heir at law. Adm'n of the goods & chattels of the said John was granted to Margaret his widow. Margaret and George are the defendants. George's brothers and sisters seek their proportionable parts of John's personal estate.

1765-66. Account of Marshall Anderson to Ballard & Newton. £6:9:10 due for various supplies, including one ship axe.

Summons 5 June 1766. Robert Cartwright sheweth that on 23 Nov. 1763 Lewis Price and Elizabeth his wife made a mortgage deed, etc., etc., and that the said Elizabeth is since dead, leaving John Price an infant her eldest son & heir at law.

1766. Charles Hill, orphan son of Chas Hill, to John Hunter, guardian. Dr. One item in the account reads: "To quit rent of 80 acres Land. . . . £0:3:8."

✓ 1765-66. Separate accounts of Mary Keeling and Amy Keeling to Wm. Brock. Dr. Each account contains this item: "To Acquittance of $\frac{1}{3}$ part of 225 acres of Land. . . . £0:3:5 $\frac{1}{2}$."

"March 7th 1766. The Estate of Elisabeth Fentres Dect To Larans Gamwell. Dr. To 4 pound Given in will By my Wifes Father." Other items.

14 Oct. 1766. Summons for John Harden and Thomas Whitehurst Senr to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Jonathan Hopkins. Endorsed as follows: "Not to be found within my Bailiwick. Per Chas Nicholson."

"In Obedience to an Order of princess Anne Court bearing Date the 16th of Sept. 1766 Obtained on the petition of James, Thomas and John Lovitt & Jeremiah Land, we the Subscribers have met at the sd. Jeremiah Land's Gap and have mark't out a Road from the sd. Lands

Gap binding on the sd petitioners own Lands and Land of Robt Murden Till it Entercepts the main Road, which Road Contents Each petitioner and we believe Can't possibly be offending to any other person whatsoever, being first Sworn by one of his Majesties Justices of the peace for Said County as Witness our Hands this 25th Sept. 1766. Cason Moore, James Henley, John Stone." [Note: the main road referred to above led to Dauge's Bridge. See Minute Book No. 8, page 271.]

16 Sept. 1766. "Petition of Richard Brinson and John Griffin Humbly prays Your Worships will make John Cumberford who Inter-married with Horatio Caps's widow Give Security for the said Caps Estate he has in his hands which they now Stand Security for."

16 Dec. 1766. Petition of Amy Rany sheweth "that I am of Age, and Humbly pray your worships to Grant Order for my part of my Deceased Fathers Estate."

7 June 1766. Thos (his mark) Huddlestun's note to Thos Brock for £2:6 is witnessed by Amy (her mark) Lovett and Frances (her mark) Henly.

Jas City. 8 Aug. 1765. Joseph Wyatt makes oath concerning William Whorton's debt.

28 Aug. 1766. John Haynes (son of John) is summoned to answer William Cox of a plea of T. A. B.

Sworn 23 March 1767. Account, dated 24 April, 1766, of Mr. Isaiah Barnes to Andrew Gootee. "To 2 pair Womens Stays @ 20/. . . . £2." "Deliverd yr wife to be paid in December ensuing the date."

BOX A 8, MARKED 1767

7 April 1767. Summons for Anthony Moseley, ex'or of Trevethan, to answer Edward Wright & Catherine his wife in Chancery.

19 Dec. 1767. Capias for Elizabeth Smyth to answer Solomon Hodges and Kedar Hodges, infant, by said Solomon Hodges his next friend of a plea of Detinue for detaining Negroes Leak & children Cheney, Rachel and Jenny, damage £300.

William Keeling, Gent., late sheriff of this county, sheweth that Charles Norris and John Pallet owe him £4:3:2, due by bill. Dismissed at the defendants' cost, Nov. 1767.

16 May 1767. Capias for Nathaniel Denby to answer John Lovit

Senior of a plea of Debt for £15:17:6, damage £5. Debt due by note dated 28 March 1767, to which Perrin Smyth and John Cocke were witnesses.

9 March 1768. Lanman King sheweth that Mary Brinson, widow, is indebted to him £4:10, due by account, for "tending her Croop in the yeer 1767."

3 Dec. 1767. Capias for Wright Westcote to answer Thomas Keeling of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £200. Endorsed as follows: "Execud & Capt. Matt Phripp bail, per Chas Nicholson, D. S." Abates Feb. 1768.

Undated paper. Denby vs. Pead. Special Verdict. "We of the Jury find that Nathaniel Denby intermarried with one Elizabeth Langley Widow of Absalom Langley deceased who died Intestate possessed of a Tract of Land in the County of Norfolk. We find that the said Denby & Wife moved into the County of Princess Anne before the said Elizabeth's dower was legally set apart in the said Land, and that one James Langley heir to the said Land took possession thereof and Rented it to one William Pead, defendant, for six pounds a year. If upon the whole the law be for the Plt. we find for the Plt. six pounds damage, otherwise we find for the Deft. [Signed] Andrew Stewart"

17 Nov. 1767. Capias for William Woodhouse, son of William, to answer Epaphroditus Munden of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Jury finds for the plaintiff the sum of four pounds.

25 Feb. 1767. Isiah Barns makes oath that he is afraid that William Dawley, son of Wilm, will beat, wound, maim or kill him.

✓ Jan. 1767. William Keeling sheweth that Thomas Harvey, son of Francis, owes him £4:1, due by account.

3 July 1766. Capias for Thomas Cornish to answer James Webb, Gent., of a plea of Trespass of the Case, damage £12.

8 July 1767. Summons for William Cox and William Dudley of Carolina, to testify on behalf of Edward Attwood vs. Peter Hill, defendant.

25 June 1767. Summons for William Thornton, Matthias Miller & Mason Smith to testify on the first Thursday in July next in behalf of Snodgrass & Co. vs. Francis Clarke.

15 July 1765. Capias for John Gornto to answer Roger Williamson of a plea of Detinue, for the detention of certain Negro slaves, to wit, Dinah, Rose, Hannah, Kate and Harry. Damages of £500 sought.

13 June 1767. Capias for James Wilson and Henry Keeling to

answer Harrison Banks of a plea of Debt, for £13:1, damage £5, due by bond dated 1 Jan. 1766.

Dec. 1766. Your orator and oratrix John Denny and Anne his wife an infant by the said John her Husband and next friend shew that your oratrix's father Henry Consaulvo was at his death seised of considerable real & personal estate, including three slaves, to wit, Cuffey, Toney and Grace, and that said Henry Consaulvo died intestate on or about 7 Jan. 1764, leaving Keziah Consaulvo his widow & relict, your oratrix's mother, and three daughters, to wit, your oratrix, and Frances and Keziah Consaulvo, infants under 21. Keziah Consaulvo, mother of your oratrix, was granted adm'n of her deceased husband's estate.

1 Feb. 1767. The commissioners have set aside unto Margaret Guy, widow of John Guy decd, one Negro girl named Nancy as her dower of the slaves whereof the said John Guy died possessed, & one third of the personal estate, amounting to £26:12:3, the other two thirds to be divided amongst his seven children.

Feb. 1764. Jonathan Frizle vs. John Fentress in Chancery. Complainant Jonathan Frizle says that a certain Moses Fentress, his uncle, died intestate, possessed of about 330 acres, whereon he then lived; that he, Jonathan, went to live with his uncle Moses at his request, and that said Moses promised him all the land except 50 acres. But after the death of said Moses Fentress, his eldest brother & heir at law, John Fentress, took possession and now refuses to fulfill his brother's promise. In answering this complaint, John Fentress, the defendant, says that 115 acres of said land was devised to said Moses by the last will of his father John Fentriss decd and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever, so that Moses was seised of 115 acres as tenant in fee tail & died so seised. Defendant further states that Jonathan was about 12 or 13 years old when he went to live with Moses, stayed with him three or four years & then left against the will of said Moses, & went apprentice to one Cawson, & continued so till Cawson died. Defendant has heard & believes that his brother Moses was so affronted at his nephew's action that he burned his will by which he had given some legacies to said complainant, and never after made any other will. There are two Chancery suits here, one concerning land and the other concerning slaves.

1765 to 1767. Thomas Scarborough Thorowgood, orphan of Mr. Jno. Thorowgood decd, in account with Margt: Thorowgood his Mother & Guardian. The account mentions several books bought for the orphan, viz: Ainsworth's Dictionary, Eutropius, Corderius Colloquies, Ruddi-

mans Rudiments, Grammatical Exercise and Spelling Book. The orphan is also credited with one year's hire of Negro George, two year's hire of Diana, and two year's interest on £20 left him by his grandfather Mitchel Scarborough.

1767 to 1768. Elizth Lovett, orphan of Adam Lovett, in account with Chas Gasking.

Summons issued for defendant 9 Oct. 1767; Bill in Chancery filed Feb. 1769; dismissed in June 1771 for want of security for costs. Your oratrix Mary Dawley sheweth that her late husband William Dawley died intestate in the year 176-, and that adm'n of his estate was granted to William Dawley his eldest son & heir at law. No other child of the deceased William Dawley is mentioned in this suit. Mary seeks as her dower a third part of the hire of the slaves, and a child's part of the personal estate of her husband.

12 Oct. 1767. Commissioners divided the plantation of David Etheredge deceased between David Etheredge, heir at law to the deceased, and Mary Etheredge, widow of the deceased, setting off her dower of the land. The borders are described, and the land adjoins the land of Thomas Drewrey and Mary Broughton.

12 Oct. 1767. Capias for John Dawley, son of William, to answer Charles Williamson of a plea of debt for £6, damage forty shillings.

2 June 1767. Petition of Elias Cornish Junr for his proportionable part of the estate of his father Thomas Cornish decd.

10 Sept. 1767. Capias for Margaret Whitehurst, Epaphroditus Munden and Reuben Lovett, to answer John Ackiss, Gent., of a plea of debt for £30:11, damage £5, due by bond signed by all the defendants on 16 Aug. 1763. Each of the three signed with a mark. The bond was witnessed by George Berry Senr and Thomas Williamson.

3 Nov. 1767. William Sory, Moses Jones, Joab Sory, Andrew Sorey, Peter Sory, frances Sory, Richard dosher, Samuel bush, William dosher, Beniman dosher, and William Parsons pray that your worships will view a road that leads through our neighborhood to the main road, etc.

BOX A 9, MARKED 1767-1768

Summons 30 Sept. 1768; decree 6 Jan. 1769. Your orators and oratrices Simon Peter Jackson and Elizabeth his wife (daughter of Alexander Poole decd) and these infants, George Pool, Mary Pool and

Ann Pool, by Edwd Moseley Senr their next friend, shew that Alexander Pool died intestate, possessed of these slaves, to wit, Pheby & her child Peter, Sarah, Nan, Arguile, Africa, Moses, China and Edy since dead, which said Negro Peter son of Pheby has been born since the decease of the said Alexander. The said Alexander left Mary his widow & relict who together with Andrew Stewart administered on the estate of the said Alexander. The said Mary soon after intermarried with one James W^m Son of this county, and she died sometime in June last past. William Pool is the eldest son & heir at law of Alexander. The said William was still an infant on the date of the summons.

Summons 30 Sept. 1768. Your orators and oratrices Mary McClenahan, widow & relict of Nathaniel McClenahan, Gent., deceased, William McClenahan and these infants, John, David, Susannah and Anne McClenahan, by the said Mary their mother & next friend, shew that the said Nathaniel died testate in May 1767, and in his will devised certain specific legacies to "my wife and five children," and appointed a certain David McClenahan, Gent., sole ex'or of his will. The said David McClenahan, defendant in this suit, makes answer, sworn 6 Oct. 1768, raising no objections to a division of property.

Sworn 7 Jan. 1768. The estate of Mrs. Mary Berry decd to William Williamson. Account. There are sums due for carting her household furniture out of the Swamp, for eight months board, for making her coffin, for digging her grave, and for cash paid Charles Gaskin for reading her funeral sermon.

Summons 30 Jan. 1768. Your orator & oratrix John Calvert and Peggy his wife (daughter of Thomas Walke decd) shew that said Thomas Walke made his will dated 28 Nov. 1760 and died soon after, etc. In his will the said Thomas did give to his daughter three Negroes, to wit, Cooper Ned, and Rhoda, but left a blank in his will and never did fill up the same with the name of any Negro during his lifetime. The deceased did leave one Negro boy named John Baptist ungiven and unbequeathed to any of his children, which said slave was later sold by Capt. James Kempe and Capt. Jonathan Saunders, acting ex'ors of the said will. Defendant James Kempe makes answer, sworn the day of 1771, filed Feb. 1772. Decree Oct. 1772.

Summons 30 Sept. 1768; decree Oct. 1768. Your orator Joel Cornick sheweth that Joel Cornick (father to your orator) died in 1754, and that sometime before his decease he made his last will, and appointed his loving wife Sarah Cornick, mother of your orator, and Lemuel Cornick his sole ex'ors. The aforesaid Sarah hath sometime

since intermarried with one Thomas Reynolds Walker. The said Joel Cornick in his will gave to his three sons Joel, Henry and William Cornick eleven Negroes, to wit, Moll, Hannah, Sarah, Maria, Dick, Kate, Rose, Rachel, Joshua, Daniel and Rose and their increase, to be equally divided as they should come of age. Negro Moll has since borne four children, Amey, Bob, Jimmy and Tibb. Negro Hannah hath borne one child, Isbel. Negro Sarah hath borne five children, Frank, Sarah, Lewis, Davie and Moll. Negro Murria hath borne two children, Frank and Kate. Negro Rose hath since had five children, Lewis, Nan, Betty, Sam and Sillah. Negro Wench Rachel hath had three children, Amey, Abby and Will. The said increase with the aforesaid eleven now amounts to 31 Negroes. Your orator seeks to have one third of these 31 Negroes set apart to him. [Note: the 1754 will of Joel Cornick was not listed by Torrence.]

Summons 8 Sept. 1768. Your orator & oratrix William Thorowgood & Jacamine his wife, infants by William Keeling, Gent., their guardian, and Margaret Harper, an infant by John Hunter her guardian, shew that John Harper (father of the said Jacamine & Margaret) died intestate in the year 175-, leaving his widow who is since dead, and James Harper his only son & heir at law who is now of full age. The said John Harper decd left six slaves, to wit, Phillis, Sabinah, Silla, Betty, Jeany and Sue. Phillis hath since borne one child named Abby. Sabinah hath borne one child named Lam. Jeany hath borne five children, Kate, Sue, Bitha, Bob and Will. Sue hath borne two children named Jeany & Peter. The total is now fifteen slaves. On the death of the said John Harper the whole of the aforesaid six slaves descended to James Harper as heir at law, but the complainants say that he is accountable to his sisters for a proportionable part of the appraised value of the said six slaves, or must equally divide the said six slaves and their increase among your orators and the said James. The answer of the defendant James Harper, sworn 10 Sept. 1768, points out that he has no objection to the whole of the slaves with their increase being equally divided, as in equity he thinks they ought to be, notwithstanding the law gives the whole of the increase, since the decease of his said father John to this respondent, as he has been informed, yet he apprehends that it is but justice that they the said slaves and their now increase should be equally divided amongst the complainants his sisters and this defendant, as he thinks he is much abler to work for a living than they are.

"Novr the 3d Day 1768. Presentments of the gran Jury. Francesc Smith for haveing a base born child by Infermation of Denes Dawley

& Chas Warterman. Lussey James for the same by Infermation of Thos. Raney & Jno Cason. Pr. Den: Dawley, Fourman."

3 Aug. 1769. Capias for Robert Cartwright and Robert Thorowgood to appear in Pr. Anne courthouse to answer John Ivy of Norfolk County of a plea of debt of £200, damage £10. James Carraway, Wm. Holmes & John Williams, wheelwright, bail.

Sworn 6 April 1767. Richard Kinner [elsewhere written Kenner] & his wife Margaret are indebted to John Cramond £1:8 for one pair of blankets, due by account dated 14 Nov. 1764.

26 Jan. 1767. Capias for John Ballentyne and Nora his wife to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Simon and Edward Bolithoe. Endorsed as follows: "Executed on Ballentine. Nora his wife no inhabiten. Pr. Frederick Boush, S."

Aug. 1768. John Lovett in account with Erasmus Haynes. There is a credit for the rent of Lovett's land (£11) and for the hire of his Negroes, to wit, Own, Pleasant, Sarah, Chainey, Norah & 2 children during 1767.

1768. Account of the orphans of Larance Dolley to Rhoda Dolley. 1 year's board for 3 children, to wit, Unis Dolley aged 9, Jean Dolley aged 6, Lidy Dolley aged 2.

1767-1770. Mention of Thomas Hunter Junr & Peggy his wife (daughter of John Thorowgood who died testate in 1763).

1 Sept. 1766. Deposition of William Cartwright, aged 20 and upwards.

BOX A 10, MARKED 1768

27 June 1768. Capias for Christopher Wright, Gent., to answer William Pasteur of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £10. Attached to this is another paper, the account of Doctr. Christopr Wright to Wm. Pasteur for sums due for three parcels of medicines, bought in 1760 and 1761. This account was sworn to at Wmsburgh on 18 June 1768 before James Carter.

9 April 1767. James Williams, Shop Joyner, promises to pay to Tully Robinson £33:8:10.

29 Dec. in the eighth year of the reign of George the Third. Summons for Mary Ward, Anne Barnes, Dinah Moore, George Norris, Mary Anne Norris and Charles Henley to testify on behalf of John

Morisset vs. Mary Brinson. Trespass on the Case (in Slander). £100 damages sought. John Morrisset charges that Mary Brinson has injured his good name in saying that he was a thief and had stole her corn out of her house, and that she could prove it. Jury verdict for plaintiff, forty shillings, rendered Feb. 1768.

Venire facias, 2 Dec. in the 7th year of the reign of George the Third. Sheriff is commanded to cause Abigail Frost and Mary Fountain to appear before the Justices and answer upon certain things of which they are presented. Endorsed as follows: "Executed on Abigil Frost. Mary Fountain no inhabitant. Fredk. Boush, Sheriff." "Jan. 1768, dism'd as to Mary Fountain. Judgt vs. Frost."

24 Dec 1767, in the eighth year of the reign of George the Third. Capias for Richard Kinner Senr and Roderick Kinner to answer Samuel Portlock of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £13. Endorsed as follows: "Copy Left at the within Defendant Roda Kinner's Dwelling house, the within Riched Kinner Senr no inhabitant, per Fred: Boush." Comparison with the minute book reveals that Roderick was spelled as Rodham.

Pembrook Barnes sheweth that John Kelly owes her two pounds due by account dated 1767, for "Keeping your child by agreement." 10 Nov. 1768, William Dawley was summoned as a witness for said Pembrook Barnes. Petition dismissed Jan. 1769.

13 Oct. 1768. Capias for Hains Nicholas to answer Richard Kinner Junr and Mary his wife, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50. Dismissed Jan. 1769.

Pat Murphy humbly sheweth that Christopher Wright stands indebted to him the sum of £4:2, due by account, for schooling Wm. Thoroughgood, Miss Rabekah Wright, David Wright and Wm. Wright 9 months each as per agreement. 30 May 1768, Arba Frost was summoned as a witness on behalf of Christopher Wright, Gent., defendant in this case. Dismissed June 1768.

The following is a verbatim copy of a capias (often called an alias capias) with blank spaces in the printed form filled out:

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To the Sheriff of *Princess Anne* County, Greeting. We command you that you take *George Guy, (son of John)* if *He* be found within your Bailiwick, and *him* safely keep, so that you have *his* Body before the Justices of our said County Court, at the Court-House of the said County, on the *first Thursday in June next* to answer *Williamson and Singleton* of a

Plea of Trespass on the Case Damage Ten pounds and have then there this Writ. Witness *Robert Ballard* Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House aforesaid, the *Nineteenth Day of May 1768* in the *Eighth Year* of our Reign. *Robt Ballard*

1 Oct. 1767. Charles Dickinson signs a sealed promissory note to pay Williamson & Singleton £1:6:3 before 1 Nov. next. Witnessed by John (his mark) Lovitt.

19 May 1768. Capias for John Moore (son of Thomas) to answer Williamson and Singleton of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12.

14 Oct. 1767. "Reced of Mr. John Consaulvo the sum of Seven Shillings & Sixpence for Buring [*sic*] Elizth Lemount. per Charles Gasking."

29 Feb. 1768. Willis Gibs, Solⁿ Williamson, Anthy (his mark) Barns Ser [note: it is not very clear whether the "Ser" belongs with Williamson or Barns, as it is written between the lines], Jno Cannon, Jno Ackiss, Thorg^d Berrey, James Powers, Thos (his mark) Robinson, Moses Robinson, Wm. (his mark) Timmons and Willes (his mark) Gwinn humbly pray that your Worships will appoint Commissioners to view the road leading from James Cottins at Nannys Creek bridges down to Nimmo's Point, the road now leading through the Neck being so bad that there is no passing in safety, and the Inhabitants refusing to work on it, it not being an Established Road.

30 Sept. 1768. Summons for David Scott an infant to answer David Cawson an infant under 21 by Margaret Cawson his next friend, in Chancery. Discontinued Oct. 1768.

9 Sept. 1767. Capias for Joseph Calvert, Cornelius Calvert, and Saunders Calvert to answer Tully Robinson of a plea of debt for £400, damage £50. Executed on the defendants, & Robert Ballard & Fred: Boush bail. per Fred Boush, S. S., Sept. 1767. Dismissed Oct. 1768.

Filed Dec. 1767. Jonathan Hopkins vs. John Harden and Thomas Whitehurst Senior, in Chancery, on a matter involving a fraudulent survey of 75 acres. Hopkins accuses Whitehurst of having passed the sticks forward several feet at every chain measurement, he being the hindmost chain carrier. Harden was the purchaser. Defendants did not respond to the summons, so the sheriff was ordered to attach their bodies to answer a charge of contempt of Court. The final notation made by the clerk on the back of the bill in Chancery reads: "Oct. 1768, Bill taken pro confesso."

31 March 1767. Jonathan Jackson & Moses Jones sign a note to pay to Matthew Randolph £1:5 before 25 March next for goods bought at the sale of Willis Randolph decd.

BOX A 11, MARKED 1769

Oct. 1769. Petition of Benjamin Clarke, orphan & only son of Alexander Clarke, to have his father's estate. Benjamin says he is now of age.

2 Sept. 1769. Johnson Nimmo & Anne his wife vs. Robert Paterson. William Nimmo Jur deposes that he was at the house of Capt. William Woodhouse, father to the complainant Anne the day the said Anne intermarried with the said Johnson Nimmo the other complainant. According to this deponent Robert Paterson said his wife was godmother to the said Anne. Paterson told this deponent that for some time theretofore he had been uneasy for fear that said Anne would have intermarried with Capt. William Keeling. Robert Paterson's wife was named Sarah.

2 March 1769. William Caraway died in 17--, intestate, leaving widow Martha and children Amy, William, James, Sarah & John Caraway, and Thomas Caraway his eldest son & heir at law, all infants. Martha the widow intermarried with one William Nimmo Jur., who administered the estate of said William Caraway in right of his wife Martha who had previously been appointed adm'x.

6 Feb. 1769. Joshua Haynes died intestate sometime in December last past, leaving James Haynes an infant, his eldest son & heir at law.

1769. Mary Fentress, widow of Moses Fentress who died childless & intestate in 176-, sues John Fentress, brother & heir at law of said Moses.

3 Dec. 1769. One William Keeling, father to your orators and oratrices, made and published his last will in writing, and he the said William is now supposed to be dead, seeing he has been so long unheard of. By his will he gave slaves to his children: Elizabeth Keeling, Francis Keeling (a son), Robert Keeling, Mary Keeling, Margaret Keeling, and Amy Keeling, the child his wife did then go with. The testator appointed his sons John Thorowgood Keeling (who since the making of the said will is supposed to be dead) & William Keeling executors of his last will & testament.

26 Aug. 1769. Sarah Lovett made oath that she is afraid John Lovett will beat, wound, maim or kill her. Court orders that John Lovett give bond or go to Jail. He gave bond 5 Oct. 1769 in the sum of £25 to keep the peace for 12 months. Bond signed by Jno (his mark) Lovitt, Fred Boush, Thos Brock.

4 May 1769. Jean Scopus petitions that her son Thomas Scopus may be exempted from the levy since it believed he hath the dropsie. Exemption granted.

1 June 1769. Mary Caton & Betty Sharwood petition for their proportionable parts of the estate of their father John Caton. Betty Caton, widow of John Caton, also petitions for her part.

2 June 1769. Sandford Saunders & Margaret Saunders, by Lemuel Newton their next friend, complainants, vs. Jacob Ellegood, adm'r of Elizabeth Saunders deceased (adm'x of the goods unadministered of Jonathan Saunders, Gent., deceased) and Mary his wife, an infant, and John Saunders, an infant heir at law of the said Jonathan Saunders, respondents, in Chancery. Commissioners are appointed to set apart the dower of the late Elizabeth Saunders (widow and relict of Jonathan Saunders, Gent., decd) in the several slaves in the bill mentioned, for the benefit of the heir at law, having regard to the appraised value of the slaves, Old Dick, Sharper, Peg, and Africa (who died since the decease of the said Jonathan Saunders) for which the heir at law must account with the complainants and the defendant Jacob in right of his wife, & that the commissioners divide the remaining two thirds of the slaves in the bill mentioned amongst the several complainants and the defendants. The bill in Chancery in this case states that Jonathan Saunders died intestate in 1765, leaving his widow Elizabeth, and these children, John his eldest son and heir at law, Mary Saunders since married to Jacob Elligood, Gent., and your oratrices Sandford Saunders and Margaret Saunders.

Final decree June 1769. Your oratrices Jacamine Hunter, Amy Hunter and Mary Hunter, infants by Mary Hunter their mother and next friend, shew that their father John Hunter died intestate possessed of 16 slaves, and that he left Mary Hunter his widow, and John Hunter an infant his eldest son & heir at law. Administration of the estate of the said John Hunter deceased was granted to his brother James Hunter.

4 Aug. 1769. On the motion of Abel Edmonds, son of William Edmonds deceased, it is ordered that the Clerk pay him his proportionable part of his father's estate now lodged in the office.

26 June 1769. Capias for Frances Moore, adm'x of John Moore

decd, and Anna Moore, ex'x of Francis Moore decd, to answer William Wishart, assignee of Thomas Wishart, of a plea of debt, damage £160, due by bond, signed 3 May 1765, by Moses Langley of Norfolk County, principal, and John Moore and Francis Moore of Pr. Anne County, securities.

Filed Dec. 1767; decree Oct. 1769. Your orator Robert Dickson sheweth that sometime in the year seventeen hundred one Benoni Burrough decd made his will whereby he devised the rest of his lands to be divided equally by his other sons, Robert and Benjamin, and the one who should choose his share last should have 150 acres at Muddy Creek belonging to the testator by patent. The two sons did divide the said land, as by a survey now in the hands of James Hunter, whom your orator begs may be made defendant & respondent to this his bill of complaint. Robert, one of the devisees, died, and in his last will devised his part of the land to his brother Benjamin. The said Benjamin in his last will gave to his son Robert Borrough that tract that was left him by his said brother Robert deceased. Benjamin also gave to his son Arthur the tract that was allotted to himself by the aforesaid division. The last mentioned tract was devised to Arthur in tail, and since Arthur died without children the whole of the aforesaid two tracts was vested in Robert Borrough, grandson to the first devisor Benoni Borrough. The last mentioned Robert did by indenture dated 20 Oct. 1735 sell to the defendant James Hunter all the land, estimated as 300 acres, which by the last will of Robert Borrough the elder was devised to Benjamin Borrough. On 21 April 1737 the said Robert the younger conveyed to Colo Nathaniel Newton decd (from whom your orator purchased the other plantation) that parcel of land that was the share of the aforesaid Benjamin Borrough, and by him devised to his son Arthur aforesaid. Your orator further sheweth that at the time the said defendant purchased the dividend or share of Robert Borrough the elder from Robert the younger, a line was run by order of the said defendant in the presence of several persons (amongst whom was Colo Nathaniel Newton deceased, and William Nimmo of Williamsburg, Gent., deceased). [This rather involved case concerns a boundary dispute.]

31 July 1769. Summons for Elizabeth Davis and Elizabeth Griffin to testify for the plaintiffs in a certain matter in which Michael & David Fentress are the plaintiffs and Laughlin McCabe the defendant.

29 Sept. 1769. Capias for James Williams and Abigail alias Aby, his wife, to answer Francis Haynes of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £200.

16 March 1769. Summons for Robert Ballard, Gent., to answer

James Kempe, Gent., Frederick Boush, and Walter Lyon, in Chancery. Abates July Court 1770 by the defendant's death.

✓ Nov. 1769. Grand Jury indicts Godfrey Malbone and William Carrel Junr for concealing tithables; Nathan Cornick & Nathan Munden for the same; Mr. John Ackiss & Capt. William Woodhouse Senr for concealing of their wheel carriages; the surveyor of the Road leading from the Warehouse to Cates Bridge; Wm. Woodhouse son of Philip for concealing land & tithables; Willoughby Buskey for the same; Drew Whitehurst for concealing his Land & tithables; Sarah Plummer & Amy Carraway for having a Base Born Child each. Cason Moore, foreman.

14 Oct. 1769. Capias for Dennis Desk to answer William Peircey of a plea of T. A. B. and false imprisonment, damage £20. Agreed & made up by the parties.

4 Oct. 1769. Capias for William Cox to answer Nathaniel Denby of a plea of T. A. B. and Mayhem, damage £200. June 1770, verdict for the plaintiff, £25.

April 1769. Christopher Whitehurst, ship carpenter, sues John Parsons alias Scady of a plea of Trespass on the Case (in Slander). Plaintiff said defendant called him a rogue, and said he had forged a receipt.

Oct. and Nov. 1768. Hillary Williams of Princess Anne County, Benjamin Bascombe of Norfolk County, and Allen Groves and Israel Shepard of Nansemond County are summoned to appear in Pr. Anne court to testify on behalf of Thomas Wheeler (a free Negro charged with hog stealing) in a certain controversy between Our Sovereign Lord the King and the said Thomas Wheeler.

29 June 1769. Capias for John Williams, wheelwright, to answer David Huggins of a plea of T. A. B., damage £150.

15 July 1769. Capias for Lucy James to answer William Robinson & Mary his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £200. Dismissed Aug. 1769.

15 Aug. 1769. Capias for John Fentress (son of Michael), to answer James Hunter Junr of a plea of Covenants broken, damage £500.

BOX A 12, MARKED 1770

1767-1770. Anthony & Hillary Whitehurst, orphans of Anthony Whitehurst, & grandsons of Florence Whitehurst.

May 1771. William Robinson, Gent., whose will was proved 15 April 1760, left Anne his widow, William Robinson his only son and heir at law, and two daughters, Anne (who hath since intermarried with John Cramond) and Mary Robinson.

Some tithables for 1771, taken from loose vouchers (which have now been transferred to Box 50, in which hundreds of other vouchers are deposited). Wm. Keeling & Francis Keeling, 2 tithables, 14 slaves 534 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres and 1 riding chair. Robert Keeling (son of Wm. Senr), 1 tithable, 2 slaves, 216 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. Christopher Wright, 1 tithable, 19 slaves, 1661 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, 2 riding chairs. Robert Keeling (son of Henry), 1 tithable, 300 acres. William Nimmo, James Nimmo his son & James Garton, 3 tithables, 7 slaves, 419 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, 1 riding chair. Anthony Lawson & Azariah Tankard, overseer, 2 tithables, 20 slaves, 1800 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, 2 riding chairs.

May 1769. Miss Fanny Denby is indebted to William Mackey £1 for one Quarter's Dancing.

3 March in the eighth year of the reign of George the Third. Capias for Robert Cartwright to answer William Jarvis of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. 27 May 1769, John Ackiss, Gent., and William Dalby summoned as witness for said Cartwright. 16 Aug. 1769, Andrew Stewart summoned as witness for said Cartwright. There are two significant accounts among the papers in this case. The first is the account of William Jarvis for sums owed to Robert Cartwright, dated 1768, as follows: 1 Jan., to 14 days board, to paid for your ferrige over News River 10 miles, to paid your Club at Kemp's Tavern. 5 Jan., to Do at Chowan Ferry for Toddy; to Do for Supper & Lodging & breakfast and Dinner at Do; to Toddy at Do. 7 Jan., to Ferrige, Lodging & Toddy at Edenton; to Do Do Do at Perquimon. 10 Jan., to Do at Currituck. To Rent of my Plantation 1 year, £10. On the Credit side of the account are two items dated 3 Jan.: By cash pd for my ferrige &c. at Bath Town, £0:1:6; by 13 lb flax from the Swingleage. [Note: according to the dictionary, a swingle is a wooden instrument about two feet long, like a large knife, with one thin edge, used for beating and cleaning flax.] The second account found among these papers is dated 20 Jan 1768, and recites the sums which Mr. Robert Cartwright owes to William Jarvis, as follows: To 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of Flax from the break at 9d per lb; To 5S pd Mr. Ackiss for writing a Mortgage Bond which you promised to pay for; To 17 days travelling to your house in North Carolina by Water at 3/ 4 per day; to 14 days I waited upon you at your House at 3/ 4 per day; To 10 days returning from your house here to Virginia at 3/ 4 pr day by Land on Foot. This

account was sworn to on 7 Nov. 1768 by Wm. Jarvis before Edwd Hack Moseley. [These accounts are interesting in that they describe an itinerary and the length of time it took to make a journey in those days. The river called News in the first account (which must have been near the starting point of the journey) is today called the Neuse River. It empties into Pamlico sound between Pamlico County and Cartaret County in North Carolina and is about ten miles wide at the mouth, to judge from a modern map. It is also worth pointing out that a certain Robert Cartwright of Princess Anne County in his will, which was dated and proved in Pr. Anne County in 1719, made the following bequest: "I give and bequeath unto my son John Cartwright two hundred & fifty acres of Land in Nuce river on the South Side of South river to him & his heirs forever also I give unto my said son John fifteen barrels of pitch due to me from Joseph Edmonson in Nuce river." The editor is descended from this earlier Robert Cartwright (through his daughter Sarah who married Adam Keeling), and would welcome any definite proof regarding Robert's ancestry.]

10 May 1770. Capias for Isaiah Barnes and John Lovett to answer Peter Singleton of a plea of debt for £21:4:3¾, damage £3.

1758 to 1770. Account of Colo Edwd Hack Moseley Senr to the estate of Walter Lyon decd. A few selected items: 1758, to part of the profits of the Latin Scholars received by you the four years I was in your Service contrary to Agreement made with me at Home (vide sd Indenture) to your use, £21:10. 1759, to attending your children after breaking up School, £5; to fee Ince's adm'r vs. you which you promised paymt if I would not bring suit, £0:15:0. 1768, to 2 fees Dunlop vs. you which you promised paymt if I did not bring suit, £1:10:0. Oct. 1768, to your assumpsit for Jno Jones, Nansemond, £4:14:8. Total indebtedness due from all items was £48:0:4, according to this account.

Sept. & Oct. 1770. Princess Anne County is indebted to George Savage £5:5:0 for 2 blank record books, 5 quires of blanks and 6 quires of paper. [Note: these record books were probably late in arriving, for it is to be noted that Pr. Anne Minute Book no. 8 ends with records from the Court of 2 June 1769, while Minute Book no. 9 begins with the records from the Court of 5 July 1770. Perhaps minutes for this interval were recorded on loose paper or in a small notebook as a temporary measure and were never transcribed. It is suggested here that if a thorough search were to be made in the corners and crevices of the clerk's office of Pr. Anne County, there might be some chance of discovering these missing minutes. There is also the possibility that they may survive in Norfolk County.] The above account was sworn to

by George Savage in December 1770. On the back of this sheet of paper is found the following brief note: 2350 Tithables for the year 1770."

7 April 1770. Derry, a Negro man Slave belonging to Bennett Boush of Norfolk County was taken up by Thomas Ewell & James King of Pr. Anne County on suspicion of stealing the sails of a windmill belonging to George Oldner of Norfolk County.

16 Feb. 1770. William Keeling (executor of the absent William Keeling, Gent., deceased) sheweth that William Cox owes the said estate £3:15:3, due by account.

Decree June 1773. Your oratrices Mary Moseley & Elizabeth Moseley, infants daughters & coheirs of Hewlitt Moseley decd by John Moseley their next friend, and your orators John Moseley [his name was scratched through, and the following interlined in place of his name: "Wm. Moseley Heir at Law of Jno Moseley decd, added by consent of the parties"] and George Shores shew that John Hughlett, great-grandfather of your oratrices, grandfather to your orator John and to the late wife of your orator George, did about 11 Sept. 1743 make his will wherein he devised as follows: I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Moseley (grandmother to your oratrices; mother to your orator John and to the late wife of your orator George) one Negro Wench called Rose and one Negro boy called Adam during her natural life and after her decease I give the Negro Boy to my granddaughter Sarah Moseley, and the Negro Wench and the Increase that she has after my Decease to be equally divided betwixt the Rest of her Children, etc. The said Elizabeth, the devisee, took possession of the said Negroes & the increase of Rose until 176-, when she died intestate. The said Elizabeth had issue, beside the aforesaid Sarah, Hewlitt (father to your oratrices), Edward, your orator John, Absalom & Mathew (who both died in the life of their mother, and without issue) and Elizabeth, late wife of your orator George, by the intermarriage with whom he claims. The aforesaid Edward administered on the estate of the said Elizabeth the devisee, and took into his possession the said Negro Wench Rose and her increase, to wit, Cyrus, Nancy, Sue, Lamb, Toney, Hannah and Fan, and hath hired them out. The answer of Edward Moseley, adm'r &c. of Elizabeth Wiggins decd, to the above bill of complaint, raises several objections. Another paper identifies Palmer Moseley as the father of Hewlitt Moseley. In this case the summons for Edward Moseley, adm'r of Elizabeth Wiggins, was issued 4 Aug. 1768.

7 June 1770. Summons for Ann Flear, widow, to testify for

William Cox in a controversy between Maximilian Boush, plaintiff, and the said William Cox, defendant.

22 May 1770. Capias for Charles Sayer, an infant, to answer Elizabeth Omerry of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100.

20 Oct. 1778. Capias for Francis Beattley to answer Jacob Keeling of a plea of Trespass on the Case. Verdict Aug. 1779. Jury finds for plt, £50.

16 April 1770. Capias for Edward Brewer and James Brewer to answer Edward Churn of a plea of debt for £20, damage £5. Endorsed: "No inhabitant." Dismissed June 1770.

8 Feb. 1770. Joshua West of North Carolina (with Thomas Boulst security) promises to pay £3:12:1 to Joshua Hopkins, adm'r to the estate of Wm. Fentress.

14 March 1770. Capias for Abner Moore to answer Benjamin Cox of a plea of T. A. B., damages £500. Executed, and Jas Moore Senr entered bail. Dismissed 5 April 1770.

14 March 1770. Capias for Abner Moore to answer Mary Cox, spinster, of a plea of T. A. B., damage £500. Dismissed 5 April 1770.

24 March 1770. George Logan sheweth that William Maye, son of William, is indebted to him £3:9:5, due by account.

23 May 1770. Summons for James Leitch to answer the petition of Willis Simmons for a debt of £1:10:6, due by account. Endorsed: "No inhabitant."

10 Oct. 1770. Deposition of James Murdaugh, taken in the presence of Staples Ivy and Miles King, for use in the suit of Edward Wright & Catherine his wife vs. Samuel Tenant. Deponent saith that this defendant desired the deponent to apply to the complainants for an order to receive a legacy of a guinea left his wife by her grandmother. Deponent did so, being a near neighbor at that time, whereupon the complainant Edward told this deponent that he had given Mr. Curle orders to receive it, and not to take the principal without interest, and that his reasons for so doing were that the defendant had taken an advantage of his friend Stephen Wright in a piece of land which he the defendant had recovered from him the said Stephen in Princess Anne County. Further this deponent saith that the complainant said he did it by way of reprisal for that he did not value the interest as he intended to make Mr. Curle a compliment of the same for his trouble. At the time the above conversation happened there was no suit for the legacy. And this deponent, being interrogated by the complainant whether he did not hear the said complainant say that he thought he had a right to

interest, says that he had heard him say so and further that his wife had several times asked the defendant for the legacy, which said demand was since her coverture but in presence of her husband; further that he heard the complainant say he was willing to leave it to arbitration if agreeable to the defendant, but does not recollect whether it was before or after the commencement of said suit.

BOX A 13, MARKED 1771

Oct. 1771. Pr. Anne County owes 300 lbs of tobacco for 1 large Book for to Record Deeds, Wills, Audits &c., and 96 lbs of tobacco for 1 small ditto. Per E. H. Moseley Junr, C. C.

17 Dec. 1771. Your orators and oratrices Samuel Wormington and Mary his wife, Fanny Denby an infant by the said Samuel her guardian, and your oratrix Anne Denby an infant by Jesse Sikes her guardian, shew that Edward Denby, grandfather to your oratrices made his will about 1 May 1761, etc. At the time the said Edward Denby Senr made his will, his son & devisee Archibald was out of the Colony and beyond Sea and hath never since been heard of, wherefore they humbly presume he is now dead in Law and departed this life without issue and intestate. The above testator appointed his wife Anne Denby and his son Nathaniel with one Thomas Jones his executors, and Anne the widow is since dead. Nathaniel is now the only surviving and acting executor of the said will.

10 Nov. 1770. Sale of the estate of Samuel Whitehurst, made by the sheriff. Purchasers were Mary Whitehurst widow, Christopher Whitehurst, Nathaniel Denby, Matthew Beary, Wm. Whitehurst, Lemuel Whitehurst and Jonathan Hopkins. Total sales of the whole estate, £14:8:10.

31 Dec. 1771. Pr. Anne County is debtor to the sheriff 13 lbs of tobacco each for insolvents of the year 1770, among whom are: John Capps son of Dennis, Adam Deal gone to Carolina, Solomon Elkes run away, William Berry run away, James Catton no such person, Jno Capps no such person.

Sworn to 7 Nov. 1771. The estate of Mary Robinson decd, orphan of Wm. Robinson, in account with David McClenahan her guardian. Selected items from the debit side of the account are listed as follows: 1768, to 1 years board. 1769, Mrs. Ive's account for board; Eliz.

Ephrim's account for nursing. 1770, Mrs. Miller's account for board; Lucy Maye for sundry services. 1771, Mrs. McClenahan's account for board; Mary Stricklin's account for nursing; John Bowser's account; paid Mrs. Gwinn for shrouding; Susanna Pebworth for nursing.

Recorded & Examined 3 Oct. 1771. Account of Miss Sarah Lovett to Robert Huggins, 1770. Credit: "By Cash Rec'd of Charles Norris for her Cattle & her part of her sisters, £13:12:10½." On the debit side of the account are expenditures for various feminine personal items, dating from 4 June 1770 to 8 April 1771. One such expenditure was 47 shillings for a pattern of humhums. [The dictionary defines humhum as a coarse Indian cotton cloth.]

Sept. Court. 1770. Your orator and oratrix Edward Wright and Catherine his wife shew that Anne Trevithan, widow, made her last will about 18 March 1742, and devised as follows: I give and bequeath to my two grandchildren Catherine Wright and Stephen Wright one guinea apiece to buy them rings for mourning. James Tenant was executor. Sometime later your orator intermarried with your oratrix Catherine. Samuel Tenant is defendant in this case. Anthony Moseley Senr, Gent., aged 73 years & upwards, deposes on 4 Aug. 1769 that he acted as a nominal executor (in the absence of the defendant who at that time was an infant and followed the sea) for Anne Trevethan, and sold the part of her estate that he thought liable to waste. Deponent saith that Capt. Stephen Wright, father of the above Catherine, intermarried with Mary, a daughter of the said Anne, and that Stephen lived some years after the decease of the said Anne. This suit abates Jan. 1771 by the defendant's death.

5 June 1771. John Gamewell petitions for his wife's proportionable part of the estate of her father John Green decd.

6 Feb. 1771. William Caps son of George Caps decd petitions for his part of his father's estate. Granted.

7 March 1771. Ann Williams petitions for her part of the estate of her father John Williams decd.

The following passage in quotation marks was copied verbatim, since it casts an interesting sidelight on our American history: "Princess Anne Sc-----Depositions of Witnesses taken by Virtue of the Commission hereto annexed on behalf of William Calvert and Ann his Wife & James Moore and Mary his Wife Plaintifs in a certain Matter of Controversy depending in the said Court against James Tenant Defendant.-----Anthony Lawson Esqr. of full Age being first sworn on the holy Evangelists deposeth and saith, that in the begining

of the Month of June in the Year one thousand seven hundred & Seventy Six, this Deponent was a Prisoner on board Dunmore's Fleet, at which time Mr. William Hunter late of Princess Anne County aforesd Deceased was also a Prisoner. And this Deponent then made his Will in writing, and the said William Hunter also then made his Will in writing with his own Hand, and delivered the same to this Deponent to peruse, which he accordingly did peruse, and then the said Hunter executed his sd Will in presence of this Deponent & Mr. Wm. Thorowgood both whom Subscribed the same as Witnesses; and after the same was so executed it was put into the Chest of Capt. William Westcott (who was also a Prisoner) together with the Will of this Deponent and the said Thorogood, as neither sd Hunter, Thorogood, or this Deponent had a Chest on board the Vessel were [*sic*] they were confined. Saith that about the Begining of the Month of August following, all the aforesaid Prisoners were put on board the Otter, Man of War, Capt. Squire with the sd Chest, but the sd Squire refused to suffer the Chest to remain on board, and compelled the sd Chest to be removed on board a Brigg belonging to Barbados which had been Seised by sd Squire and he sayd was bound to Augustine where the Prisoners aforesaid were carried, which sd Brigg did not arrive at Augustine, but as this Deponent was after informed arrived at New York; and the sd Chest or Will never after arrived in Virginia as far as this Deponent knows or believes, but the sd Hunter after arrived in Virginia about four Months before his Death. Saith that he remembers that the Land whereon the sd Hunter Lived was in the sd Will devised to the sd Tenant after the Decease of the sd Ann Calvert to whom he devised the use of the same with several Slaves for Life. Saith that he hath Reason to believe from the Carelessness of the Person who had Charge of the sd Brigg & Chest, as well as his Enmity to America & other circumstances the sd Will is not now in being. Saith that he believes that the desire of the Hunter [*sic*] was, that rather than the sd Tenant should not have the Land aforesaid the Will in dispute should be established, as this Deponent understands the Land aforesaid is therein devised to him. And further saith not. [Signed] Anthy Lawson." The above deposition was sworn before John Hancock and Edwd Moseley on 11 Oct. 1777, as were also the depositions of John Thorowgood and Wm. Thorowgood Junr, Gent. There were several other depositions in this case, which was initiated to challenge the validity of a paper writing purporting to be the will of William Hunter. David Barret (late of Pr. Anne County but at present a resident of North Hamton County) deposes, 10 Dec. 1777, that on 1 June 1776 he was an overseer on the plantation belonging to the said

William Hunter deceased, and that a certain John Oliffe took a paper writing which he said was the will of said William Hunter, and after reading same in the presence of this deponent, Oliffe said there was something in it he did not like, and thereupon tore it into three pieces, and that a certain Mary Harvey, who was then present, took them up with the intent seemingly to take care of them. This deponent saith that a copy of a paper writing or will now produced to him dated the 10th Day of January 1776 is the same tenor, contents & date of the paper writing or will which he heard read and saw torn in three pieces by the said John Oliffe. [The editor could not find any Court decision among the papers in this case, but by referring to the record book in which the will of William Hunter was recorded it was found that it bears the date of 10 Jan. 1776.]

A list of insolvents for 1770. Morris Sillivant, 1 levy; Nathaniel Owens, 2 levies; James King decd, no estate, 1 levy; John Davis, no inhabitant, 1 levy; Thomas Davis, no inhabitant, 2 levies; William Berry, no inhabitant, 1 levy; Richard Kinner Senr deced, 1 levy; Jonathan Hebden, no inhabitant, 1 levy. Each levy was to be discharged by payment of 30¾ pounds of tobacco. This paper is endorsed with the notation: "Hopkins for Insolvents, Dec. 31st 1771." The list is apparently an account of sums of tobacco which Hopkins was unable to collect for the county.

A large sheaf of papers dealing with the sloop Industry and her trade with certain islands of the West Indies, notably Antigua, St. Thomas, St. Eustacia, etc. William Calvert was master of the sloop belonging to Messrs. Hunter and Tenant, Merchants. This case involves amongst other things a collision with a French schooner during bad weather, and the sinking of the schooner. The case is too complicated to abstract here, but is recommended to students of commerce, maritime law, etc. There are two documents in the Dutch language from St. Eustacia. The deposition of William Hunter, 12 Oct. 1773, mentions his father James Hunter as surviving partner of Hunter & Tenant. The answer of Elizabeth Tenant, ex'x of Samuel Tenant her late husband, to the bill of complaint of William Calvert exhibited against her, mentions the fact that her brother was William Hunter.

Atwood vs. James, in Chancery. Continued May 1768; agreed & dismissed Jan. 1771. Your orator Edward Atwood sheweth that sometime in 174-, your orator became security for the guardianship of one Henry James late of this county, who by this Court was appointed guardian to his Brother Horatio James an infant, in consequence of which appointment, the said Henry took into his hands what estate did

belong to the said Horatio, to the amount of £20:2:9, which said sum the said Henry did apply to his own use in purchasing a piece of land in this county, which said land has since the decease of the said Henry come by descent to the hand & possession of his son Henry James, the defendant. Your orator further saith that soon after the elder Henry made the aforesaid purchase he died intestate, and by an order of this Court the personal estate of the said Henry was sold by the then sheriff for bills & the bills lodged in the office of the Court. By various orders of the Court the greatest part of the bills so lodged in the office were drawn out and the said debts discharged for the benefit of several creditors, whereas your orator in fact says that the aforesaid sum of £20:2:9 ought to have been satisfied prior to any debts whatever, as it was a debt of the highest degree and dignity. Your orator sheweth that some years after the decease of the said Henry James, Horatio James, ward of the said Henry (who for several years had resided in North Carolina) applied to your orator as security for the guardianship of the said Henry, for the £20:2:9, which sum your orator paid. Soon after, your orator received of Colo Jacob Ellegood decd £7, and of one John Robinson £8:3:3, as part of the estate of the said Henry deceased. The remaining sum of £4:19:6 with interest is sought by your orator from Henry James the younger. Henry James the defendant, in his answer, sworn 3 Sept 1767, saith that he has often heard and believes that his father Henry James decd was appointed guardian to his Uncle Horatio James, and took into his hands the said Horatio's estate, but knows not how much it was, and saith further that of his own knowledge he does not know that the said complainant was ever security for his said father Henry James for the guardianship of his said Uncle Horatio James but has often heard and believes that one James Alberton was his security, and further saith his father Henry James who died Testate did purchase the lands mentioned and devised the same to his son Robert James who died under age and without issue, by whose death this defendant took possession as heir at law to his said brother, and saith further that he never heard that the said land was purchased with the money belonging to the said Horatio James' estate as is most untruly alledged, and that he never heard any person but the complainant say that he paid the sum mentioned to his Uncle Horatio James who he does not believe, etc. [Note: there is an undated will of one Henry James, proved in Pr. Anne County in 1741, in which the testator devised land to his two sons, Robert and Henry.]

20 Dec. 1771. Hugh Dunbar (overseer to Anthony Walke) complained that a quantity of wheat was lately stolen from said Anthony

Walke and that he hath just reason to suspect several idle and disorderly persons. Edward Moseley, Justice of the Peace, orders all constables of Pr. Anne county to "search every Suspected House within your Precincts, which you and the said Hugh Dunbar shall think convenient to search," etc.

11 Jan. 1771. "To the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Princess Anne. Application having been made unto me, by the Clerk of the said County, to make Book Cases to preserve the Records, from being obliterated by the various changes of the Weather, and to Keep them free from Dust &c. agreeable to an order of the Court past, last Court, I do hereby certify your Worships that I have estimated the Expense that will attend the same, and find that the same cannot be sufficiently compleated in a workmanlike manner for a less sum than Ten Pounds, as a Number of Locks and Handles will be required which if Laid in this Years Levy, I will undertake to make and finish, in a Workman like manner. James Williamson"

1 Nov. 1770. The Grand Jury presents Elizth Passely for a base born child.

Decree Nov. 1771. Your orator and oratrix Jacob Keeling and Mary his wife (which said Mary was a daughter of one John Keeling Junr decd) and Amy Keeling an infant by her guardian, shew that the said John Keeling your oratrix's father departed this Life in 1755 after having made his last will wherein he appointed his wife Sarah and his brother William Keeling executors of the said will, that the said Sarah his wife did within the time limited by law relinquish all benefit, etc., bequeathed to her in the said will. The said John died possessed of a considerable number of slaves, and they have greatly increased since the death of the said John, the whole now amounting to twenty, to wit, Negro Wench Nan and her children Ned, Kate, Will, Jemmy, Daniel and Nanny, Rose, Aliff and Powell, Negro Wench Bess and her children, to wit, Sam, Lewis, Rose, Philip, Hannah, Betty, Jeremiah and one old Negro Wench called Nann. Sarah, wife of your oratrix's father, did sometime since intermarry with one William Brock, by virtue of which intermarriage, the said William was appointed guardian to your orator's wife and to the aforesaid Amy.

26 Jan. 1771. Capias for Lemuel Newton, adm'r with the will annexed of Robert Ballard, Gent., deceased, to answer William Keeling, son of Adam, and Smith Shepherd, ex'ors of the last will of Sarah Weblin deceased of a plea of debt for £80, damage £20.

Decree Oct. 1771. Your orator Joel Cornick & Mary his wife

(which said Mary was a daughter of one Thomas Keeling late of this county deceased) shew that sometime since the decease of the said Thomas your orator intermarried with Mary his said wife the daughter of the said Thomas, and said Thomas in his will did leave certain Negroes to be equally divided among his wife Betty and seven children, and appointed his wife Betty executrix, in consequence of which she, the said Betty, took into her possession the following slaves, to wit, George, James, Will, Lewis, Harry, Charles, Argal, Philip, Lam; Grace and her children Jug, Tib, Jimmy, Frank and Isbell; Hannah and her children, to wit, Moody, Sarah & Cilla; Jane and her children, to wit, Phillis, Davy, Sarah, Pallas, & Kate; Phoebe and her children, to wit, Amy, Roger, and Alice; Lyd and her child Forty; Negro Wench Bess; the children of Rose (who is since dead), to wit, Ruth, Kate, Tony, Sue and Sabinah and these children of Negro Wench Lucy, to wit, Esther, George and Ned, in the whole amounting to forty slaves.

BOX A 14, MARKED 1771

17 June 1771. Capias for William Peadon to answer Richard Fenton of a plea of Trespass of the Case, damage £40. Agreed to & dismissed July 1771.

Decree Jan. 1771. Your orator Henry Leget an infant by Frances Leget his guardian and next friend, and your oratrices Frances Leget, widow & relict of Anthony Leget decd, and Elizabeth Leget an infant by the said Frances Leget her guardian and next friend, shew that your orator and oratrices father & husband the aforesaid Anthony Leget died Feb. 1770 intestate, possessed of slaves Lam, Owen, Moll, Jenny and Easter, which said slaves descended to a certain William Leget, eldest son and heir at law of the said Anthony.

16 July 1771. John Shipp and Mary Shipp are summoned to testify for Patrick Murphy vs. Henry Dudley, in a matter involving £4:19:11, due by account dated 28 Dec. 1769. Said sum is due "To his agreement to Send 4 of his Children to School, under my Care & Tuition at £1:5:0 per annum Each," and was owed to Murphy by Dudley.

Robert Pitt humbly sheweth that John Bishop owes him £1:10. Hearing set for Jan. 1771. Attached to this paper is an account dated 1766, showing that Mr. John Bishop is debtor to Robert Pitt £1:10 "To Fee in Chancery Ats Parsons." This account was sworn to 15 Aug.

1770 by Robert Pitt before Litt: Savage, a Justice of Northampton County.

18 July 1771. Sheriff of Norfolk County is ordered to summon Eldred Fisher to testify for Robert Cartwright, defendant, at the suit of John Ivy in Pr. Anne County.

25 Jan. 1771. Capias for William Keeling, son of John, to answer Aliph Woodhouse, adm'x of her husband Henry Woodhouse deceased, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £10:10.

17 Nov. 1770. Capias for John Smith, son of Levi, to answer Lemuel Newton of a plea of debt for £14:18, damage £3.

8 March 1771. Summons for Nicholass Poole of Norfolk County to answer the complaint of James Carraway his apprentice.

26 July 1771. Summons for Ruben Lovet to testify for Henry Lovet vs. Thomas Owens.

8 Sept. 1771. Capias for Mark Robinson to answer John Denny and Anne his wife of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Agreed & dism'd Nov. 1771.

15 Sept. 1769. Capias for Thomas Owens to answer Henry Lovett of a plea of T. A. B., damage £50. Verdict Nov. 1771.

6 May 1771. Summons for Sarah Plummer and Frances Malbone to answer the presentment of the Grand Jury against them, each for having a base born child. Case against Salley Plummer is dismissed. Frances Malbone is no inhabitant.

12 June 1771. Capias for Caleb Williamson to answer Lawrence Dowdel of a plea of Trespass for killing his dog, damage Ten pounds. Nonsuited in July 1771.

4 Jan. 1771. Capias for Martha Nimmo, ex'x of William Nimmo deceased, John Denny and William Holmes Senr, to answer William Moseley and Betty his wife, who was Betty Thorowgood, of a plea of debt for £60, damage twenty, due by bond. In this bond, dated 12 June 1769, Wm. Nimmo Senr, John Denny and William (his mark) Holmes Senr bound themselves to pay £60 to Betty Thorowgood, spinster, if the just sum of £30 were not paid before 12 Dec. next. The bond was witnessed by William Nimmo Junr and Lemuel Thorowgood.

10 Jan. 1771. Summons for Richard Kenner to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Robert Gordon, adm'r of William Woodrop deceased. Endorsed as follows: "Not found. Abates April 1771." Another like summons for Kenner, dated 11 March 1771, was returned "No inhabitant" and likewise abated April 1771.

1 June 1771. Capias for John Keeling Junr, son of John, to answer John Ivy and wife, assignees of William Ivy who was assignee of Thomas Nash, executor of William Nash, of a plea of debt for £147:17:8, damage £20. Attached to this paper is a bond dated 16 Dec. 1755, whereby John Keeling Junr, son of Jⁿo Keeling, and Robert Cartwright bound themselves to pay £73:18:9 to Thomas Nash, ex'or of William Nash, if the just sum of £36:19:4½ were not paid before 16 June next ensuing. This bond was witnessed by William Nimmo Junr, Andw Stewart, Lamuel Gasking. On the back of this bond is the following: "I do hereby assign and make over all my Right and Title to the within written Bond and do order the payment thereof to William Ivy Guardian of Elizabeth Nash Witness my Hand this 25th Day of Feby 1758. Thomas Nash Ext."

13 March 1769. Capias for Maximilian Boush to answer Thorowgood Keeling of a plea of T. A. B., damage £30. Agreed & dismissed July 1771.

9 Jan. 1769. Capias for David Savin to answer Richard Coats of a plea of T. A. B., damage £20. Agreed & dismissed July 1771.

BOX A 15, MARKED 1772

Filed Oct. 1772; abates Feb. 1774. Your orator Francis Land and Mary his wife (which said Mary was a daughter of one John Smyth who died in 1741) shew that said John did make his last will, leaving all his personal estate to his wife Mary Smith for life, and after her death to be equally divided amongst all his children, to wit, Mary, your orator's now wife, James, John, Amy, Betty, Keziah and William, and that the said children John & William have since departed this life. In his will the testator appointed Mary his wife, Simon Whitehurst, and his son John his executors, and she the said Mary, with the other ex'ors, did take upon herself the execution of the said will, by virtue of which she became possessed of two Negro Fellows, to wit, & Captain, & then she sold Captain & in lieu of him purchased a Negro Wench named Else. The said Mary the executrix, after the death of her husband and after her purchase of the said Wench Else, intermarried with one John Knowis, and soon after removed with him to North Carolina, but when they removed, she left the said Negro Wench Else with one John Whitehurst for her victuals & clothes, declaring that

she the said Else with all her increase should be equally divided amongst all her children, agreeable to the intent of her first husband's will, and further declared that she left the said Else with the said John Whitehurst for her Victuals & clothes as she the said Else was a fast breeder. Your orator & oratrix further shew that the said John Knowis & Mary his wife by a deed of gift dated 25 May 1753, gave unto the children that the said John Smyth had begot on the body of the aforementioned Mary, to wit, James Smyth, Mary Whitehurst your now oratrix, Amy Smyth, Elizabeth, Keziah Smyth and Frances Smyth, one Negro woman called Else & her children, to wit, Sarah, Sabina, China, Jemima and Courtney with all her future increase, after the decease of the said Mary. Your orator & oratrix further shew that the said Wench Else has greatly increased and that these defendants, Elizabeth Whitehurst, widow of William Whitehurst, son of Charles, John Whitehurst, Gentleman, Richard Dosier, George Cox, and John Fentress have in their hands & possession these following slaves, increase of the said Else, to wit, Elizabeth Whitehurst five slaves, named Sabina, Willoughby, Else, Abraham & Lettice. John Whitehurst three slaves, Else and two whose names are not known. Richard Dosier three slaves, to wit, China, Tony, and one whose name is not known. George Cox four slaves, to wit, Jemima, Simon, and two slaves whose names are not known. John Fentress one slave named Courtney.

30 May 1772. Summons for Sarah Lyon, Mary Ann Hancock, Frances Hancock, Margaret Smith and Margaret Dudley to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Walter Lyon. Discontinued July 1772.

1 June 1770. Capias for William Cox to answer Robert Steel and Sarah his wife of a plea of debt for £20:4:9½, damage £5. Dism'd July 1772.

2 July 1772. Mary Dudley made oath that she is afraid James Lovett will beat, wound, maim or kill her. Warrant issued for James Lovett to give bond to keep the peace.

10 June 1772. Sheriff of Nansemond County is commanded to summon John Moore, heir at law to Hillary Moore decd, to appear in Pr. Anne court to contest the validity of the will of the said Hillary Moore if any reason he hath.

"In Obedience to an Order of the said Princess Anne County Court to us directed, & hereby annexed we the Subscribers have met, & being first Sworn viewed the Lands mentioned in the said annexed Order Wherein a Public Road is proposed to be cleared by William Moseley

Gent^l., & others, & think that a Road runing in manner & form following to wit begining at the Road at Jeremiah Lands near along the Road now in use by Rich^d & Edw^d Lands to the Land of Henry Dudley, from the Corner of the said Dudleys Land through the Land of the said Moseley to the southern of a deaded Piece of Ground belonging to the said Moseley called Gotherds to the Line between the said Moseley & Capt. Wm. Woodhouse Junr. & from thence near a strait Course, or where the Road now in use goes to Mesrs Hutchings's Land, & from thence to a Beech Tree marked A. W. standing on Mr. Walkes Land, & from thence to the Line between the said Walke & Hutchings's to a Corner Tree of the said line, & from thence through the said Walkes Land near his Woods Pasture Fence out to the main Road at the Corner of the said Walkes Plantation called Pools that leads to Cates Bridge will be of no inconvenience or prejudice to the Proprietors of the above mentioned Lands, & of great conveniency to the said Moseley, & others who hold Land near where the said Road is proposed to be cleared. An this is our Report. Given under our Hands this 9th Day of July 1772. James Kempe, Tully Robinson, Andrew Stewart."

8 Sept 1772. Summons for Thurmer Hoggard, Sam: Holmes & Mary Thelaball to testify for Samuel Nicholas vs. John Chapman. Also summoned by the plaintiff on the same day were Lemuel Roberts & Elizabeth Cooke, both of Norfolk County, and James Moore, Frances Chapman, Sharwood Lee, Thomas Cully & his wife; Amy Simmons, Eleanor Galler and Francis Thorowgood, all of Pr. Anne County.

27 Jan. 1770. Capias for Charles Nicholson to answer William Keeling (son of John), assignee of Thomas Carraway of a plea of Debt for thirty pounds, damage forty shillings, due by bond dated 4 March 1769. In this bond Chas Nicholson of Pr. Anne bound himself to pay £30 to Thos Carraway "of the County Dobbs in North Carolina." The bond was signed in the presence of David (his mark) Etheredge and James Carraway. Judgment Aug. 1772.

Decree Oct. 1772. Your oratrices Jaquet, Amy and Mary Hunter by Samuel Boush their next friend, shew that John Hunter died intestate leaving Mary his widow and four children, to wit, your oratrices and John Hunter, his only son and heir at law (who is now an infant). The said John Hunter the elder died possessed of these slaves, to wit, Nan, Peter, James, Bob, Lewis, Ned, Violet, Rachel, Caesar, Dinah & Berry, being the remaining slaves after the dower of the said Mary his widow was set apart. Administration of the intestate's estate was granted to one James Hunter, who by his long absence from this

Colony & not being heard of is supposed to be dead. Adm'n of the said intestate's estate was then granted unto Hillary Moseley.

24 June 1772. Summons for John Lovitt Senr to answer the petition of Cornelius Cason for £4:10, due by account dated Feb. 1772 for a yoke of oxen.

29 May 1769. Capias for Nicholas Griffin and Rebecca his wife to answer Lauchlin McCabe and Frances his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Agreed & dismissed July 1772.

"To the Worshipful his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Princess Anne. The Petition of James Caraway an Infant Humbly sheweth That by Virtue of an Order of this Worshipful Court he was bound an Apprentice unto Nicholas Pool of Norfolk Borough to learn the Trade of a Silver Smith, & that the said Pool hath since neglected to teach him the said Trade; & hath likewise very immoderately chastised & corrected him, & hath not found & provided for him sufficient necessary Clothes, Lodging & Accomodations. Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that he may be bound to such other Person or Persons as your Worships shall think fit. And your Petitioner shall ever Pray &c. Wm. Robinson per Compt." 11 Jan. 1772, Edward Moseley summoned as a witness for said Carroway. 22 Jan. 1772, Sheriff of Norfolk County is commanded to summon James Dunn & Richard Pickerdick as witnesses for said Carroway. 4 Feb. 1772, Sheriff of Norfolk County is commanded to summon Stephen Tankard, John Dunn & Anne Wallace as witnesses for Nicholas Poole. Hearing was set for the first Thursday in February 1772 in Pr. Anne county Court. The Norfolk County summonses were executed by Sam^l Portlock, S. Sheriff.

1 Feb. 1772. Your orator John Bishop & Peggy his wife, widow & relict of Wm. Biddle decd, shew that said Wm. was at his death seised in fee simple of a considerable tract or plantation of land which descended unto Joshua Biddle his eldest son & heir at law.

30 March and 8 April 1771. Summons for Elizabeth Hopkins & Jareemiah Hopkins, executors of the will of John Hopkins decd, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Jareemiah Murden. Dism'd 1772.

James Ethridge & Frankey Ethridge petition for their proportionable parts of the estate of their father Frances Ethridge decd. Granted Dec. Court 1772.

Account, 1772. Mr. James Whitehurst to John Parsons. Debit. "To cash for goods bought at the Sale of Robt. Burley decd which you

assumed to pay me in Right of my Wife a Daughter of the sd Burley. . . . £1:19." [To avoid any confusion which the reader might have, Robt. Burley's daughter was the wife of John Parsons.]

Feb. 1772. Your orator Wm. Wiles by Wm. Robinson his next friend sheweth that Thos Wiles died intestate, and that adm'n of his estate was granted to Jonathan Hopkins & Joshua Wiles. Thos Wiles left two sons, namely, your orator Wm. Wiles, and Sam^l Wiles his heir at law.

11 Feb. 1772. John Cockton of North landing complains that Solomon Holefar owes him £6:6:7 and that the said Holefar hath privately removed himself out of the county, etc.

A sheaf of Hartgrove (Hargrove) papers. 1758, the estate of Lem^l Hartgrove decd is indebted to Chr. Wright, sub sheriff, for 1 levy & poll tax, also Qt Rent of 120 acres of land, and for his commission on the sale of the estate. 8 Feb. 1758, purchasers at the sale of the estate of Lemuel Hartgrove decd were Lydia Hartgrove, Frederick Boush, George Jamison, Francis Land, William Maye, Sam. Williams, George ----- (torn), Joshua Hopkins, Richard Land (bought 1 gun), William Leversage (bought 1 safe), Gershom Nimmo, James Cason, John Cason, Anthy Barns, Wm. Fentress. 6 Dec. 1770, James Hargrove (being now 21 years of age) petitions for his part of the estate of his deceased father. Name of his father is not stated.

18 Oct. 1770. Capias for Thomas (his mark) Whitehurst (son of Thomas) to answer Charles Williamson of a plea of debt for £15:6:8, damage £8, due by bond dated 26 June 1769.

20 Oct. 1772. Summons for John Forrest to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Charles Norris and Anne his wife, and Elizabeth, William, Anne & Lucy Forrest.

2 Dec. 1773. Michael King & Anthy Godwin of Nansemond County took the deposition of Edward Wright of Nansemond, of lawful age, in the case depending in Pr. Anne county between Kinchin Godwin & Mary his wife vs. Christopher Wright in Chancery. Edward Wright swears he lived with John Wright, father of the said Mary, one of the complainants, at the time of his death, & John Wright told his wife Mary to sell Negro Ned, a vile rogue. . . . In his answer to the bill of complaint, defendant Chris: Wright said that John Wright died about the latter end of the year 1749 or 1750, without leaving any issue then born, or knowing that his wife was with child. William Wright, father of John, was present when John Wright said on his death bed to

sell Negro Ned. Thomas Holladay was married in 1752 to the widow of said John Wright. The said Ned's wife was at that time removed from Nansemond to Pr. Anne & was a slave in defendant's family, etc.

16 Aug. 1767. Robert Ballard signed a bond to Thomas Philpot of the city of London. John Lovett Junr was witness.

Isaac Pornger his list of tithables for the year 1771: June the 14th day. Edward Petty 170 acres of Land, Wm. Petty, Francis Petty and a Negro Wench Hanner.

Wm. Dudley's list of tithables for 1772: John Pallet. Ned, Jorg, peg, Cab, Sarah, & Wheal Carreg & 666¾ of Land.

March 1772. Peace Warrant for Wm. Keeling, son of John.

Oct. 1772. Frances Lamount, spinster, vs. Mark Robinson in Custody, of a plea of Trespass on the Case (slander). She claims that Robinson injured her good name by using some very bawdy language [which cannot be repeated here] with reference to her. Verdict for the plaintiff, 20 shillings.

BOX A 16, MARKED 1772

Audit of the estate of Mr. Adam Thorowgood decd in account with Wm. Nimmo his ex'or includes this line: "9 June 1769, By Cash of Adam Keeling Senr as the balance of his daughter Sarah Williams's bond to sd. Estate. . . .£4:13:10." [In this connection it is well to note that one Adam Keeling in his will, dated 10 Jan. 1771 and proved 4 July 1771, made several bequests to his daughter Sarah Williamson. We have mentioned before that the names of Williams and Williamson are not infrequently interchanged in the records.]

Decree 7 Sept. 1770. Your oratrices Anne Etheridge, widow & relict of Anthony Etheridg, and Anne Etheridge an infant daughter of the said Anthony by the said Anne her mother, guardian and next friend, shew that the said Anthony died 17 April 1759 intestate leaving Anne his widow and the following children, to wit, John, Anthony and the said Anne. The slaves of the said intestate descended to John his eldest son & heir at law, and the said John died soon after, being an infant and without issue, upon whose death the said slaves descended to his brother Anthony as heir at law, who is defendant in this case.

12 Oct. 1772. Deposition of Anthony Holladay, taken before Jeremiah Godwin and Ben Baker, Justices of Nansemond County, for use

in a suit in Pr. Anne County wherein Kinchin Godwin & Mary his wife are complainants and Christopher Wright is respondent. Deponent saith that he knew Negro Ned formerly belonging to John Wright deceased, which Negro he understood was hanged for Felony, that after the death of John Wright the said Negro was assigned to his widow as part of her dower slaves by virtue of an order of Nansemond County Court as this deponent believes; that this deponent's brother Thomas Holladay intermarried with the said Widow, after which the said Negro ran away from the said Thomas Holladay, and was absent some time, during which time the deponent understood that the said Thomas had sold the said slave to Doctr Christopher Wright for a waiting man, and it was while the said Slave belonged to said Wright that he committed the Felony aforesaid and was hanged as this deponent understood, etc., etc. Deponent saith the said Thomas asked the said Christopher how he could have the impudence to ask for a bill of sale for said Negro, for that he the said Christopher well knew that he the said Thomas had no right to the said Negro any longer than his wife Mary lived, as he was part of the said Christopher's late brother's estate, and that he had only sold him such right. Said Christopher replied that as he had paid his money he ought to have something to shew for it, to which said Thomas answered that he had the Negro and that was enough for him, etc. This deponent further says that he knows the Complainant Mary to be the reputed and only daughter and heir of the aforesaid John Wright deceased. In reply to the defendant's queries this deponent says that he believes the widow of the said John Wright legally administered upon the said John's estate, and that the aforesaid Thomas Holladay was by the Worshipful Court of Nansemond County appointed guardian to the complainant Mary, etc. When the slave was sold, Thomas Holladay's wife was but a young woman.

Decree Dec. 1772. Your orator and oratrix Charles Norris and Anne his wife (formerly the wife of John Forest), and William, Elizabeth, Anne and Lucy Forest, infants by Christopher Wright their next friend, shew that said John Forest died intestate, leaving your oratrix Anne his widow to whom adm'n of his estate was granted, and five children, to wit, John Forest his eldest son & heir at law, and your orator & oratrices Elizabeth, William, Anne & Lucy Forest, & was at his death possessed of two Negroes, Peter & Phill.

Papers 1767 to 1772. James Kempe, Gent., & Nathaniel Denby suing each other. The matter concerns a survey which Kempe alleges was fraudulent, saying that Mathew Mathias, one of the surveyors, took care to be one of the chain carriers when surveying a tract of land which

Kempe proposed to buy from Denby, so that the acreage was figured as 51 acres instead of 45 acres. A rough plat of the land gives the angles and distances. The case was agreed & dismissed Oct. 1772.

30 Oct. 1772. Capias for John Griffen to answer Nicholas Griffin of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Abates Dec. 1772, defendant being no inhabitant.

30 Dec. 1771. Summons for Marrimam Dudley and Isabella Cooper to testify for Jonathan Porter vs. Laughlin McCabe.

Decree Sept. 1772. Your orator & oratrix John Bishop & Peggy his wife (who was formerly the wife of Wm. Biddle decd) shew that said Wm. Biddle died possessed of five slaves, to wit, Rose, Bristol, Judah, Hagar & Jamy, and that said Wm. Biddle left in his will the said slaves to his wife Peggy for 14 years, after which they were to be divided amongst all his children, to wit, Anne, Mary, Martha, Joshua, Sally, John & Batson Biddle, and appointed your oratrix Peggy, Robert Williamson & Wm. Haynes (who is since dead) ex'ors of his last will. Your oratrix being dissatisfied has previously relinquished her benefits under said will, by which act she became entitled to demand her dower of the aforesaid slaves. The aforesaid children of Wm. Biddle are now under 21. Robert Williamson is their guardian in this suit.

9 Oct. in the first year of the reign of George the Third. Capias for Alexander Poole to answer John Eshon of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100.

8 Jan. in the third year of the reign of George the Third. Capias for Benjamin Dingley Gray to answer Thurmer Hoggard of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100.

"To the Sheriff of Princess Anne County, and to the Keeper of the Goal of the Said County. . . . Princess Anne Sct. I send you herewith One Negro Man, Supposed to be a Runaway Slave, this day taken up by John Lovett in this County, & brought before me, but appearing not able to Speak English, or to declare the name of his Owner: And I require you to receive the said Negro man into your Goal & Custody, and him there Safely to keep, until he Shall be thence discharged in the manner by Law required: And that you fourthwith publish legal notice of this Commitment, Given under my Hand this 31st day of July 1772. Lemuel Cornick."

"Persons Listed by Mistake Twice. John Fentress & Negro Rose 2 Levies @ 6/7. Thomas Old Junr & John Hues, Negroes Bristo, Phillip, Merica, & Lurcy. . . . 6 Levies @ 6/7. [Signed] Jona. Hopkins." The above is from an undated scrap of paper.

"List of Tithables, Land &c. for the Year 1772. Will. Wishart, Thomas Wishart, & Negroes Tom Bones Senr, Tom Bones Junr, Roger, Isaac, Moody, Warwick, Nan & Frank. . . . 10. Acres Land. . . . 787. Wheel Carriage. . . . 1. Capt. William Nimmo, Sir, Please enter the above in your List Tithables and excuse my neglect in not giving it in sooner. I am, Sir, with great Regard, Yr. mo. obed. Servt. Will. Wishart."

"James Fitzgerald Junr List of Tithables for the Year 1772. Vizt. Himself & Negro Poll. [Signed] Jas Fitzgerald Junr, July 29, 1772."

"William Denneys List of Tithables for the Year 1772 my Self and one Negro man Harry, one negro woman Jene, one negro woman Chaney. Four Tithables and Eighty acres of Land."

Letter to Colo. Edward Hack Moseley Junr, dated 10 December 1773. "Sir. I understand the Suit of Tenant's Excr vs. Calvert is now at an End, you will be pleased to make out a Copy of the Judt. that Capt. Calvert is now Liable to pay with the proper Cost and send it to me by the first opportunity I shall Settle this matter my self with Capt Tenants Estate for his proportion and choose to settle the Judt with Capt. Calvert without Subjecting him to the Avarice or Humers of any other person therefore I do now Forbid you Issuing any Exc'. against Him Let who will apply. I am Yr Hble Serv. James Hunter. Witness, William Hunter."

Decree 4 Jan. 1770. Your orators and oratrices Betty Thorrowgood, Lemuel Thorrowgood and these infants William and Mary Thorrowgood by Lemuel Thorrowgood their next friend shew that one Adam Thorrowgood died in 1769 after having made his last will. The deceased Adam left your orators & oratrices his children, beside one other child named Anne who is since dead. Adam owned sixteen slaves at his death, which by his will were to be divided amongst his children. Among the papers is a record of the division of the above slaves by name among the following persons, to wit, William Moseley in right of his wife Betty, and Lemuel, Mary and William Thorowgood.

1772. Elizabeth Legget, orphan, in acct with Francus Leggett which is now Francus Lamount.

BOX A 17, MARKED 1773

6 Dec. 1773. Thomas Holladay swore before Thom *Sack* [?] a Justice of Nansemond County that his wife, who was relict of John Wright decd, departed this life 13 Jan. 1765.

Letter to Mr. Hillery Brinson, dated 9 July 1771. "Sr / This Comes to let you know that Henry Burgess Came to my house Yesterday when I was at Court and Took Lovey and Carried Her Away, and my wife is so very Much Concerned at the Loss of her that she Cannot be without her, Therefore if in Case you will go and bring Lovey to my house again I will satisfy you for your days work I beg you will go Satterday or Sunday at Furthest, and I do hereby say and promise him that I will from this day froward Never ask Nor Charge him Any thing for my keeping of Lovey. if in Case he hath a Mind to give her Any thing To her well, I therefore desire that you may shew him This letter and without doubt he will Let you bring her home to her granny Again as I will keep her for Nothing. Pray fail Not to go for her---And Oblige your Humble Svt Thorowgood Keeling." Another paper attached is the account of Mr. Henry Burgess to Thorowgood Keeling, dated 10 Feb. 1774. There is in this account an item dated 18 June 1772 which reads: "To keeping your daughter Lovey for one year, £1:10."

Copy of the will of Jehue Cockroft, 24 Nov. 1728, used in ejectment suit, David Ballentine & Sparrow vs. John Hunter, infant. Verdict for Plt.

Deposition of John Fulker, mariner, taken 21 April 1773 in Pasquotank County, N. C. Deponent saith that in the fall of 1771 he sailed for Jamaica with Benjn Pratt Junr, the master, & Francis Morse, the mate. On return trip the captain was taken with smallpox & died, & also Morse was taken. The crew put into Havana, Cuba, where Morse died. Deponent saith Morse was a tall well made man with black hair & dark complexion & lived in Pr. Anne County where he left a wife who was formerly called the widow Ackiss, & that he did not like to live with her on account of some domestic quarrel, which was why he lived in N. C. The deposition was taken at the house of Mr. Arthur Davis.

Summons 8 Dec. 1766; decree Sept. 1773. Your orators and oratrices Charles Williamson and Elizabeth his wife, James Murdaugh and Molly his wife, Wright Westcot and Fanny his wife, John Calvert and Peggie his wife, and Nancy Walke an infant by James Murdaugh her guardian, which said Elizabeth Williamson, Molly Murdaugh, Fanny

Westcot, Peggie Calvert and Nancy Walke were daughters of Major Thomas Walke and Margaret his first wife, both late of this county deceased, which said Margaret was a sister of Capt. John Thorowgood decd, shew that the said John Thorowgood died seised of these slaves, to wit, Dick, Ned, Old Ned, George, James, Toney, Jack, Vinah, Tom, Nancy, Amey, Daniel, Ned, Argiel, Isbel, Brister, Frank, Siller and China, and that the said John Thorowgood in his last will did devise as follows, to wit, I give and bequeath to my five children Thomas, John, Mary Sanford, Margaret and Pemmy Thorowgood all my Negroes together with those given the use of to my loving wife after her decease and all my other estate of what nature or kind soever before given away to be equally divided amongst them as they respectively come of age or day of marriage, each of them paying a proportionable part of my debts with my loving wife to them and their heirs forever, and appointed his loving wife Mary Ann Thorowgood, now Mary Ann Phripp, and Major Thomas Walke deceased executors of the same. Your orators further shew that Thomas, one of the devisees in the will mentioned, died under age in the lifetime of his father John Thorowgood, and that Pemmy, another devisee, died under age sometime since the decease of her said father, and that Mary Sanford Thorowgood, another devisee, lately departed this life, since the decease of her said father, after she had attained the age of 21 years, and consequently was entitled to one fifth share of distributive part of the aforesaid slaves. The said Mary died intestate and was never married. Your orators state that they, in right of their wives, and the aforesaid Nancy Walke an infant in her own right are entitled to that part of distributive share of the aforementioned slaves that the said Mary Sanford Thorowgood deceased was entitled to, as your orators' said wives and the said Nancy Walke are heirs and next of kin of the whole blood to the said Mary Sanford Thorowgood deceased. Your orators further shew that they have applied in a friendly manner to the said Mary Anne Phripp, ex's as aforesaid, and to the said Margaret Thorowgood now of age and John Thorowgood, infant under age, whom your orators pray may be made defendants to this bill of complaint, etc. . . . Three separate bills in Chancery were introduced, the defendants having asked for abatements because of the marriage of one or more of the plaintiffs. The first summons, dated 8 Dec. 1766, shows that the plaintiffs Fanny, Peggie and Nancy Walke are infants. The final summons, dated 14 July 1772, shows that Fanny is married to Wright Westcott, Peggy is married to John Calvert, and Nancy is married to John Willoughby Junr. . . . 13 Aug. 1773, the defendants Mary Anne Phripp, ex'x of

the last will of Capt. John Thorowgood decd, and Margaret & John Thorowgood his children, made a sworn answer, raising no objection to the partition. This answer refers to Nancy the wife of John Willoughby as "an infant by the said John her next friend." The last of the three bills refers to defendant John Thorowgood as "then an infant but now of full age."

Summons 1 Feb. 1773; decree Feb. 1773. Your orator & oratrix William Wishart & Mary his wife (widow & relict of a certain Thomas Haynes decd) shew that the said Thomas Haynes left the following slaves, to wit, Tom Bones, Roger, Moody, Isaac, Nann, Ben, Jenny & Phillis (which three last mentioned slaves are dead since the decease of the said Thomas Haynes) and that the said Thomas Haynes died intestate in the year 17--, leaving John Wishart Haynes an infant his eldest son & heir at law, who is the defendant in this suit. The complainants seek to have Mary's dower in the slaves set apart.

Summons 16 Sept. 1767. Your orator Thomas Walke, an infant under 21 by Thomas Reynolds Walker, Gent., his guardian and next friend, shew that your orator's father Thomas Walke decd made his last will dated 28 Nov. 1760, and that your orator's mother Mary Anne Walke was appointed ex'x of the will, etc., and that she later intermarried with John Phripp, Gent., and that the said John Phripp died intestate and that Matthew Phripp, Gent., administered on his estate. The said Mary Anne Phripp and Matthew Phripp are defendants. Mary Ann Phripp made answer, sworn 1 March 1770.

25 Nov. 1773. John Gardner complains that Daniel Malbone, a free mulatto, late of this county, owes him £2:15, and that the said Daniel hath privately removed himself out of this county or so absconds that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him. Attachment is issued, and "Levied on his Book of Accounts."

Summons 2 Aug. 1771; bill filed Aug. 1773. Your oratrix Mary Dawley, widow & relict of William Dawley decd, sheweth that the said William died intestate in the year 176-, seised of these slaves, to wit, Moll, Charles, Jenny and Toney, and that adm'n of the said William's estate was granted to William Dawley, his eldest son & heir at law, the defendant in this suit.

Sworn 27 Jan. 1773. Deposition of John Saunders, aged 19, taken in the case of Jacob Ellegood, Gent., vs. John Woodhouse. Deponent saith that on 28 Dec. 1772 he tried to get John Woodhouse to deliver to him two beagles, or hunting dogs, the property of the plaintiff. The defendant denied that the two dogs, named Betsey and Vulcan, were

the property of the plaintiff. Deponent saith if the dogs were his he would not have taken six pounds for them.

Decree July 1773. Your orators & oratrices Mary Moseley and Elizabeth Moseley, infants daughters & coheirs of Hewlit Moseley decd by Jonathan Whitehurst their next friend, William Moseley an infant heir at law of John Moseley decd by William Robinson his next friend, and George Shores, shew that Palmer Moseley died intestate leaving Elizabeth his widow and six children, to wit, Hewlit Moseley his eldest son & heir at law, Edward Moseley, John Moseley, and Elizabeth who intermarried with your orator George and is since dead, and Absalom and Matthew Moseley who likewise died intestate without issue since the death of their father. The said Palmer Moseley at his death was possessed of six slaves, to wit, Venus, Hanah, Jenny, Phillis, Kate & America, of whom the said Kate & America were assigned unto the said Elizabeth as her dower. Elizabeth, the relict of the said Palmer, hath since died intestate, and Edward Moseley (the defendant in this suit) administered on her estate and took into his possession the said slaves America & Kate who is since dead. . . . Sworn 8 July 1773, the answer of Edward Moseley, adm'r of Elizabeth Wiggins, which was relict & widow of Palmer Moseley, to the bill of complaint of the aforementioned complainants.

Jan. 1773. Account. Aliff Harford to Walter Lyon. Dr. "To the Penalty you have incur'd by dealing wth John Harvey, a Servant of John Kenlines contrary to an Act of Assembly in that Case made & provided. . . . £5."

Sworn 28 March 1764. Deposition of Foster Tofeathen, aged 44 years & upwards, who in December last past acted, and still acts, as mate on board the schooner called the little Dick, William Vicker commander. On the same date, the depositions of Robert (his mark) Downs, aged 28 years and upwards, and of Joseph Hutchings, aged 21 years & upwards. Both were seamen aboard the same vessel and they confirm what the mate deposed concerning a commercial agreement. These depositions were taken in the case of John Cann vs. William Vicker. . . . July 1765, the sheriff of Northampton County was ordered to summon Isariah Hunt to testify in Pr. Anne County on behalf of John Cann, and to summon Bartholemew Pettit to testify on behalf of William Vicker in the above suit. .

31 May 1773. Summons for Charles Norris to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by George Gasking & Sarah his wife. Abated Nov. 1773.

12 June 1773. Summons for Thorowgood Keeling to answer Smith Sheperd & Wm. Keeling, ex'ors of Sarah Weblin decd, for £2:10 with interest, due by bill. The bill is attached to the summons. It is dated 1 Jan. 1768 and is signed by Thorowgood Keeling. [Note: the will of Sarah Weblin was dated 6 Sept. 1769 and proved 3 Jan. 1771. This will was mistakenly listed by Torrence as an inventory. It mentions some Keelings and Sheperds as kinsmen of the testator. The will is found in Deed Book 12, folio 92.]

BOX A 18, MARKED 1773-1774

10 Feb. 1774. Anthony Lovett signed a petition along with about 20 other persons regarding a road which Thomas Reynolds Walker has blocked, though it was used for some fifty years previously.

21 May 1771; recorded April 1773. Petition protesting the stopping of an ancient road leading to the sea side, agreed to be a public road by owners Thos Henley & Lancaster Lovett, and used as such for thirty years. Now said land is in the hands of Joseph White who has stopped the road to the great inconvenience of the petitioners who must go six miles out of their way. A crude map accompanies the petition which is signed by 23 names, including Henry Lovett, Reuben Lovett, John Lovett, and James Lovett.

Sept 1772; decree April 1773. Mary Dison late of Pr. Anne deceased did on 20 Aug 1753 mortgage to James Ashley and Elizabeth his wife of Norfolk County, now both deceased, the fee simple estate of her half lot of land in New Town which she bought of Anthony Lawson, being the same whereon said Mary did then live. William Ashley is heir & acting ex'or of James Ashley. William Keeling Junr, your orator, assignee of said William Ashley did in the lifetime of James Williams, eldest son & heir at law of the said Mary Dison, apply to said Williams for payment. James Williams left a widow Abigail and children Frances & Anne Williams his coheirs. The said Abigail, who was adm'x of her husband James, is now the wife of John Stone.

12 Nov. 1772; dismissed March 1773. John Lovett, son of John, presented for not going to church.

26 Aug. 1771. Thomas Abbot complains against John Lovett, in custody. Plea of T. A. B. and mayhem. Asks damages, charging that John Lovett with force and arms, to wit, with swords & Staves, fists &

Knives, assaulted & maimed him the said Thomas by beating out one of his eyes, etc. At a court held Jan. 1772, the deft. not appearing, the plt. got an attachment against the defendant's estate [note that the word "estate" when used in an attachment does not mean that the person is deceased]. One horse was attached in Feb. 1772. Case was dismissed in March 1773. [Note: there were several John Lovetts at this period. Comparison of this paper with an item recorded in Minute Book no. 9, page 429, reveals that the defendant in this case was called John Lovit Junr. Here the item reads: "Thomas Abbott, plt. against John Lovit Junr, Deft. In Trespass assault & Battery. Dismissed being agreed by the parties."]

Your orator & oratrix Kinchin Godwin and Mary his wife shew that a certain John Wright died intestate leaving a wife and one child and that the said wife afterward was married to a certain Thomas Holladay and had dower allotted her in the slaves of the said John her former husband, one of which dower slaves the said Holladay sold to a certain Christopher Wright, Gentleman of this county, and said slave afterwards committed a felony, was executed and valued at £ which valuation the said Christopher received from the Treasurer of this colony. The said dowress died on 13 Jan. 1765, and your orator being married to your oratrix, heir at law to the said John Wright, they humbly conceive they have a right to recover of the said Christopher the said valuation and interest after the death of the said dowress. Attachment awarded in May 1772.

24 Sept. 1772. Capias for John Brinson, son of Mary, to answer Robinson & Cramond of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20.

11 May 1774. Amy (her mark) Cornish desires Jonathan Bonney Senr to administer on the estate of her deceased husband Elisha Cornish.

"Five Pounds Reward for apprehending the Villing if a white man, and if a Negro forty Shillings for Destroying of two of my Hogs on last Thursday evening & Stobing a large house Sow with a Knife. They were seen on Mr. Walks Land by his Overseer that Day and a Friday Morning when come up in my yard they had Stobed her the Over Night, for the Blood was cold on her, & several others beaten Lame, which I do Expect was done by some persons Orders who I have affended for hunting & fishing so I do forewarne those Gentlemen & their Slaves to Keep of my Land Except on the Kings Highway as I am oblig'd to take all my Hogs & Horses up or have them all Killed by som savage or other, if any Person finding any my Negros on Mr. Walks Land or Capt. Kemps will take them and give them Twenty one Lashes well Layed on their bare Back I will give five Shillings for their

Truble and shall Ever Look upon them to be a friend to Justice. Fred. Boush, Novr 27th Day 1774. N. B., it is well Known that there is Scearse twenty panels of fence on the ferry plantation fitt to Turne a Sheep that can walk, I well Remember of taking Mr Walks Negro fellow with a Hogg when Scolding, and Tied it about his Neck & was carred to his Master and In a few hours after I meet the Negro on the Road a lafing as if he never was whipped, when Should have been Sent to Goald, so, that, I Expect to be ruined by them. F. B."

15 Aug. 1774. The commissioners assign to Ann Norris, formerly the wife of John Forrest decd, the third part of two slaves, Peter & Phill, the said Ann to hold Phill as her dower and to pay £15.

10 May 1773. Summons for James Cason, son of John, & John Cason his brother, to testify for Isaac Totewine vs. Wm. & Thomas Atwood, ex'rs of Edwd Atwood.

14 Oct. 1773. The petition of Samuel Jones humbly sheweth that his father & mother, Reuben and Dinah Jones, died intestate several years past, and that their estates were sold by the sheriff at public auction, and the produce thereof lodged in the clerk's office for the benefit of those entitled thereto, and that the clerk may by an order of court be empowered to deliver to him the produce of the said estates, he being entitled to the same, as being of lawful age and the only descendant of the said Reuben and Sarah [*sic*]. Granted Nov. 1773.

12 March 1773. Mary Guy, wife of George Guy of this county, made oath that she is afraid that Monica Jones, wife of James Jones, will beat, wound, maim or kill her, and hath therefore prayed security of the peace against her, etc. Monica Jones is to provide security for her personal appearance to answer the charge.... On another sheet is the following: "The Character of Mary Guy, Given in by James Jones. James Jones says that he Can prove Mary Guy to be a Mischief Maker; always astriving to Make Discord amongst her Neighbours, likewise that she has openly Called the wife of the said Jones a Brimstone Whore. James Jones says that George Guy Makes Complaint Against him that the Wife of the said Jones Came into the house of the said Guy and beat the wife of the said Guy. James Jones further says that if his wife did beat the wife of the said Guy that the house wherein she did beat her was not the property of the said Guy but the property of the said Jones mother. In the mean time the said Mary Guy did the same evening walked betwixt four and five miles to a dance and there danced as a person no ways disabled; to the View of the Compy, likewise walked home the Same Evening."

27 March 1773. Capias for Jacob Ellegood, Gentleman, to answer John Woodhouse of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £500. John claims that Jacob has injured John in his reputation and caused him to be prosecuted for hog-stealing, by saying in the presence of sundry persons these false, scandalous & malicious words, to wit, "So John! how came you to mark my Boar into your Mark, & that you did do it I will prove it by the oaths of William Benthell & Jesse Hebden; & for doing it will have you indicted." On the back of the capias is: "Spl. Impl. May 1773."

10 July 1773. Summons for Willis Shipp to answer the complaint of Anne Berry on behalf of her son Joshua Berry for ill treatment. Dismissed Aug. 1773.

5 Jan. 1773. Sheriff is ordered to receive John Cottle into jail on suspicion of sheep stealing. Discharged 14 Jan. 1773.

17 Aug. 1773. Lem^l Cornick, Gent., made oath that he is afraid that John Woodhouse & Mary his wife will beat, wound, maim or kill him. 8 Sept. 1773, John (his mark) Woodhouse and Mary (her mark) Woodhouse sign a recognizance bond in the sum of £20, with Wm. Keeling Jun^r and Peter Norley Ellegood signing as sureties in the sum of £10 each.

19 May 1773. Capias for Malachi Morse to answer Mary Robinson of a plea of trespass. Endorsed, "no inhabitant."

BOX A 19, MARKED 1774-1775

On a slip of paper measuring about two inches by eight inches we find: "At a court held for Princess Anne county Jany the 15th: 1779." On the other side of the paper is the following: "I am of opinion that Lancaster Brinson Son & heir at law of John Brinson dec^d who was eldest son of Rich^d is Intitled to the land that the said Rich^d Brinson dec^d Devised to his youngest son Thomas who is since dec^d *with* [*sic*; the word should unquestionably be *without*] Issue. I am also of Opinion that the said John Brinsons Children is Intitled to a fourth part of the Personal Estate of the ^{sd} Thomas and that the the [*sic*] Mother of the said Thos and his Brothers & sister are intitled to the Remainder of the same."

Copy of the will of Charles Henly, dated 19 May 1703 and proved

6 June 1705. [Note: this will is recorded in Deed Book no. 1, page 432, but is not listed in Torrence's *Virginia Wills and Administrations*.]

Sheriff of Norfolk County is commanded to summon Brough Dickson alias James Wilson of Pr. Anne County to testify on behalf of John Bowser in the matter depending between J^{no} Bowser defendant and Katherine Porter plaintiff on 13 April 1774 in Pr. Anne courthouse. John Bowser is arrested on a peace warrant and ordered not to beat or molest Katherine Porter.

Decree April 1774. Alexander Smith, son & heir of James Smith decd, sheweth that John Smith in his will left legacies to his children, to wit, James his eldest son & heir at law & father of your orator; John; William; Mary who married Frances Land decd; Amy who married Richd Doudge; Betty who married George Cox; Keziah who married John Fentress. The testator appointed your orator's father James, his loving wife Mary and Simon Whitehurst ex'ors. William & John Smith, brothers of the whole blood to your orator's father, are dead without issue.

2 June 1773. Thomas Voss, resident in Beaufort County, N. C., says he married Sarah Commings, supposed reputed daughter of William Comming of Pr. Anne County. About April 1748 they went to N. C. He and Sarah had two daughters: Mary a wife now to Richard Landon, & Elizabeth now wife to William Trippe. Thomas Voss & wife Sarah had other children, Sarah & Lydia, the last and youngest being now aged 19, & the other three living at full age this three years past. Thomas Voss's wife Sarah has been dead about 8 years. About three years ago Richard Landon & Mary his wife moved out of this province into Pr. Anne in Va. [Note: Voss is also spelled Vauss.]

Chancery suit March 1778. Lemuel Cornick, Gent., decd in his will devised to his daughter Aliph, his wife Frances, & his other children, Frances, Elizabeth, Mary, Peggy and Horatio Cornick. The testator's wife is now dead. Daughter Frances married Smith Shepherd; Elizabeth married a certain John Haynes, lately deceased intestate, on whose estate the said Elizabeth is adm'x; Mary Cornick married John James; Peggy Cornick is an infant; Aliph is dead without issue.

Aug. 1773. Miss Betty Thorowgood, now wife of William Moseley, Gent., had lent money to Martha Nimmo, widow & adm'x of William Nimmo who died intestate.

Decree April 1775. Hughlett Moseley decd was son of Palmer Moseley decd. Palmer left a widow Elizabeth, now decd. Hughlett left two daughters, Mary now wife of William Butt, and Elizabeth who

is an infant under 21, and to whom Jonathan Whitehurst is guardian in this suit.

Acct of Elizabeth Keeling to Thomas Bartee, apparently an orphan's account. Entries 1773 to 1775. 9 Aug. 1775, "By cash her proportionable part of the Estate of Amey Keeling Deceas'd £1:12:10."

Decree May 1775. Your orator & oratrix Lemuel Cornick and Elizabeth his wife shew that Thomas Keeling in his will devised certain slaves to be equally divided among his wife Betty Keeling and seven children, namely, your oratrix Elizabeth, Adam, Henry, Thomas, John, Mary who intermarried with Joel Cornick, and Frances or the survivors of them when they come to age or marry. John, one of the devisees, died in his minority & before marriage, & in the lifetime of his father. The parts of Betty the widow and Mary who married Joel Cornick have already been set apart, so that your orator in right of your oratrix his wife is entitled to one fifth of the slaves [who are here named]. The joint answer of Adam, Henry, Thomas and Frances Keeling, infants under 21 by Betty Keeling their guardian, admits the allegations in the bill of complaint.

2 June 1775. Elizabeth Trowers, single woman, admits having had a bastard child. Sowell Gasking, the alleged father, gives bond.

Summons 4 March 1774; decree April 1774. Your orators and oratrices Willoughby Williamson and Sarah his wife, Reuben Matthias and Frances his wife, and Robert Williamson an infant by Willoughby Williamson his next friend, shew that James Williamson died intestate, leaving these children, to wit, James his eldest son & heir at law and your orator Robert and your oratrices Sarah & Frances. The said intestate was at his death possessed of three slaves, Betty, Jim & Tony. Adm'n of the intestate's estate has been granted to the said James and your orator Willoughby.

Summons 14 Feb. 1774; decree Feb. 1774. Your oratrix Betsy Anne Whitehurst an infant by Erasmus Haynes her guardian sheweth that John Whitehurst, Gent., died intestate, leaving three children, your oratrix Betsy Anne, Joshua Whitehurst his only son & heir at law, and Sarah West, the widow & relict of Willoughby West dec'd. Suit for division of slaves.

Summons 13 May 1762. Your orators John Williams and Olive his wife, Charles Norris and Mary his wife (which said Olive and Mary are daughters of Robert Huggins dec'd), Natt Huggins (now over 21), and Argent Huggins, infants by John Williams their next friend, shew that the said Robert Huggins made his will in 1753. The testator also

left a son Robert in addition to your orators, and the said son Robert is defendant in this suit. The testator appointed his wife Mary Huggins (who is since dead) and his son Robert executors of his will. Suit for division of slaves.

9 March 1775. Dinah (her mark) Thorowgood, widow of Robert Thorowgood decd, resigns the adm'n of the estate of her husband in favor of John Thorowgood Senr.

Summons 7 Sept. 1776; decree Sept. 1776. Your orator Adam Keeling sheweth that his father Thomas Keeling in his last will appointed his wife Betty executrix, and left legacies to his seven children. Suit for a share of his father's slaves. Betty the widow, Mary who married Joel Cornick, and Elizabeth who married Lemuel Cornick have had their shares. John died in the lifetime of the testator. Henry, Thomas and Frances are still infants. Your orator Adam Keeling sheweth that he has now arrived to the age of 21 years.

Decree Nov. 1776. Your orator & oratrix John Reade & Elizabeth his wife shew that Samuel Tenant died testate leaving six children, namely, your oratrix Elizabeth, James his eldest son & heir at law, Anne, Keziah, Samuel & William, and in his will appointed Elizabeth his wife (mother of your oratrix) and Mr. James Hunter, who is since dead, executors thereof. Sons Samuel & William died in their minority before marriage. Samuel, if he had lived, would have been aged 21 on 8 May 1787.

Summons 22 Nov. 1776; decree Feb. 1777. Your orator Henry Gasking shews that his father Henry Gasking died testate, and appointed his wife Anne and his brother Charles Gasking ex'ors of his will. The testator left these children at his death, to wit, your orator Henry, Job, James & William, of whom the last three were the youngest. Job has arrived at the age of 21, and Anne the widow and Wm. one of the devisees have departed this life before Job became 21.

1775 & 1776. Account. William Dison, orphan of Mr. Philip [*sic*] Dison decd, to the estate of James Sparrow decd. "To 1 yars Board & Quitrents of 200 acres land. . . . £6:5." Other items for clothes & schooling.

16 Oct. 1773. Capias for Thomas Franklin & Letitia his wife to answer James Seneca and Amy his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Abates Jan. 1774.

10 Feb. 1774 and 27 Feb 1774. Two capiases for Elias Evans to answer Hector McCallaster & Co. of a plea of Trespass on the case, damage £16.

17 Feb. 1774. Summons for John Denny and Edward Cannon, Gent., ex'or of William Holmes decd, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Thomas Walker and Martha his wife, adm'rs of William Nimmo decd.

BOX A 20, MARKED 1776-1777

Tax voucher 19 Sept. 1776. William Lovett, one tithable.

15 Nov. 1776. Thomas Hunter, made oath that Malbon Shelturn, a material witness for him vs. Thomas Drewry, is about to leave the county.

19 Nov. 1776. James Moore, son of Capt. James Moore decd, made oath that Thomas Drewry is a person of lewd life & conversation & is suspected of being a receiver of stolen goods & a common disturber of the peace.

5 Aug. 1776. Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Willeroy, made oath that her husband hath assaulted & beaten her.

Sept. 1778. William Ackiss & wife Anne, who was formerly wife of Jonathan Jackson, who in his will appointed Cason Moore, Gent. & Jonathan Bonney ex'ors of same.

1777. Mary Holmes's tithables are Henry Holmes, James Holmes, 3 Negroes & 125 acres of land.

24 Sept. 1777. John Ackiss made oath that he is afraid Drew Whitehurst & Reuben Lovett will beat, wound, maim or kill him.

Decree July 1777. Your orator Joshua Williamson & Susanna his wife & your oratrix Mary Williamson shew that John Biddle decd, father of your oratrices, made a will & appointed his wife Elizabeth, his son-in-law Mr. Robert Williamson, & Charles Gasking, Gent. ex'ors of his will, etc. Elizabeth the widow is now dead, and daughter Mary at the time of the testator's death was the wife of said Robert Williamson, who died before the said Elizabeth. Son William Biddle is supposed to be dead, having gone beyond sea & having been near eight years absent without being heard of, & his brother John is his heir at law.

Decree April 1777. George Ackiss, who died intestate, left children Anna (now wife of Richard White), Fanny (now wife of Cornelius White), Jackie (now wife of Henry Woodard), and Nancy who is now an infant under 21.

The following is from a single sheet of paper and is copied verbatim. "One John Lovett departed this life having first made his last Will & Testament & by a Clause in his said Will he made the following devise 'I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Amy Thorowgood one Negro woman called Kate with all her former & future Increase during her life & after her Decease to be equally divided among all her Children to them & their Heirs forever.' The Husband of Amy who was one Francis Thorowgood departs this life a few years after the Death of Lovett the Testator, having made his last Will & Testament & therein made the following Devise to wit 'I give & bequeath unto my wife Amy; Negros Cuffy, Barrett, Kate, Alice, Jacob & Owen, for & to her use during her widowhood, & for & toward the maintenance & education of her & my Children & after the alteration & not Continuance in that State of a widow I then give & bequeath the said Negros Cuffy, Barrett, Kate, Alice, Owen & Jacob, to be equally divided between my said wife Amy & hers & mine Children, share and share alike to them & their Heirs forever.' Cuffy & Barrett mentioned in the will of Francis Thorowgood was his absolute Property. Kate is the Negro Woman devised by the will of John Lovett, & Alice, Jacob & Owen her Increase. Amy the widow of Francis Thorowgood intermarried with one Simmons, & she has made Sale of Cuffy & Barrett. I am of opinion that upon Amy's Inter-marriage with Mr. Simmons that Cuffy & Barrett ought to have been divided between all the Children of her first Husband Francis Thorowgood & herself, & that if she has not made Sale of them as Executrix toward satisfying the Debts of the Testator, she will be accountable to the Children & the Heirs of such as are dead for their Parts of the Money arising from the Sale of them, & think a Court of Equity will decree it with Interest. As to Kate & her Increase am of opinion that during the life of Amy they ought equally to be divided between Amy & her Children agreeable to the Will of the Testator Francis Thorowgood, but after her death they must go as the Will of John Lovett directs. [Signed] W^m Robinson. March 24th 1777." The above paper is endorsed with the words: "Francis Thorowgoods Case." [This case refers to wills which were proved many years before the decision we have quoted above. The will of the John Lovett referred to was proved in 1738 and the will of Francis Thorowgood in 1741. The Simmons referred to above was undoubtedly George, whose will was proved in 1742. The above Amy was living as a child on 6 March 1711 when the cattle mark of "Amy Lovitt daughter of Jno Lovitt" was recorded. See cattle marks recorded in the beginning of

Order Book no. 1. See also Order Book no. 5, pages 28, 190, 194; Deed Book no. 6, pages 16, 186; Deed Book no. 9, page 443.]

Sworn 27 Aug. 1784. The account of Col. Jacob Elligood to Hugh Craigdallie decd. Items are for various medicines and visits to Elligood's household, and date from 15 April 1772 to 24 April 1774. The account mentions Elligood's children, Billy and Nancy.

2 Aug. 1776. Reubin Lovett makes oath that he is afraid that Mary Chappel of this county will privately kill or destroy him or destroy some of his effects.

9 Feb. 1774. Abigall Capps makes oath that she is afraid that her husband Willis Capps will beat, wound, maim, or kill her, and has therefore prayed security of the peace against him.

Account of Doctor Michael Hackett decd to Ramsey and Taylor. Debit. All items are dated 1773. One item reads: "4 April 1773, To sundry medicines per order sent to Suffolk per accts. . . . £7:2:6." Judgment Sept. 1776. Attached to the account is a promissory note to Ramsey & Taylor for £27:12:6, dated 20 Aug. 1774 and signed by Mich^l Hackett.

12 April 1776. Inquisition taken at Kempe's Landing before James Kempe, Gent., one of the coroners of this county, upon the view of the body of Richard Fryer late of the county of Norfolk, cordwainer, then and there lying dead; and upon the oath of James Braithwaite, William Simpson, Matthew Derham [signed Durham], Robert Ore [signed Orr], Samuel Leneve, Conrot Mire [signed with a mark], William Turpin, William Porter, Jasper Clayton, Robert Plowman, Jesse Andrews, and Robert Cradock, good and lawful men of the said county of Princess Anne. The jury say that on 10 April instant at the place aforesaid Habakkuk Pride of the Parish of Lynhaven in the said county did assault the said Richard Fryer with a certain knife of the value of six-pence and did give the said Richard one mortal wound in the right part of his breast of the breadth of inches and the depth of inches, of which the said Richard Fryer died, and so the aforesaid Habakkuk Pride him the said Richard Fryer then and there feloniously killed and wilfully murdered contrary to the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, his crown and Dignity, and further the said jurors do say that the aforesaid Habakkuk Pride at the time of committing the Felony and murder aforesaid, had no goods or chattels, lands or tenements in the county aforesaid, to the knowledge of the jurors. The report is signed & sealed by all the jurors. . . . 12 April 1776, "John Calvert maketh Oath, That Habakkuk Pride placing himself on the Knees of a certain

Elizabeth Garrick, that thereupon Mr. David Leitch ordered that he would not behave in such a manner but go out of his Shop, the said Habbakkuk Pride made no answer so Mr Leitch rose from his Seat and took a small Awl and slightly touched the said Pride therewith, and Pride rising up from the Woman in a Passion, swore that he wou'd not be used so, and threatened if any one used him so He would use them very ill and then struck the said Leitch, with his right hand, on his left cheek. Mr Leitch said nothing to him, but this Deponent stepping up to the said Pride, spoke to him, saying why Habakkuk Pride why will you use Mr. Leitch in such a manner, and saying no more to him left him, and the deceased Richard Fryer asking the said Habakkuk Pride why he used Mr. Leitch so, you are a Scoundrell for so doing, and on Mr. Leitch desiring a Guard might be sent for the deceased stepped to the Door and shut the same, and on the said Pride finding that he could not make his escape he took up one knife and flourishing the same for sometime and then taking up one other and held the Knives in each Hand one. This Deponent said Habakkuk whatever thou does never take a Knife up to a man but lay them down but he not laying them down this Deponent seized his right arm and held him until he had wrested them both from him, upon which the said Habakkuk Pride snatched up one other Knife and immediately thrust the blade into the Body of the deceased, and this Deponent then told him why Habakkuk thou has killed that man. [Signed] John (his mark) Calvert." On the same day David Leitch and Samuel Shipp swore to substantially the same statement of the events leading up to the slaying. . . . 19 April 1776, David Leitch, John Calvert, Samuel Shipp and William Jackson acknowledge a bond to the King of £100 each to insure their personal appearance before the Court of Oyer & Terminer at the Capitol in the City of Williamsburg on the second Tuesday in June next, then and there to give evidence against Habakkuk Pride.

"Princess Anne, to wit. Whereas Richard McClelen has this Day been brought before me Charles Williamson, Gentⁿ., one of the Justices of the Peace of the Commonwealth for the said County, on suspicion of Treason, & it appears to me from his voluntary Confession that he has been Guilty of the same, These Are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth to command & require you to receive the said Richard McClelen into your Gaol & Custody & him safely Keep until he be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand & Seal this 28th Day of August 1777. Chas^s Williamson [and seal]. To the Sheriff of Princess Anne County."

24 July 1777. Harmanson & Harvey late of Norfolk complained

before John Hancock, one of the justices of the peace of Pr. Anne, that James Young, late of the county of Chesterfield, owes them £120 & that James Young hath privately removed himself out of the Commonwealth of Virginia or so absconds that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, etc. Attachment issued. Endorsed: "Levied the within Attachmt in the hands of Capt. John Oliffe and Summoned to Court as a Garnishee. Edwd Cannon, Sh.

Feb. 1777. The petition of William Thorowgood Senr sheweth that part of the tract & plantation of land lately purchased by Mr. James Harper late of this county deceased of the estate of Edward Denby decd, and now belonging to your petitioner in right of Jacamin his wife as sister and coheirss of said James Harper, is cut off from the main body of said land by the public road which runs through Little Creek Precinct to the Church whereby the part so severed is become useless, etc. He petitions to turn the road along the land now possessed by Henry Haynes up to the line between this land and the land of William Haynes, thence along said line into the main road.

27 May 1775. Capias for Hardress Waller to answer George Scott of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50. . . . 22 April 1777, deposition of John Denny, of lawful age, who saith that about 1774, being in company with Capt. George Scott of this county, and Mr. Hardress Waller of Norfolk County, he this deponent was then ear witness to an agreement between the said Scott and the said Waller, made as follows, to wit, the said Hardress Waller having undertaken a piece of work in getting scantling for the Light House, was in want of a house for his workmen to stay in; that the said George Scott agreed to let the said Hardress Waller have a house for that purpose in case the said Waller would make all damages good that should accrue in consequence thereof, which the said Waller readily consented & agreed to.

Memorandum found on the back of a warrant: "Rebecca Buskey her mark is Crop both Ears & Slit the left Ear 8th Octo 1778."

24 Aug. 1776. Summons for sundry persons to give evidence against Robt. Jones, William Seneca, Moses McClelen and Charles Bess, who stand presented by the Grand Jury. Endorsed: "Moses McClallan gone to Carolina. Charles Bess Dead & Geo. Jamison in Carolina."

BOX A 21, MARKED 1778

31 Aug. 1778. Complainants shew that William Keeling died intestate leaving a wife Elizabeth, an only son William (now under 21), and a younger child Elizabeth. Edward Cannon was granted adm'n of the estate of William Keeling decd, who died possessed of these slaves, to wit, George, Mungo, Ishmael, Charles, Peter, Amy, Peg, Esther, Robin, Violet, Pleasant, Roger, Fanny, Lewis, Nancy & Isaac. Said slaves did descend to William the Heir at law, subject to the Dower of Elizabeth the Widow, & the remaining two thirds for a proportionable part of the appraised value to your oratrix Elizabeth the daughter, being one half with interest from the time of the appraisement.

6 Feb. 1778. Your orator & oratrix Horatio Cornick & Francis his wife, daughter of Robert Huggins decd, whose will named daughters Frances, Anne, Elizabeth, & Margaret, & son William, & wife Elizabeth, with Natt Huggins & Smith Shepherd ex'ors, etc., etc.

July 1778. About 17 years ago Francis, daughter of John Hopkins (then living but now decd), married one William Weblin. William went to sea & is presumed dead. His widow Francis is now the wife of James Lamb. Jonathan Hopkins is brother to said Francis & uncle to George Weblin & Elizabeth Weblin (she being the younger), children of said William Weblin who died intestate.

March 1774. Capias for Anthony Lovett to answer James Smith of a plea of Trespass on the Case. Not found & copy left. Dismissed June 1778.

27 March 1782. Joab Flanakin stands charged with the murder of John Creed.

11 July 1778. Thos Lovit & Samuel Williams are security for Francis Barnes in the sum of £1000 each, that said Francis shall be of good behaviour toward the Commonwealth. Said Francis was charged with being "inamicably" disposed to the American Cause.

March 1778. John Haynes who died intestate left a widow Elizabeth (to whom adm'n was granted), and four children, to wit, John the eldest son & heir at law, Frances, William & Elizabeth.

Feb. 1778. Elizabeth and William Willeroy have been married about 13 years & have five small children. Elizabeth before her marriage was possessed of two Negroes, Harry & Abram. Elizabeth alleges much ill treatment & cruelty. Hillary Moseley, aged 39 & upwards, deposed that about two years ago Elizabeth abused her husband greatly, & accused him of keeping his brother's wife & also his own Negro girl,

etc. Jonathan Hopkins, aged 40 & upwards, deposes about the same. Both depositions dated 1 Aug. 1778.

1776—1777. Account of Wm Woodhouse, orphan of Jno Woodhouse decd, to Reubin Lovett his guardian. "By your proportion of the hire of all the Negroes in the years 76 & 77 which your Father died possessed of it being an eighth & the Hire amounting to £21:16 is £2:14:6."

Also the separate accounts of Frances, Nancy & Philip Woodhouse, orphans of Jno Woodhouse, to Reuben Lovett their guardian.

1778. Account of John Giles Trotter, orphan of James Trotter, to John Lovett Junr.

Your orator & oratrix Joshua Wright & Mary his wife, daughter of Henry Snaile, suing Bridget Langley in Chancery. Henry Snaile died testate in 173-, and left a widow, the above mentioned Bridget. Bridget later intermarried with one Langley and Langley is now dead. Bridget is the mother of the above Mary. Bridget made answer to the Bill of complaint on 3 Dec. 1767. Case dismissed July 1778.

27 Jan 1778. Deposition of Francis Haynes in the case of Mary Duncan vs. Wm. Simpson. Deponent saith that 11 or 12 years ago he was at North Landing in this county and that Mr. Francis Clarke who lived near this place sent for this deponent to come to his house, where deponent was asked to witness an instrument of writing for disposing of a Negro girl unto the plt. Mary Duncan, which Negro girl he believes was called Jaquet, etc., etc. In the above case Bridget Langley, William Kays, Laughlin McCabe, John Stone, John Cocke, Thos Langley, Charles Dickerson, Anne Cramond, Aphia Bowser & Erasmus Haynes were summoned as witnesses.

27 April 1774. Summons for Joshua Common to answer the petition of Willoughby Old for £2:4 with interest from 28 Aug. 1771, due by note.

4 May 1778. Whereas Edward Moseley Senr, Isaac Jacobs, Anthony Burroughs & Mark Robinson have been lately found guilty of a Riot by Inquisition duly taken before me John Hancock Gentⁿ & William Wishart & Charles Williamson Gentⁿ, etc., the sheriff is therefore ordered to bring in the aforesaid men to find sureties for their personal appearance, etc., as also that they shall in the meantime be of good behaviour towards all the good people & subjects of this Commonwealth.

10 July 1777. John Cramond hath this day been brought before me Wm. Wishart for feloniously stealing, taking and carrying away from

the Town of Portsmouth to this said county of Pr. Anne a carriage of a field piece belonging to the Continental artillery. The Sheriff is ordered to receive the said John Cramond into his custody. Acquitted 16 July 1777.

✓ 16 May 1778. "Whereas we have been given to understand that Henry Burgess of the said county is a Person Inimically disposed to the Rights & the Liberties of America and has confessed before several Persons that he has had Connection with the Enemy by having voluntarily gone to Philadelphia which place the Enemy was then and is now in possession of," etc. Henry Burgess is ordered to give security for his personal appearance at the next Court, by order of Thos Rs. Walker and Will. Wishart.

3 March 1774. Capias for Jacob Bishop to answer Sarah Small, ex'x of Andrew Small, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £16. Not found; copy left by J. Hancock, Sh. Discontinued June 1778.

6 June 1778. Josiah Philips late of Pr. Anne County & James Hodges of Norfolk County were examined before Peter Singleton, Gent., charged with feloniously robbing the Continent of America of sundry goods to wit, 12 pieces of linen, 14 pieces of bunting, 12 gross of coat & westcoat buttons, 28 hats & seven musquets, to the amount of £300, and appearing guilty to the said Singleton, the sheriff is ordered by him to take them to Jail until they be discharged by due course of law.

19 May 1772. Capias for Solomon Ewell to answer William Norris of a plea of T. A. B., damage £50. Disctd June 1778.

17 June 1775. Capias for George Wale to answer George Logan of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12. Dism'd 1778.

9 May 1778. Henry McLalen is jailed on suspicion of robbing carts on the highway.

8 Feb. 1779. Division of the land of James Tooley decd, setting aside the widow's dower by boundaries described in detail.

21 May 1778. "Princess Anne, to wit. Whereas we have been credibly inform'd that Francis Barnes of the said County has utter'd and divulged in our Oppinions in order to intimidate false News of a British Fleet being designd against this State and has Likewise expressed his Sentiments to be against the American Cause; That Cornelius Land likewise of the said County, harboured & entertained one William Wilbur thinking him to be one of Philips's Gang, or what is commonly called the Green-Brier Company; and informed the said Wilbur that in a short Time the Fleet would be in in order to subdue the Rebels, and said that he knew where Philips's Company lodged, for that they often

came to his House and he had at times supplied them with Provision, and that those who join'd the said Philips were in the Right: by which Conduct and Behaviour the said Francis Barnes and the said Cornelius Land discover Inclinations unfriendly to the American Cause, and show a Disposition to aid and abet the Enemy if Oppurtunity permits. Upon mature Consideration we are of Oppinion, for the Peace & Safety of the Country they should be bound to the good Behaviour," etc. Warrant for the arrest of the said Barnes & Land that they may be required to give security for their good behavior. Warrant signed by Thos R^s Walker, Peter Singleton, Will. Wishart, Erass. Haynes.

14 March 1778. Warrant for John Bruce, Clerk, to answer the charge of refusing to take the oath prescribed by the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this State above a certain age to give assurance of Allegiance to the same, & for other purposes" and likewise of refusing to take an oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, and of shewing his disaffection to the American Cause, by expressing his disinclination to serve it, if called for that purpose, as is alleged against him.

Summons for defendant 7 Nov. 1772; bill filed Aug. 1773; attachment March 1778; discontinued June 1778. Your orators and oratrices Levin Clamons [or Clemons ?] and Letitia his wife, Henry Whitehurst and Sally his wife, and Peggy Baker an infant by Henry Whitehurst her next friend, shew that Lewis Baker, father of your oratrices, died seised of a tract of land which descended in coparcenary unto your oratrices, and that a certain John Stone, guardian to your oratrices, did cut down a great number of trees on the said land and sell them. An accounting is sought.

BOX A 22, MARKED 1779

27 Aug. 1779. Pembroke Capps (who lives at Isaac Cary's) is summoned as a witness for Solomon Edey vs. Thomas Banks & wife. 3 June 1778, Isaac Jacobs & Mary Carril summoned in the same case.

7 Jan. 1778. Capias for Thomas Banks & Frances his wife to answer Solomon Edey of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £5000. Endorsed: "Edey vs. Banks &c. Caps. . . . Imp^l. Febr 79. . . . Issue June 79. . . . Judgt Sept. 79. . . . Copy Left by Charles Moseley. . . ."

Fine for the Plantf. £10 A. Weeks." [Note: the editor would like to know the ancestry of Solomon Edey; will proved Norfolk City 1789.]

1 Feb. 1779. Pursuant to a decree dated 11 Sept. 1778, the commissioners have set aside to Eliz: Keeling widow of Wm. Keeling one third of his land & slaves. Land described. One part assigned to widow is the westernmost side of the road of the plantation called Woolfs Snaire. Also slaves Peter, Amy, George, Nancey, Fanny & Lewis.

Jan 1779. James Nimmo, eldest son of Gershom Nimmo (decd intestate), went to sea & has been missing more than seven years & is presumed dead. Elizabeth, widow of Gershom, hath since married Jacob Hunter. Gershom had other children: Elizabeth, William & Gershom.

1 Aug. 1779. A list of sundry balances due to James Whitehurst decd. Names include Anthony Lovett, William Lovett son of Thos, and Henry Lovett.

Map showing tract of land near Little Creek, setting forth the division (53 2/3 acres each) among John, Henry and Nathaniel Collins, children of John Collins. The land of John (the infant) adjoins Francis Morse, orphan of Francis Morse decd.

Decree Aug. 1779. Rebecca (wife of Bassett Moseley), Frances (wife of John Esten), and Elizabeth Newton (infant spinster) are sisters of the whole blood & coparcenors of the estate of George Newton who died intestate, under age & without issue. Anne Hodgson is also an oratrix and a sister of the whole blood.

3 April 1779. Your oratrix & oratrix John Keeling & Martha his wife vs. Jacob Keeling & Henry Collins & Sarah his wife, in Chancery. Adam Keeling, your oratrix's late husband, owned considerable real & personal property, including slaves Pegg, Rose and Phoebe. Adam died intestate, leaving your oratrix Martha, and three children, Jacob Keeling his eldest son & heir at law, Nathaniel Keeling (who is since dead intestate) and Sarah Keeling. The decree was dated Oct. 1779, before which time the said Sarah Keeling became the wife of Henry Collins. Slave Pegg has increased the following four children: Betty, Patience, Tibb and Charles, since the death of said Adam Keeling. At the beginning of this suit Sarah Keeling was an infant under 21. On the death of the said Adam Keeling, his widow Martha Keeling became entitled to one third of the slaves for life. [Note: the Adam Keeling referred to above was the son of another Adam Keeling. The inventory of the younger Adam was returned in 1768. The will of the elder Adam Keeling was dated 17 Jan. 1771 and proved 4 July 1771, in which will

he mentions many grandchildren, including Jacob, Nathaniel and Sara, without mentioning the name of their father. The father of the said Jacob and Sarah can be learned by inference from other records, but this is the only record we have found anywhere which plainly states the name of the father of Nathaniel Keeling. The inventory of Nathaniel Keeling decd was returned in 1779.]

14 Jan. 1779. A certain William Hunter, who died testate, appointed John Thorowgood Junr, Jonas Herbert & Wm. Wishart his executors. He died possessed of several slaves which by his will he left undisposed of, & which as he died intestate as to them, descended in Fee Simple in coparcenary to Elizabeth Tenant, Ann Calvert wife of William Calvert, Mary Moore the wife of James Moore, they being his sisters & coheireses, & to your oratrix Keziah Nicholson as representative of her mother Pembroke Nicholson decd, wife of James Nicholson decd, another of his sisters & coheireses. Keziah Nicholson is an infant, & Matthew Godfrey is her guardian & next friend in this suit.

Filed Sept. 1779; decree Oct. 1779. Chancery suit. John Philpott died intestate leaving four children, to wit, Jesse his eldest son & heir at law, Letitia (to whom adm'n was granted), Lydia (now wife of Giles Randolph) and a younger child Anna. Jesse has joined the British Army.

Decree Sept. 1779. Philip Fisher died intestate leaving children Jonathan his eldest son & heir at law, Abraham & Lydia.

Decree Dec. 1779. Joel Cornick Senr died intestate leaving widow Martha, & children Joel (eldest son & heir at law), Mary, Henry and William, infants. Widow Martha is now the wife of Reuben Gornto.

Decree Dec. 1779. George Denny died intestate leaving widow Frances & two children, George Denny & Amy Denny, infants.

7 Jan. 1779. Capias for Samuel Williams to answer James Lovett of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £300.

3 Jan 1779. Capias for Withernton Fitchett to answer Wm. White & Co. Abates; defendant no inhabitant.

10 Sept 1779. Capias for Anthony Lovitte to answer Frances Robinson & Peggy Robinson of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £1000.

Decree March 1779. Your orator John Ackiss sheweth that Richard Williamson at his death owed your orator £7:7 with interest from 14 Feb. 1776, due by Bond, and that the said Richard died intestate, and that upon his death his land descended in fee simple to Nathaniel Williamson his son & heir at law, who is now an infant. Adm'n of the intestate's estate was previously granted to your orator, who now seeks

a Court order compelling a sale of the land to satisfy the debt, and compelling said Nathaniel after six months after his arrival at the age of 21, to make a conveyance of said land, unless he can then shew cause to the contrary.

Filed Feb. 1779; decree March 1779. Your orators Abraham Wormington, Henry Woodard, William Woodard, William Simmons, John Humphries, Solomon Lane, George Durant Corprew, John Whiddon Jr, Peter Singleton, John Ackiss, James Tooley, Wm Bressie, John Dickins, Joshua Commings, Jonathan Jackson, John Cocton, and George Berry (executor of Mary Berry decd) shew that Gideon White late of this county decd was at his death indebted to your orators for various sums of money, and that adm'n of said Gideon's estate was in due form of law granted to your orator Abraham. Your orators further shew that the said Gideon White died intestate, possessed of the fourth part of a tract of land in fee simple lying in Blackwater in this county, which he held as Tenant in Common with one Uriah Simmons & his brother Cornelius White, and that on the death of said Gideon it descended to Joel White his eldest son & heir at law, who is now an infant. This chancery suit seeks to have the land belonging to said Joel sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the debts of Joel White's father Gideon White.

1 Dec. 1778. Danl Fisher complains that Peter Blake, who owes him £200, hath privately removed himself out of this county or so absconds, etc.

28 July 1778. Capias for Jesse Philpott to answer Ebenezer Craig of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £300. 18 March 1779, Margaret Whitehead, Michael Corbell & his wife & Lydia Glasgow are summoned to testify on behalf of Ebenezer Craig vs. Jesse Philpott. 18 Aug. 1778, attachment against the goods & chattels of Jesse Philpott, levied on four Negroes, Grace, Nancey, Lettis, & David, as the defendant Jesse did not appear in Court. The last of the papers in this sheaf dealing with Philpott is a letter signed by Ebenezer Craig, and dated July 28th 1778. The addressee is not stated. The letter reads: "Sir I omitted when I was writing to let you know that my wifes sister Margret Whitehead whoe lives with us was present and a witness to the whole Robery there was no more white persons at the House in the time, but there is Malachi Corbell and wife, and Liddia Glasgow, that did see them at William Douge's, but a verey few minets before that they did go to my House, and they do say that it was the same three viz Negro Will, and fillpott and the other Negro, and that same night they went to Betty Smith's, in Norfolk County about 2½ miles from my house. These are my Witnesses if you do think it needfull to have them. One

thing I most observe to you that this Corbell although that he Spoek with them, and in a verey few minets Came to Augustus Lane's where I was and 8 or 9 more men and yet he never so much as spoek a word until 4 or five Days after, how do such men Clear their Concesions [*sic*] whoe have taken the Steak [*Stark?*] oath in which we were to make a Brife Discovery of all Conspirices I am yours and Etc. Ebenezer Craig." On the reverse side of this letter is a list of various articles of clothing, also a gun, pistol, sword, pocket book, etc., presumably a list of the stolen articles.

✓ Filed May Rules 1798. William Hobday sheweth that Charles Godfrey late of this county deceased was in his lifetime seised in fee simple of a certain tract of land in said county containing 140 acres more or less, which did formerly belong to the vestry of Lynhaven Parish, and was by them sold to Lamuel Roberts the elder, who devised the same to Charles Godfrey & his heirs subject to the life estate of Lamuel Roberts the younger. The said Charles Godfrey being so seised did about the year 1787 sell the land unto your orator for the sum of £90, and in order that your orator might be entitled to demand a conveyance of same, the said Charles Godfrey together with his brother Nathaniel Godfrey his security, by their bond dated 26 Oct. in the year aforesaid did bind themselves in the sum of £500 that he the said Charles Godfrey should well and truly execute or cause to be executed a good deed for conveying the said land to your orator, with warranty against the claims of all persons except the said Lamuel Roberts. Your orator sheweth that he hath paid the full consideration money for the said land, and that Charles Godfrey shortly after the payments were made, and before your orator had obtained a deed of conveyance died intestate leaving two children, to wit, Nathaniel and Isabella his representatives and heirs at law, who were bound by the act of their father to comply with the conditions of the aforesaid Bond, and were compellable in Equity to convey the said Land to your orator. The said Isabella died in her minority intestate & without issue in the year 1796 or 1797, leaving Nathaniel the only heir of his father. Nathaniel is now an infant, and the defendant in this Chancery suit. This suit abates as to Roberts, being no Inhabitant, and by the death of Nathaniel Godfrey, July Rules 1798.

Feb. 1779. Division of the slaves of James Tooley decd as follows: Max, Bill & Unes for the widow Betty Tooley's dower; Ishmael for James Tooley (in another paper called the eldest son & heir at law); Joe for Thomas Tooley; Daniel for Sarah Tooley; Peg for Caleb Old and Anne his wife; Lam for harbed Tooley (in another paper called

Herbett Tooley); Quomany & Bridget for Violata Tooley. In a chancery suit found in box A 22, the recipients of the slaves are identified as the widow and children of the said James Tooley decd, Anne, one of his daughters having married Caleb Old.

Mr. John Sparling & Co. in account with Wright Westcott. Westcott owes various sums for insurance on Brig Fanny for trips the vessel made to & from Grenada and Jamaica in 1772 and 1773, and for insurance on Sloop Phoenix on trip from Virga to Antigua in 1774, etc. Sparling & Co. owe Westcott a larger sum, and on 5 Aug. 1779, Westcott complains that John Sparling late of the Borough of Norfolk is indebted to him £466:17:4¼ and that said Sparling hath removed himself out of this Colony or so absconds, etc.

4 Sept. 1779. Abraham Wormington was the highest bidder at the sale of the land of Gideon White decd, the land being in Blackwater District. Price was £1100. There follows a long list of creditors and the sums paid them. The two biggest sums paid out were £122:4:5 to "Richard White for the one ninth part of the amot of sale, by Order Court" and £856:15:10 to "Cornelius White, Guardian of Joel White, for the use of the said Joel." [In regard to the fraction one ninth, it is well to point out that a widow was entitled to the *use* of one third of her deceased husband's land during her life, but if she wanted the cash value of this life interest she was generally awarded one ninth part of the net proceeds of a sale as being a fair value of the life interest. From these considerations a proper question to ask is whether the above Richard White married the widow of Gideon White and thus received the said one ninth part in right of his wife. We have not attempted to seek an answer to this question; however, this appears to be an appropriate occasion to point out that many knotty genealogical problems can be solved simply by following the mathematical clues suggested by the division of an estate, in certain cases where inadequate information is given.]

A List of Sundry Balances due to James Whitehurst decd taken August 1st 1779. We omit here the sums due and give the complete list of names with the notations which appear after some of the names: Joel Simmons for Sarah West; Solomon Frizzle, William Holmes Junr, Thomas Williamson decd, Adam Price decd, Patrick Murphy decd, William Oyston, Elizabeth Morrison, Robert Ward Senr, James Kempe, Lydia Hargrove; John Moore Son of Thos.; Emanuel Whitehurst, Solomon Creed; John Malbone Son of Peter; Charles Whitehurst for his Wife's Acct.; Willoughby Airs; Jno Williams Son of Saml; William Heath per Bond; Joel Cornick Senr decd apply to Jona Mackie; William

Mackie; John Williamson Son of John; John Smith (Taylor); Thomas Cully; William Dawley Son of Jno; Lewis Capps, William Gordon; John Capps Son of Wm.; Henry Harrison; John Cannon, desire him to come & settle with me; William Salmons; Anthony Whitehurst Son of Ay.; Elisha Cornish, Tully Shipp, Anthony Brinson, Willis Capps, Patrick Flanakin, Anthony Lovett, James Capps, Isaiah Barnes, Thurmer Hoggard; Richard Heath (J M Secy); William Dauge, John Brock; Elizabeth Moore (J M Secy); J--- (torn) Axtead, Charles Capps; Richard Brown decd (P S); Kelley Cason; Hillary Cason per Bond; Roger Williamson, Cornelius Cason; James Williams Son of Saml; James Malbone, Henry Chappel, Caleb Godfrey, William Hales, Mary Brinson decd, John Wicker, Solomon Kinsey, James Harvey; William Lovett Son [of] Thos; Richard Land Junr, Robert Murdin, Michael Cornish, James Godfrey, David Dauley; Thomas Weddle, apply to Solomon Capps; Henry McClallan; Thorowgood Berry & Wm Dauley Son of Wm per Bond; John Brinson Son of Mary; William Gilbert Gray, William Flanakin per Bill; Henry Lovett; George Fentress Junr per Bill; Anthy Barnes Son [of] Osborn; Thomas Cannon; John Grimstead Son [of] Joseph; Courtney Whitehurst, William Cox Junr, Edward Frizzle, James Hargrove, Solomon Alderson, William Strawbridge, Caleb Whitehurst, Cornelius Land, Evan Malbone, Doctr John Hodgson, Solomon Capps; Charles Henley Son of Jno; P. Singleton, William Holt; James Kempe, Son [of] John; Nehemiah Stott; Elizabeth Whitehurst daughter of Oden; Jona Hopkins, Christr Wright, Jonathan Mackie, James Batten; Thomas Langley Junr per Bond; Thomas Whitehurst, Jeremiah Murdin, John Perry, Thorowgood Spratt, James Powers, George Esdale, Jonathan McDaniel, Alexander McDaniel, William Whitehead, George Smith, Adam Robinson, Rice Evans, Anthy Walke, Edward H. Moseley Senr, John Attwood, Margaret Bonney, Batson Shipp; William West Son of Thos; Nathan Munden, John Wells, Joshua Taylor, Wm Timmons, Geo: Jamison Senr, James Gibbs, David Carrol, James Williamson decd, William Sisson, Hardress Waller, Wm Keeling Junr, Jno Kenline.

Decree Nov. 1779. Your oratrix Lydia Buskey, an infant by Cason Moore her guardian & next friend, sheweth that Jonathan Jackson in his last will, left unto Lydia Buskey "the plantation, Land & marsh whereon I now live containing three hundred acres" and also certain slaves. Ann Jackson, the widow of the testator, (but who since his Death intermarried with one Wm Ackiss) being not satisfied with the provision made for her by the will did relinquish her rights under the

will and so became entitled to demand her Dower in all the lands which the Testator died possessed of.

Decree Nov. 1779. Your oratrix Dinah Gasking, widow & relict of Charles Gasking, Gent., decd, sheweth that said Charles in his will left certain slaves to be divided among his wife, the said Dinah, and his children, Mary, Dinah & Robert, when the said Mary shall arrive at the age of 18. Your oratrix Dinah sheweth that the said Mary has arrived at the age of 18, but is still an infant of tender years, and no division can be made without a decree of the Court of Chancery.

10 April 1779. Thomas Cartner gives bond for his good behaviour for one year. Leml Roberts & Jona. Hopkins, securities.

31 May 1779. Thomas Drewry of Norfolk County, Cooper, late from Sea, made oath before William Wishart, a Magistrate of Pr. Anne County, that on Tuesday, the eighteenth of this instant he was chased on Shore in Lynhaven Bay by the Enemy and saved several Articles to a considerable amount, the property of him the said Thomas; and that him the said Thomas, by some evil disposed Person or Persons, was robbed of the following articles after he apprehended they were secured on shore, to wit, [there follows a long list of wearing apparel, dry goods, etc.]. Haynes Brent, constable, is ordered to make a search for the stolen articles.

March 1779. Your petitioner Horatio Cornick sheweth that a small part of his plantation whereon he now lives is separated & divided from the main Body by the Publick Road which leads from Cape Henry to the Eastern Shore Chapple, making it inconvenient for petitioner to fence & improve so small a part. Petitioner seeks a review of the road.

7 April 1779. Capias for Henry Kellum to answer Lestargette Carrier and Company of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage Two Hundred Thousand Pounds. Mr. John Ackiss and Mr. Peter Singleton bail. Dismissed Dec. 1779.

2 April 1779. Capias for Adam Lovitt to answer Erasmus Haynes of a plea of Trespass on the Case. Aug. 1779, judgment for the plt., £300. Witnesses called for Lovitt were Simon Murden, Francis Whitehurst, & James Warden. Witnesses called for Haynes were Samuel Williams, Caleb Godfrey, Richd Davis, Thos Williams Son of Saml, Batson Murden & Drew Whitehurst.

17 June 1773. Summons for James Kempe, Gent., surviving ex'or of the last will & testament of Thomas Walke, Gent., decd, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Jonathan Hopkins and William Willeroy. Continued June 1778; dismissed Oct. 1779.

20 July 1779. Summons for William Callaway & James Ackiss to testify for Willoughby Williamson vs. Robert Blaws, defendant.

7 April 1779. Capias for Doerner junior March Nephew & Company and Henry Kellum to answer John Mary Perrin [*sic*] of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage One Hundred Thousand Pounds. Dism'd June 1779.

5 March 1779. Capias for Rhodum Grindale to answer Lemuel Newton & Co. of a plea of debt of £15, damage £10. Dismissed March 1779.

6 Feb. 1779. Capias for Wm. Jones to answer Lemuel Cornick, Philip Woodhouse, Henry James, James Brewer, Paul Keeling, Wm Absolom, Isaac Cary, Wm Keeling Junr, Horatio Cornick, Henry Woodhouse Junr, & Southward Mills of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £5000.

7 Aug. 1778. Summons for Nanney Moseley, wife of Burroughs, & Nanney Scott, wife of James, to testify for Cornelius Lamount, deft., at the suit of Jesse Hill against him.

BOX A 23, MARKED 1780-1781

Sworn 1 May 1780. Account of the estate of Walter Lyon decest to Edwd Hack Moseley. Total indebtedness, £4:10:4½. Items date from 25 Nov. 1758 to 1 July 1771. One item dated 13 Sept. 1760 reads: "to Jacobs Law Dictionary from the printing office. . . . 12 shillings."

Sworn 19 Nov. 1778. Account of Mr. John Sheppard to Pricilla Williamson. Debit. "Aug. 1778, To your assumption to pay for Boarding, Nursing & burrying your Mother, £15. To 3 Days Boards of Isaac your Brother when Matss [?] your Cloths, £0:18."

Decree Feb. 1780. Your orator Cason Moore, ex'or of John Kelly decd, sheweth that said Kelly in his last will did give certain property to his wife Frances Kelly and to all his children, etc. The said Frances has since intermarried with one Charles Padon.

Decree Feb. 1780. Your oratrix Elizabeth Tenant sheweth that about November in the year 1778 she at the special instance & request of her son James Tenant deceased, removed from the plantation whereon she then lived to a plantation the property of the said James whereon he lived, in order to take care of & manage his household affairs, and that

in 1779 the said James & she engaged in tending a crop of corn, peas & other articles, and did not enter into any terms of agreement of the part each was to have of the crop tended. Your oratrix is here suing Edward Moseley, Gent., ex'or of the said James, for a fair division of the crop.

11 Nov. 1779. Lem^l Thorowgood, Gent., a Magistrate of this county, complains that George Jamieson is a person of lewd conversation, he the said George having spoke of the said Lem^l the following disrespectful words, to wit, that the said Lem^l Thorowgood was a liar, a Rascal, a Son of a Bitch, and that as an Officer he the said George would as willingly serve under a Negro. Sheriff is ordered to commit said George to jail unless he should give security for his appearance in Court.

19 June 1779. Capias for Edward Hack Moseley, Gentleman, to answer Anthony Lawson, Gentleman, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £3,000. Dismissed Aug. 1782. In a declaration, filed 13 April 1780, Anthony Lawson, Gent., states that he has conducted himself as a true & faithful Citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia from the time of the establishment of it, and has not had his Conduct disapproved by men who were acquainted with his real principles, & general tenour of Behaviour in respect to the American cause; together with his firm, early & active Attachment to it, for which he the said Anthony suffered by the British enemy of the United States of America, a severe & cruel Confinement for the space of fourteen Months, etc., & suffered by being carried by the enemy Prisoner to St. Augustin, during his absence, for want of his management, considerable loss in his property. In brief, Anthony Lawson complains that said Moseley has contrived to make his name infamous & himself suspected of carrying on a Traitorous & perfidious correspondence & connection with the British enemy, in saying that in May 1779 he the said Lawson, during the invasion of the British enemy of the Towns of Norfolk & Portsmouth, went on board one of the ships of the enemy, and informed the commander of the ship that he the said Edward & his son were Rebels, meaning his son Edward. In a plea filed Sept. 1780, the defendant Moseley insists that said Lawson had told Anderson, Commander of the British Transport, that said Moseley & his son were Rebels, etc., etc.

14 Sept. 1780. Jno Ackiss, Gent., having obtained an attachment against the estate of Wallot Willis for a debt of £7455:6, due by account, and the sheriff having returned the same levied on two hogsheads of rum, a box of tea, a parcel of old sails & rigging, a box of canvas, two anchors & cables, effects belonging to the defendant, etc.,

etc. On the back of this paper is an undated list of tithables, white persons whose names begin with the letter W, and their Negro slaves. The paper was seemingly sliced down the edge with a sharp knife, which incidentally cut in about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch too close on the right hand margin, so that in some cases one or two letters were trimmed off the end of the names. This list is given in the following paragraph just as it appears on the paper.

The list of names referred to in the paragraph above begins with the names of slaves, the name of the owner being cut away. Comparison with the 1782 taxes identifies these as slaves most of whom belonged in 1782 to the estate of Anthony Walke decd. This comparison also enables us to restore the few letters which were trimmed away. The list follows, verbatim: "Isbella, Pleasant, Pleasant, Cloe, Sarah, Sally, Maria, Peg, Bridget, Amey, Judith, Judith, Patty, Patty, Lydia, Juba, Jenny Priscilly, Betty, Lucy, James, Rachel, Abigail, James, Jack, Scipio, James, Phillis, Fanny, Cesar, Phillis, Abigail & Tat." The rest of the list is composed of whites and the few slaves they owned, as follows: "Frances Wiggins. Wm Whitehurst Senr. Leml Williamson. Wm Whitehurst Son of Thos. George Williamson Junr. Joshua Williamson & Negr Dinah. Thos Whitehurst Senr & Negr Ned. Caleb Williamson & Negro Hannah. Enoch Whitehurst, Jno Whitehurst & Negrs Frank, Matthew, Jemmy, Saml, Edy & Moll. Peter Whitehurst & Negrs Tom, London, Venus, Jenny, Lamb, Cubbana & Lookup. Wm White, Henry Woodhouse & Negrs Sue, Pleasant, Rose & Rachel. Charles Williamson & Negrs Max, Peter, Samuel, America, Sam, Sarah, China, Nanney, Nanney, Nanney & Hannah. Nathaniel Whitehurst. William Whitehurst Son of Lemuel. William Williamson." Practically all of these names appeared in the 1782 personal property taxes as inhabitants of the Eastern Branch Precinct.

12 Sept. 1780. John Ackiss complains that Wallott Willis, who owes him £7455:6, hath removed himself from this county, or so absconds, etc.

"Princess Anne Sct. Whereas Complaint has been made to us Thomas Reynolds Walker and Lemuel Cornick, Gent., two of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the sd County, That William Axted and Sarah his Wife are Persons inimically disposed to the united States of America; They having by certain words and expressions, uttered and spoke on the twelf day of Sept last past acknowledged themselves to be Friends to the King of Great Britain, also declaring that it was useless for us to contend any longer, for they would be dam'd if the King would ever give up Independency to America, that

the present Dispute would never be settled unless by Mobbs, that the People of this Country would never be so well off as they had been, for they would never be able with the same Quantity of any of their Commodities to purchase so much Sugar as they formerly could, that the Poor People of this County would be sold to support the Gent; And also by making use of several disrespectful words relative to the Guard, by saying God dam the Guard and every Son of a Bitch that will not dam them, again the first Son of a Bitch that durst offer to take a Piece of Meat out of the House for the use of the Guard should have his Back broke with an iron Pestle &ca. These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth to command and require you to bring the said William Axted and Sarah his wife, before us to answer the above Complaint, and herein you are to fail not. Given under our Hands and Seal this Tenth Day of October 1780. Thos Rs. Walker (Seal), Leml Cornick (Seal). Summon William Keeling Junr to attend as a Witness. To the Sheriff of Princess Anne County to Execute." 12 Oct. 1780, William Axted entered into a recognizance bond in the sum of £50,000 to insure his good behavior, and that of his wife Sarah, for the space of 12 months. Charles Henley and Henry James were his securities.

Sept. 1780. Account of Mr. James Moore (Sprats Bridge) to Joel Woodward. Debit. "To your proportion of £2400 Papr Cury paid for a recrute for the 38th Division of the Militia agreeable to an Act of Assembly for recruiting this States Quota for the Continental Army, the Amout of the Division being £543, and the Amt of your Assesmt. being £187:14:10 your proportion of which is £822 Paper Curry which agreeable to scale is 72 for 1. . . . £11:8:4." Endorsed is the following: "We the Jury find for the Plantif the Sum of £11:8:4. Wm Black."

6 May 1782. William Robinson, executor of Walter Lyon, Gent., decd, gives bond to Robert Stephens, to indemnify himself in an attachment against the goods of said Robert Stephens. [Note: the will of Walter Lyon is not listed in Torrence's *Virginia Wills and Administrations*. This will was dated 16 Dec. 1774 and proved 12 Jan. 1775. It was recorded in Deed Book 14, folio 149, and occupies four full pages in the book.]

29 May 1780. Summons for Benjamin Chatfield to testify on behalf of Henry Cornick, defendant, at the suit of Amos Weeks against him. Endorsed: "Not to be found."

✓ "St. Thomas, April 14th 1780. Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Stone now in the Island of St. Thomas do bind myself my heirs Adminstrats & Assigns to pay to Capt. Richard Talbot of

Virginia or his Assigns the Just Sum of Sixty One pieces of Eight & three Bitts Current Money of this Island to be paid in gold or Silver Money, which Sum I acknowledge Capt. Chas. Bushnell has paid Mr. William Jaques of said Island for my Board Now in Case Mr Henry Kelly should pay the Above Sum then This Obligation to be Void and of No Effect. Thomas Stone. Witness, Robt Transfield."

4 Aug. 1780. Capias for Wallet Willis to answer Anthony Lovitt of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £1,000. Dismissed Aug. 1780. There are many other separate capiases for Wallet Willis in this box which were issued at the instance of other parties. All were dismissed Aug. 1780.

Nov. 1779. Grand jury presents Amos Weeks & Edward Cannon for suffering a body of at least 40 Negroes to dance in the house then occupied by them. Dism'd Feb. 1780.

✓ 11 May 1775. Lemuel Cornick & Elizabeth his wife vs. Adam, Henry, Thomas & Frances Keeling, infants by Betty Keeling their guardian appointed to defend them. In this Chancery suit the plaintiffs seek to have set apart for themselves 1/5 of certain slaves that did belong to Thomas Keeling decd. 30 Dec. 1775, slaves Lewis, Toney, Isaac, Ruth, Sarah & Seller are set apart to the plts., and they are to receive £4:12 from the younger children.

Decree Feb. 1780. Hillary Dawley of this county, who died intestate, was possessed of 2 tracts in Blackwater of 77½ and 80 acres, and a third tract of 190 acres in Norfolk County. He left four daughters: Courtney (who intermarried with Henry Philips), Mary, Nelly & Letitia, to whom the land descended in coparcenary as Coheireses. Nelly is dead without issue. Courtney is now dead together with her husband, and they left a daughter Anne to whom her mother's share descended. Joel Woodward and wife Mary (daughter of Hillary Dawley) seek to have 1/3 of the land set apart to them and the rest equally to Anne & Letitia, who are both now infants under 21.

Decree Feb 1780. Thurmer Hoggard who died intestate left a son Nathaniel as his heir at law, and daughters Mary (now wife of Charles Sayer), Elizabeth (now wife of Wm. Plume), Dinah and Susanna.

Decree Aug. 1780. Peter Dale of Norfolk County left a will executed in 1771. He left a wife Mary, a daughter Mary (wife of Samuel Bacon). The said Mary and Samuel Bacon had children, Samuel Dale Bacon, Peter Bacon, Ann Bacon (now wife of Christopher McConnico), Mary Bacon, Jane Bacon & Rebecca Bacon.

8 May 1779. James Lovitte vs. John Lovitte, in Ejectment. James

Lovitte on 1 April 1779 did demise, grant & farm let to Robert Goodright 199 acres of land, being the same land which James Lovitte decd Father of the said James Lovitte purchased of a certain Frederick Boush, & to which land the said James Lovitte entitles himself as eldest son & heir at law to the said James Lovitte decd, to have & to hold said 199 acres from 30 March then last past unto the full term of seven years next following, etc., etc. Verdict for plt. June 1780, "We of the Jury is of Opinion that James Lovit is the Heir at Law which Intitles him to the Land. [signed] Wm. Haynes."

3 July 1783. Jno Thorowgood Senr, Naomi Barrot & Thos Ewell are summoned to give evidence on behalf of the Grand Jury against Marshal Anderson (a free Negro) for living in adultery with Susanna Pebworth a free woman. "We of the Jury find for the Commonwealth 1,000 pounds of tobacco & Cask."

2 Feb 1780. Susanna Lovitt, Mary Murdin & Frances Lovitt are summoned as witnesses on behalf of James Lovitt vs. John Lovitt.

4 Oct. 1779. Capias for Adam Robinson to answer Anthony Lovit of a plea of Trespass, damage £150.

1 Dec. 1779. Capias for John Creed Junr to answer Anthony Lovitt of a plea of T. A. B., damage £200.

6 March 1780. Adam Lovitt summoned as witness for James Lovitt vs. John Lovitt.

July 1779. E. H. Moseley Junr, Frederick Boush & his wife, Jno Lovit Son of Thos, Frankey Murden Daughter of James, and Jno Etheridge are summoned as witnesses on behalf of Jno Lovit Son of James in the case of the said Jno Lovit, plt., vs. James Lovit, deft.

May in the fourth year of the Commonwealth. Thomas Lovitt summoned as witness on behalf of James Lovitt vs. John Lovitt. [Note: the Commonwealth of Virginia was established 15 May 1776. See Swem's Index. Hence the first year of the Commonwealth lasted through 14 May 1777. The fourth year lasted from 15 May 1779 through 14 May 1780. In many of the summonses of this period the year is omitted and the year of the Commonwealth is given instead, so that it is useful to remember the date, 15 May 1776.]

11 Sept. 1780. Nathaniel Davis (who lives where Mr. David McClenahan did live), is summoned as a witness for Jno Salisbury vs. Matt. Godfrey.

10 Dec. 1779. Capias for Adam Lovitte to answer Wm. Lovitte of a plea of T. A. B.

Filed April 1779. Your orator Thomas Brock sets forth that in 1686 one Wm. Brock Senr of Lower Norfolk County but now Pr. Anne County gave to his son Wm Brock Junr in fee simple by deed 100 acres, described as part of 300 acres taken up by him & afterward included in his Grand Patent bearing date 1680 & that it was the land which the said Wm. Brock Junr was then possessed of, & was called by the name of *further Ridge*. Said Wm. Brock Senr had two other sons named John & Thomas. John had issue a son named Thomas who had issue a son named William, the father of your orator Thomas. Upon the said Wm Brock Junr dying without issue the said land did descend to your orator's father William who claimed it as representative of his grandfather John who was then dead together with his the said William's father Thomas. Upon the death of the said Wm, father of your orator Thomas, the said land did descend to your orator as his eldest son & heir at law. This case involves a land boundary dispute with one Charles Henley.

10 May 1780. Abraham Galindo in his 70th year petitions to be discharged from paying his parish & county dues. Also petition of Nowdina Henley to excuse payments for female slave Bab, who is aged & infirm.

2 March 1780. James Lovitt is summoned as witness against John Brown for the murdering of Samuel Williams.

In obedience to a decree of 10 Dec. 1779 in a suit in Chancery brought by Frances Denny, widow of George Denny decd, plaintiff, against George & Amy Denny, infants, by Edward Moseley their guardian, defendants, the commissioners have assigned to said Frances these slaves of her deceased husband, to wit, Harry the elder, China & Sarah as her dower; "and that she the sd. Frances do keep, support & raise Phillis (a Child said by her to be born of said China since the sd Decedents death) for the Benefit of sd. Defendants her Children, with which She the sd. Frances expressed herself well satisfied & pleased." Report signed 1 Jan. 1780. Returned March 1780 & to be recd.

BOX A 24, MARKED 1782

An account of Sales of the Estate of Anthony Lovitte decd agreeable to an order of Princess Anne Court, Monday the 29th of July 1782. 18 articles were sold, totaling £7:18:5.

27 Aug. in the 7th year of the Commonwealth. Summons for Joshua Matthias Son of Henry and Dinah his wife adm'rs of Matthew Berry decd to answer the petition of John Parsons for £3:18:10½ due by account. [Note: there was no punctuation in the original summons, so that some of our readers may interpret the above as meaning that Dinah was the wife of Henry. It is the editor's interpretation that Dinah was the wife of Joshua. In other similar abstracts it will be helpful for the reader mentally to put a parenthesis around such phrases as "Son of Henry" and it will be found that the meaning will be less subject to misunderstanding.]

15 March 1782. Summons for Marshal Anderson a Free Negro to answer the petition of James Whitehurst a Free Mulatto for £4:10 due by account. 1 July 1781, account of Marshal Anderson to James Whitehurst, Molato. Debit. "to hier of his Son Charles Six months, £4:10." Witnesses, Jonathan Whitehurst, Wm. Whitehurst Brother of Christopher, & Isaac Anderson.

Oct. 1781. Account of Ms [*sic*] Mary Lester decd to William Holmes. Debit. "To making Her cofing, £1:10." Sworn 9 Aug. 1782.

2 Jan. 1782. Deposition of Mary (her mark) Woodhouse, taken in a Chancery suit wherein William James is complainant and William White as executor of James Whitehurst deceased is defendant. This deponent saith that she was present when James Whitehurst late of this county deceased borrowed of her father William James the sum of £70 specie in round Dollars, which he the said Whitehurst agreed to repay in Specie. This debt was secured by a bond dated 22 Oct. 1773.

14 Nov. 1782. Account of the Sales of the attachd effects of John Woodhouse (absconded). "7th part of Eleven Negroes, £60." The foregoing was written on a small scrap of paper.

Decree 9 May 1782. Your orator John Hutchings sheweth that John Hutchings late of the Borough of Norfolk, father of your orator, died having first made his will which was recorded in the county of Norfolk, the original now remaining on record in the county of Henrico. The testator left a wife Sarah & children Joseph, John, Frances, Elizabeth, Susanna & Sarah.

27 March 1782. George Smith, James Smith, Nathan Cason, George Smith Junr and Thomas Kinsey give bond to appear in court on Wednesday next the third day of April, and give evidence against Joab Flanakin, accused of the murder of John Creed.

Decree Sept. 1782. Your orator & oratrix Benjamin Branch & Mary his wife shew that Peter Norley Elligood died intestate possessed of

land in fee simple, and leaving your oratrix Mary his widow who has since intermarried with your orator Benjamin, and two children, to wit, Margaret & Elizabeth, both now infants, to whom the said land descended in coparcenary in fee simple, subject to the dower of the said Mary. Lemuel Cornick was appointed by the Court as guardian to the two infants to defend them in this Chancery suit.

Undated paper. Solomon Waterman by James Nimmo his attorney complains of John Woodhouse son of John, William Legate, Chas Henley Junr, J^{no} Moore & Caleb Barnes in Custody; that they in 1781 did imprison him the said Solomon in a British Provost for 36 days without reasonable cause. £1,000 sought.

23 July 1781. [Account of] Henry Burgess and others who, by force and arms took, and after plundering the subscriber, Willis Wilson, of the underwritten articles, delivered him a Prisoner to the British. There follows a long list of articles of apparel with the value of each stated, also 1 pair brass barrel'd silver mounted pistols with holsters, 1 silver mounted sword & ditto mounted Belt, 1 musket, Bayonet, Cartridge box &c. One item reads: "1 hatt, 3 shirts, 2 Jackets, 2 Stocks, 2 pr. Stockings, 1 Stockbuckle, left in the provost and lost at the time I made my escape, £8." The final item reads: "False imprisonment, where we were indiscriminately kept, among Negroes, Felons & Murderers and experienced the Savage-like treatment, 23 days @ 100/. . . .£115." On the back of this paper are these words: "Henry Burgess Captain of a Banditte party."

26 June 1782. Deposition of Isabella Russell, aged sixty years or thereabouts, taken for use in the case of Tully Robinson vs. Harry Kelley; Trespass on the Case. Deponent saith that sometime in October 1780 "she was at the House of Mr. Harry Kelleys when Mr. Tully Robinson came to the House and after coming in he said he desired to know of Mr. Henry Kelley son of the s^d Harry who then lay on his Death Bed past Speaking to be understood wether he intended to let him have a pair Cart Wheels at Ten pounds which he some time before said he had paid the s^d Henry Kelley five Pounds towards them and Insisted on his paying the Money back he had paid him or to have the Cart Wheels then at Ten Pounds, and after some severe Language with the s^d Mr. Harry Kelley the Father of s^d Henry, Mr. Robinson went out of the House and the s^d Harry Kelley said it was farr from him that his sons should make any Bargain and not Comply with it he would pay Mr. Robinson the Money out of his own pockett but he himself he said knew of no such money being paid his son towards a pair of wheels and Mr. Kelley went to his Desk and As I apprehended to

get Money and then went out of Doors after Mr. Robinson and when Mr. Kelley returned in the House to his Desk this Deponent heard Mr. Kelley say he had paid Mr. Robinson too much Money through Mistake and stept to the Door and Mr. Robinson was Rode of [*sic*] and Further sayeth not. [Signed] Isabella (her mark) Russell''

4 Nov. 1782. Capias for Jacob Goodman, adm'r &c of Jacob Goodman decd, to answer Willis Wilson surviving partner of Jno Wilson decd of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12.

12 Oct. 1782. Capias for Peledge Miller to answer Caleb Old, adm'r of Willoughby Miller, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £30.

14 March 1782. Capias for John Ghiselin to answer Wm Lovett of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Bail, William Thorowgood. Impl July 1782. Dism'd Aug. 1782.

Sworn 8 Aug. 1782. Account of Mrs. Mary Lister decd to William Russel. Debit. "Sept 1781, To inoculating, attendance & medicine (self & two children)£4:4:0."

22 July 1782. Dennis Desk made oath that he is afraid George Hudgings will beat, wound, maim & evilly treat him.

3 Aug. 1782. Sheriff of Norfolk County is commanded to summon Molly Kinsey to appear in Pr. Anne court to testify for Tully Capps, deft., at the suit of John Dauge, plt. A note at the bottom of the summons reads: "She lives at Portsmouth." Endorsed: "the within named Molly Kinsey is not to be found within my bailiwick. per John Roggess, D. Sheriff."

15 May 1782 in the Sixth year of the Commonwealth [note: according to our computation the above date should be the first day of the seventh year of the Commonwealth]. Capias for Lank Lovett & Daniel Murden to answer Willis Wilson of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £1,000. Endorsed: "Lank Lovett not to be found Copy left; Daniel Murden not to be found Copy Left."

14 Aug. 1777. James Moore & Willm Hunter give bond to James Webb & the rest of the Justices of Norfolk County, to build a prison at Norfolk for the use of the said county. Very detailed specifications are given. The work is to be finished before 15 March next. Amount of bond, £500. A floor plan of the prison is attached. It shows a structure of two rooms with a window in each room. It was to be a log prison, 32 by 18 feet. Attached to the bond & specifications is a capias, dated 27 May in the fourth year of the Commonwealth, for James Moore to appear at Pr. Anne courthouse on the second Thursday in June next to

answer James Webb and the rest of the Justices of Norfolk County of a plea of debt for £500, damage £200. On the back of the *capias* is: "Oyer & Impl Sept 1780. Dism'd July 1782."

3 Sept. 1782. Summons for John Creed Junr, an infant son & heir at law of John Creed dec'd, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Thomas Kempe and others. Cont'd Sept. 1782. Dism'd March 1784.

25 June 1782. Elizabeth Cannon makes oath that she is afraid that Amos Weeks will beat, wound or kill her, etc. Warrant issued for Amos Weeks. Endorsed: "Not found. Dism'd July 82."

5 Jan. 1782. "Whereas I [James Kempe] have been informed as a Magistrate that Dingley Grey has threatened the lives of James Whitehurst a free Mulatto & likewise Dorothea Semple & Sabathra her Daughter, & has heretofore actually by violence taken the said Sabathra into his Custody, all which proceedings appear to me to be contrary to the Rule, conduct & Behaviour which good Citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia ought to observe," etc., etc. Peace warrant is issued against the said Dingley Grey, who gave bond for his good behaviour until the next Court. Warrant dism'd July 1782.

3 April 1782. *Capias* for Dumas Ray to answer the Commonwealth of Virginia of a plea of debt for £70, damage £20. Endorsed: "No inhabitant of the county."

22 Feb. 1782. *Capias* for John Woodhouse Son of John, William Leggate, Caleb Barnes, Charles Henley Junr and John Moore to appear the second Thursday in March next to answer Joab Flanagan of a plea of T. A. B. and false imprisonment, damage £1,000. Issue July 82. Discontinued Nov. 1782.

24 Aug. 1782. *Capias* for John Lovitte Son of James to answer Anne Newton, executrix &c of Lemuel Newton dec'd, of a plea of Trespass on the Case. Attached are accounts dating from 15 April 1773 to 9 Aug. 1775, showing that Lovitt owed Newton a total of £5:2. Judgment for plt. Jan. 1785.

5 Oct. 1785. Dinah Brock deposeth that Charles Nicholson moved in her neighborhood in 1752 & then had in his possession Negro Wench Hannah. The said Charles Nicholson, before he was possessed of said wench Hannah, intermarried with one of the daughters of Mr. James Carraway dec'd. The said James Carraway died in 1761. 5 Oct. 1785, William Keeling son of John deposes and saith that Mr. Charles Nicholson lived with his father in the year seventeen hundred & fifty [rest torn]. 5 Oct. 1785, Martha (her mark) Walker deposeth that

said Negro wench Hannah in dispute was in possession of Mr. Charles Nicholson in 1749 and 1750 to the best of her knowledge, & has been ever since in his possession. All the children of said Hannah are still in his possession except one named Jim whom the said Chas Nicholson suffered to go with his son Thomas into North Carolina since the death of the said James Carraway. [Copies of these depositions are also in Box A 31.]

1782. Account of sales of the attd effects of Adam Lovitt. "One Negro Girl. . . . £51."

10 Aug. 1782. Attachment by Richd E. Lee vs. Wm. Lovett, who owes Lee £9 "for defending you in three suits." Same against Adam Lovett for £9. Same reason.

Undated paper. John Ghiselin complains of Henry Burgess, Adam Lovett, Lanck Lovett, John Woodhouse, Jeremiah Murden & Daniel Murden in that they did on the 26th July 1781 falsely imprison him in a British Provost for two months & twenty days.

✓ Bill in Chancery, filed June 1779. Your orator Robert Keeling sheweth that his father William Keeling, late of Pr. Anne County, did for love & affection make a deed of gift, dated 16 Aug. 1763, to his children John Thorowgood Keeling, William Keeling, Francis Keeling, your orator Robert Keeling, Elizabeth Keeling and Mary Keeling, giving them the use of several Negro slaves therein mentioned until they should respectively reach the age of 21 or marry, and then & not until then, to them & their heirs forever. The deed of gift also provided that if any of the sons died before the age of 21 years or marriage, then the share of the son so dying should be equally divided among the surviving brothers of said son. Your orator sheweth that said Francis Keeling, brother to your said orator, is since dead in law before he had either attained the age of 21 years or marriage, he having gone to sea and hath now been absent & unheard of upwards of seven years last past, whereby his share of the slaves, to wit, Peter & Aliff, survived to your orator and the said William Keeling, being the only two brothers of the said Francis then living. The said William, your orator's eldest brother, upon the death of said Francis, took & converted said slaves, Peter & Aliff, to his own use, and after having them in his possession several years departed this life intestate, without having assigned to your orator his proportion of said slaves, or accounting with your orator for a moiety of the annual profits thereof. Aliff one of the slaves is now dead. After the death of the said William Keeling (brother of your orator) adm'n of his personal estate was granted to Edward

Cannon. Said William left at the time of his death his son William 9 March 1780, Frances Moore, of lawful age, deposes that soon after her brother William Keeling the Elder had made the deed to his children in the bill mentioned, he came to her house & informed her of it, stating he had given to each of them two young Negroes, as near the ages of his said childrens' ages as possible, & that he had given his son Francis a boy called little Peter & a girl Aliff 9 March 1780, Anna Bartee, of lawful age, deposes that her brother William Keeling the elder decd often referred to said deed of gift, & that Francis had received Negroes Peter & Aliff, & that Little Peter was called by the family Frankey's Negro.

Decree Nov. 1782. Your orators Henry Keeling & Thomas Keeling shew that Thomas Keeling decd, father of your orators, in his will left slaves to his wife Betty & seven children, to wit, your orators Henry & Thomas, also Adam, Mary who married Joel Cornick, Elizabeth who married Lemuel Cornick, John & Frances. John died in his minority & before marriage. The parts of Betty the widow, & of Adam, Mary and Elizabeth have already been assigned, so that only the parts of your orators & of Frances remain to be assigned. Thomas Wishart is appointed guardian to defend Frances Keeling in this Chancery suit.

19 Feb. 1782. John Parsons, father & next friend of his son William in his suit against Enoch Whitehurst Junr, made oath that William Wyles of North Carolina is a material witness for him & is now about to leave the said state. A dedimus potestatem is issued.

4 March 1782. Henry Burgess & Jeremiah Murden are accused of treason.

9 Oct. 1780. Isaac Jacobs, Robert Keeling Senr, & Horatio Cornick are summoned on behalf of Solomon Edey in a controversy between John Woodhouse, plt., and the said Solomon Edey, deft.

10 Dec. 1779. Capias for Solomon Edey, & produce him at Court on the second Thursday of next month, to answer John Woodhouse, an infant by Drew Whitehurst his guardian & next friend, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £5,000. On the back are the following brief notations: "Woodhouse vs. Edey. Caps Imp^l. April 80 returnable Issue Sept. 1780 Jan. Court Dism^d July 82 Executed by Edw^d Moseley, Sf."

2 June 1783. Capias for John Bolt to answer Reuben Griffis & his wife of a plea of detinue for the detention of six head of Cattle of the price of Fifty pounds, damage £15.

3 Aug. 1782. Bridget Langley, James Murden & his wife, Thorow-

good Land, Tully Williams in West Neck, Sarah Murden, Thos Williams, Sarah Roberts wife of Jonathan Roberts, Susanna Lovitt widow of James Lovitt, Jeremiah Murden, Frankey Murden, Js Robinson & John Forrest are summoned on behalf of William White & others vs. Adam Lovitt, defendant.

15 Feb. 1782. Capias for Adam Lovitt to answer William White, Benjamin Hicks, Joel Simmons and William Russell of a plea of Trespass, damage £3,000.

27 Sept. 1782. John Smith, Tho. Williams, Jeremiah Murden, Daniel Murden, Sarah Roberts wife of Jonathan Roberts, & Rich^d McClenan are summoned on behalf of William White & others vs. Adam Lovitt, deft.

26 March 1782. Charge of murder against Joab Flanakin, now a soldier in Col. Dabney's regiment.

1 April 1782. Summons for Drew Whitehurst and William Peberworth to answer a bill in Chancery by James Kempe, Gentleman. Endorsed: "Executed not to be found Copy left." Dism'd July 1782.

22 Feb. 1782. Capias for John Hill to answer Thomas Walke of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £1,000. Endorsed: "Dism'd July 82. No inhabitant."

14 May 1782. Capias for Josiah Arnald to answer Jesse Hill & Mary his wife of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Dism'd July 1782. No inhabitant.

4 Aug. 1780. Summons for William James Jun^r & Margaret his wife to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Charles Williamson & William -----(torn), executors of Robert Dickson decd. Dism'd July 1782.

24 July 1782. Capias for James Lovitte to answer Willoughby Williamson of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Dism'd Augst.

Account, dated Sept 1780. Mr. Peter Edwards to Ben: Griffith. Debit. "To your part in raising a man for a Division in which I was appointed recruiting Officer, £184, depreciation 72 for 1 £2:11:1."

24 July 1782. Capias for Henry Harrison Jun^r to answer Lydia Buskey, an infant by Cason Moore her guardian and next friend, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £100. Abates August.

15 Feb. 1782. Capias for Adam Lovitte and John Moore to answer Thomas Walke of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £1,000. Thomas Walke complains that Adam Lovett and John Moore did on

13 Feb. 1782 find & convert to their own use 75 nett Cattle, the property of the said Thomas Walke. Verdict for plt., Sept. 1783, £125.

30 Oct. 1782. Summons for Elizabeth Whitehurst, Lemuel Stone Junr & Jacamine his wife, & Mary Whitehurst an infant to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Joseph Benword & Amy his wife. Continued for bill Jan. 1786. Discontinued Jan. Rules 1789.

2 Sept. 1782. Summons for Tully Williamson and his mother Prudy Williamson to testify on behalf of Enoch Whitehurst Junr, deft., at the suit of William Parsons, plt.

✓ 11 May 1782. James Nimmo charges that James Lamb is guilty of treason. Summons on behalf of the Commonwealth for the following persons: Henry Keeling, Thos Benthall, Elizabeth Weeks, Anne Carmichael, Anne Norris, John Kenline, Jno Smith, Wm. McClenahan, Willoughby Wmson, Sarah Davis, Frances Davis, Wm Robinson Junr, Mrs. Scott, Jno Salusbury & Obedience Davis. . . . 23 May 1782, Obedience Davis, Thos Benthall, Henry Keeling, Frances Davis, Jno Salusbury Junr & Nancy Carmichael entered into bonds of £100 each to insure that they would appear before the next General or Oyer & Terminer Court in the Town of Richmond & give evidence vs. James Lamb touching a certain treason of which he stands charged with.

9 Sept. 1779. Warrant for the arrest of Joshua Hopkins who has been charged with treason. Summon Wm. Thompson, George Williamson, Wm. Whitehurst, Sarah Whitehurst, Jno Tanor, Hillary Moseley & wife, Simon Whitehurst, Thomas Kempe & Lieut. ----- Thompson at the Salt House, Wm Willeroy & John Parsons. [Note: Wm Thompson is on a list on one side of the page and Lieut. ----- Thompson is on a list on the other side. They may be the same person. The name of Thomas Kempe is also on both sides of the page, next to the name of Thompson in each case.] 15 Sept. 1779, summons for John Murden Senr and wife, John Murden Junr and William Smith & wife to testify on Saturday next the 18th Int on behalf of Joshua Hopkins. 13 May 1782, Nathaniel Nicholas, Sarah Grymes, Mary Price, Joshua McCoy, Epaphroditus Butt & Willis Butt enter into bonds of £100 each to appear before the next General or Oyer & Terminer Court to be held in the Courthouse in the Town of Richmond, then & there to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against Joshua Hopkins, touching a certain treason of which he stands charged with.

25 May 1782. Warrant for the arrest of John Caton, accused of treason by Elijah Nelson of Pr. Anne County. Summons for the Commonwealth Thos Nelson, John Gisburn, Jno Jones, & Elijah Nelson.

✓ "Commonwealth of Virginia To the Sheriff of Prs Anne County. Princess Anne Sct. Whereas Complaint hath this Day been made to me by Edward Moseley and Francis Land two of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the said County that John Ghiselin of the said County hath (without any Just cause) beat abused and greatly insulted the said Francis Land, on January Court Day last, in the presence of several Justices of the Peace and others, and since that time hath also greatly abused the said Edward Moseley & Francis Land, in saying that they were damned Rascals, and that he would Hang them both; And that he the said John Ghislin in a very unjustifiable manner, Ordered the Sheriff to discharge William Keeling Junr who was taken into Custody by Virtue of a Warrant issued by Lemuel Thorowgood Gentn, at the instance & request of the said John Ghiselin, and publicly declared that he would never be concerned in takeing up another Rascal in this County, for he could not have Justice done; I do therefore command & require you to apprehend the said John Ghiselin and bring him before me or some other Justice of the Peace for the said County that he may be examined concerning the premises, & dealt with as the Law directs; Given under my Hand & Seal this 8th Day of July 1782. James Kempe. Summon for witness's Willm Keeling Junr, Wm Norris, John Parsons, Enoch Whitehurst, Jacob Hunter & Frederick Boush." This warrant was dismissed July 1782.

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4 Sept. 1783. Sarah King charges that Thomas Galt, mariner, did beget the bastard child of which she was lately delivered. Thomas R^s Walker is security for Thomas Galt's bond to appear in Court.

Decree 6 Dec. 1783. Arthur Frizle & wife Julia, daughter of Elisha Cornish (who also left a widow Amy, and daughters Anna & Amy Cornish). A certain Michael Cornish also died intestate seized of 100 acres and a Negro man Lem. Michael Cornish was uncle of the whole blood to Julia, Anna & Amy, who inherited his Land & Negro in coparcenary. Two suits are involved.

10 April 1783. John Valentine & wife Anne vs. George Jamison Junr & wife Mary. The said Anne & Mary are daughters of Jn^o Moore, who died intestate, & coheirs of their father. Land is to be divided.

19 Feb. 1783. Division of slaves belonging to the estate of John

Corprew decd between John Whitehead Junr in right of Ann his wife, and Elizabeth Corprew.

List of insolvents, 1783, for the Revenue Tax & certificate tax. About 50 names listed.

Decree Feb. 1783. John Corprew decd left a widow Sarah who married Matthias Miller, and two daughters, to wit, Ann (wife of John Whitehead Junr) and Elizabeth.

24 Aug. 1783. Description by the commissioners of a division of the land, 100 acres, of the late John Kelley, between his two sons Reubin & John Kelley.

20 Aug. 1799. "This day John Ackiss Gent. made entry of all the Vacant and unappropriated Land in the said County adjoining 31½ acres of Land belonging to Jno Whitehead Senr as pr Patent dated the 10th day of April 1751, lying on Pungo Ridge containing Twenty five acres of Land which the said Jno Ackiss says is in a Warrant of Nine hundred and Seventy Acres which is lodged in the Land Office at Richmond with a plat of Land Surveyed & returned N^o 19,909 dated the 17th October 1783 There being no Surveyor Qualified to Act in the sd County. Teste, Black Wal" [Name of witness is not clear.]

"Princess Anne to wit; In Obedience to an order of the Court of the said County bearing date the Day of July in this present year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three we the Subscribers have met & laid off the Bounds of the Prison of the County in the following manner, to wit; Begining at the south west Corner of Wm. Scantlings Garden, & runing along the line between him & the Subscriber Wm Robinson N^o. two Degrees West two hundred & thirty one feet to a Post or Stone Near the main Street; thence N^o. eleven degrees east eight hundred & ninety one feet to a post near the Corner of Doctor Thomas Kempe's Garden, thence east two hundred & sixty four feet to a post in the Pasture of the Subscriber Wm White, thence South seven degrees West one thousand one hundred & twenty two feet to a post near a Ditch on the Land of Mr Anthony Walke, thence North eighty eight & a half degrees West two hundred & ninety seven feet to the first station, containing Seven Acres, three Rods & one perch, a plot of which is hereto annexed. Given under our hands this 14 Day of August 1783. Wm Robinson, William White, Jacob Valentine."

Letter dated 9 Dec. 1783, addressed to Colo Moseley. "Sir. If you can make it convenient and would be so good as to Oblige me that much, I should esteem it a particular favour if you'd please to speak to Mr. Kay's on my Behalf as I find he is going to sell my Effects, and

makes it a public discourse. I am afraid I trusted the wrong person. I know he would regard what you said in that respect. I have reason to think I shall be convenient to you next year, If you've any business I can do and will employ me. If you think it Necessary and will please to do it, should be glad youd speak to Colo Robinson for me tho' I spoke to him myself Once, to try if he can't get some time granted by the Court to pay Oldner. I intend to pay them all but can't at present—that is if it comes to an hearing. I am Sir Your most hble Servt. Jno. Salusbury Senr."

Decree Dec. 1783. Your orators Henry Woodhouse & Wm. Dale Woodhouse shew that Wm. Woodhouse, father of your orators, died after having made his will, whereby he gave certain legacies to his wife Betty, who is since dead, and to his children John, Mary & Betty, and to your orators. Your orators are now over 21, and the other children are now infants.

Decree Dec. 1783. Your orator & oratrix Lewis Guyon & Betsy Ann his wife shew that Caleb Lamount died intestate leaving your oratrix Betsy Ann his widow & relict, who hath since intermarried with your orator Lewis, and three children, to wit, Mary, Elizabeth & Susannah, who are now infants. The said Caleb died possessed in fee simple of different tracts of land, and of the following Negroes, to wit, Africa, Charles, Isaac, Beek, Bess, Nann, China & Sarah, which did descend in fee in coparcenary to the said Mary, Elizabeth & Susanna, subject to the dower of your oratrix.

20 March 1783. Daniel Franklin and Evan Malbone, laborers, are accused of burglarizing the dwelling house of Wm. Legitt. Acquitted 27 March 1783.

1 Dec. 1783. Capias for John Forrest to answer John Oliver, assignee of Marcom Short, of a plea of debt for £57:8:4, damage £15. Attached to the capias is a bond dated 15 Aug. 1775 whereby John Forrest obligated himself to pay £57:8:4 to Marcom Short of North Carolina & County of Martain, to secure the just sum of £28:14:2. This bond was witnessed by Alexr Keeling and Chas Nicholson. On the reverse side is an assignment dated 14 Sept 1782, whereby Marcom Short of Martin County, N. C. assigned his right in the said bond to Mr. John Oliver of Pr. Anne County. This assignment was witnessed by Sam^{ll} Smithwick.

"Desmr 6th 1781. We the Subscribers hereof Dothe hearby declare that we Never knew the sd Francis Moore to Bee a Disturber of the peace a tory or refgegee or a Disafected person to the Cause of a Marica

As we hereby witness by Seting our hands. William Ackiss, Caleb Simmons, Jno. Wicker, Joel King, James King, Wm. Kilgore, John Whitehead, George Plumer, henery harrison, Jonathan Fisher, Eliza Nelson, John Salmons, Jeremiah King, James King, Caleb Ward, Obediah Lawrence, Malachi Berry, Willoughby Berry, Daniel Goad, William James Senr."

10 Nov. 1783. John Simmalmons is jailed, charged with stealing three silver spoons from Anthony Lawson, Esq., & some other person or persons. Tried & acquitted 15 Nov. 1783.

10 Nov. 1783. Summons for Caleb Scott & Elizth Consaulvo to testify on behalf of Thos Galt in a certain controversy between Sarah King, plt., & said Thos Galt, deft.

Decree July 1783. Your orator & oratrix Giles Randolph & Lydia his wife shew that John Philpott died intestate, possessed of several slaves, & that he left the following children, to wit, Jesse his only son & heir at law, Letitia, your oratrix Lydia, and a younger child Anna. Jesse died intestate and his slaves did descend to the above three sisters of the whole blood in coparcenary. Letitia later died and left in her will her share of the slaves to her sister Anna, so that the said Anna is now entitled to two shares of the said slaves, and your orator in right of your oratrix his wife is entitled to one share. Anna is now an infant, and Thomas Wishart is her guardian appointed by the Court to defend her in this suit.

1782. Account. Mr. William Thorowgood is indebted to Jno Salusbury Senr for schooling his sons William and John Thorowgood, and his daughters Fanny and Amy Thorowgood during 1782; also for "Thomas Thorowgood Orphan's Schooling" during the same year.

28 Nov. 1783. Capias for Samuel Williams to answer Thomas Younghusband of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £15.

✓ 1 March 1783. Smith Shepherd & William Keeling came before John Cornick, J. P., and upon their oaths exhibited an Information of High Treason against John Moore of this county. Henry Keeling, constable, or Dim Cornick is hereby commanded to apprehend said John Moore and bring him before a Justice of the Peace of this county. Executed by Josiah Valentine, Dpy Sheriff. Remanded to Jail March 1783.

✓ 14 May 1783. John Keeling Senr & Isaac Cary of Pr. Anne County are bound in the sum of £480 to Aaron Lynn of Pasquotank County, North Carolina, to secure an attachment against Lynn's property by said Keeling.

24 Feb. 1782. Deposition of William Wiles, taken in Chowan County, N. C., on behalf of William Parsons, an infant by John Parsons his father & next friend. Deponent says he was coming from Hufmire school in company with William Parsons the plaintiff. They met Enoch Whitehurst who switched Parsons without provocation & told him to go home & tell his father, etc. Deposition taken by Chas Bondfield & Joseph Blount.

"Memorandum That this 11th day of Sept 1783 came personally before me Cason Moore, one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for the county of Princess Anne Richard McClalin Junr of the same county of full age and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God Depositeth [*sic*] and Sayeth That Adam Lovitt of sd county Told him That he The sd Lovitt Told him the said Deponent that he saw the Vessel when the fire was first Kindled to her, and That they Rolled Two Barrels of Tar to her and put to the fier, and it made a very pretty fier, he Told him This soon after the British Left this county of princess anne Thus sayeth this Deponant and no Further. [Signed] Richard (his mark) McClalin Jun. Signed and acknowledged before me Cason Moore"

✓ Decree May 1783. Your orators William, Henry and Gisborne Pallet by Matthew Pallet their guardian shew that John Pallet decd in his will gave to his three youngest children, Wm, Henry & Gisborne & the one that she is now with child with [*sic*] the following Negroes, to wit, Bab, Roger, Frank, Harry & Amy to be equally divided after my wife's widowhood or death. The child the widow was ensient with has been delivered & is called Edward, & the widow has since intermarried with a certain John Keeling.

April 1783. Thomas Wishart, attorney in fact for Joseph Hewet and Ann his wife, adm'x of Robert Thelaball, late of Norfolk County decd, complains that John Cannon, who owes Thelaball's estate £9, hath privately removed himself, etc.

Oct. 1783. Nathl Boush & Anne his wife, executors &c of John Hudson decd, humbly shew that Tully Moseley is indebted to their testator £3.

Nov. 1783. The Grand Jury present Mr. Robert Holmes & Mrs Elizabeth Scott for fornication. Judgts March 1784.

14 Sept. 1782. Jno Oliver promises to pay £5 to Marcom Short of N. C.

3 Oct. 1780. Ruth Fountain charges that James King is the father of her bastard child, lately delivered.

June 1783. The estate of Mr. Reuben Williamson decd in acct with Jonathan Fisher. March 1782, To hire of a boat to North Carolina £3.

18 July 1783. John West of Currituck County, N. C., seeks to put John Bolt under a peace bond.

26 May 1783. Summons for Hannah Steed to answer the petition of James Taylor, surviving partner of Ramsey & Taylor. Among the papers is the account of Mrs. Hannah Steed to Ramsey and Taylor for various pharmaceutical items dating from 4 June 1773 to 26 Jan. 1774 for son & for Negro boy.

26 May 1783. Summons for Hannah Steed to answer the petition of Js. Taylor & Wm. Foushee, surviving partners of Ramsey, Taylor & Foushee, for £2 due by account for various itemized pharmaceutical items, and for going in the night by desire to visit wench, bleeding her with an anod. draught & a purge.

27 Oct. 1800. Joshua James & Frankey his wife and Solomon Steed & Anne his wife are summoned to answer a bill in Chancery against them by Amy Cornick, and John & Mary Hayes Cornick, infants orphans of John Cornick decd by the said Amy Cornick their mother, guardian & next friend.

BOX A 26, MARKED 1783

15 April 1783. William Kilgour & Elizabeth his wife, who was Elizabeth Stripes before coverture by or with him.

"Daniel Murden Aged Twenty one Years or thereabouts being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist Deposeth and sayeth that some time in July One Thousand seven Hundred Eighty one in the time of the British Invasion he the Deponant was down at Kemps Landing and saw Adam Lovitt in Company with the British Army then at Kemps and the said Lovitt ask't this Deponant to Carry home some Sugar for him, and this Deponant ask't him if he was not a Going home Adam Lovitt made answer he was not and this Deponant ask't him what he tarried for he made answer you shall hear what I stay for then this Deponant ask't Aquilla Jones who was in Company with said Lovitt and the British what Lovitt Tarried for, Jones's answer was that he the said Lovitt was intended to bring up a British Party that Evening to Burn a Vessell that Joel Simmons had on the Stocks at West Landing, and this Deponant

further sayeth he understood the Vessell was burned & Destroyed the same Night following and further this Deponant Sayeth Not. [Signed] Daniel Murden. Sepr 11th 1783, Sworn to before Jno. Ackiss, Cason Moore"

Account of Adam Lovett to William White, Wm. Russel & Co. Debit. 1782. "To a Brigantine of 95 $\frac{3}{4}$ Tun burden burned by the Enemy at his Request and Information @ £6 specie p' Tun. . . . £574: 10. N. B. The above Brig could have been finished in six days."

12 June 1780. Articles of Agreement between Joel Simmons of the One Part and Amos Weeks, William Russel, Benj. Hicks &c on the other part Witnesseth to Wit: That the said Joel Simmons doth Agree to Build a Vessell of the following Dimensions, vizt: Fifty feet strait Rabbet, Twenty feet Beam, Eight & half feet Dept in Hold at the Rate of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds pr Ton, etc., etc. On the back of this paper is the following: "Russell &c vs. A. Lovitt. Judgt for Deft. Sept 1783." This paper was attached to others involving Adam Lovitt and the burning of a vessel.

11 Aug. 1783. From Currituck County, N. C., the depositions of John Grimstead aged about 30, Thomas Allen aged about 70, and John Hill aged about 31 (who about June 1781 was going to carry some things belonging to his sister to Mr. Munden's Landing). These depositions are concerned with the British activities, and Adam Lovett & others.

14 Sept. 1782. William White of Pr. Anne County, attorney in fact for Peter Singleton of Perquimans County, N. C., complains that William Lovett late of Pr. Anne hath removed himself out of the county or so absconds, etc. Attachment issued against the goods of said William Lovett to secure a debt of £40. Endorsed: "The overplus if any of a horse after satisfying Richd E. Lee to satisfy Wm. White, Gent., for Peter Singleton. Judgt August 1783."

1782 and 1783. The accounts of Amy, Nanny and Franky Lovett, orphans of Henry Lovett, with Reuben Lovett their guardian. Three month's schooling for Amy and Nanny in each year.

✓ Decree Sept. 1783. John Keeling & Mary his wife, formerly wife to John Pallet who left a will mentioning his wife and his sons John & Matthew Pallet.

June 1783. Mr. Francis Hague owes the estate of Hugh Craigdallie decd for various medicines for Hague's wife in 1773.

5 April 1783. Deposition of Erasmus Haynes an aged person. Deponent saith that "a few days before the British Troops evacuated

Portsmouth he met the late John Murden in Company with a number of British Refugees, who told him they were in quest of Cattle & Sheep, on hearing of which he the Deponent suspecting that certain Persons were pointed at & that he might be one of the devoted number immediately turned and went Homeward with them, and on their getting near the House of John Cock a Party of them, went in and took from the said Cock five or Six head of Cattle, that another Party called at Bridget Langley's & took nine or ten head of Cattle from her and that the Deponent on finding they intended to call at his House endeavoured to divert them from it, by telling the Officer, that the British had already got most of his Cattle and appealed to said Murden (who was their Guide) for the truth of his Assertion, who reply'd that they had taken some of them, and the party being near the Deponents Gate, immediately turned into his House & took three Oxen from him, & further this Deponent sayeth not." This deposition was taken in the case of John Cock vs. Elizth Murden, and in the presence of the parties.

Verdict June 1783. John Mackie complains that on 15 June 1781 John Moore, James Wilbur, John Grimstead and Adam Lovett with force and Arms took and carried away from him one Gun, one pair of silver buckles, one Westcoat, one young mare, and seven sheep, and other wrongs to him then & there did.

8 May 1783. Jury presents Marshal Anderson & Susanna Pebworth for adultery, by information of James Nimmo.

Sworn 11 April 1783. The estate of Boroughs Moseley is indebted to Wm. Holmes for two coffins, one for himself and the other for his wife at eight dollars each.

Account, sworn 20 March 1782. The estate of Mr. Reuben Wmson deceased is indebted to Jonathan Fisher £3 for the hire of a boat to North Carolina State and damages.

Judgment 1783. From a torn paper. The writing probably consists of one of the Justices' notes on a Chancery suit. Missing portions are here supplied by context, and are in italics. "Thomas Haynes died intestate leaving a Widow *and three* children, to wit, John, Thomas & Fanny. About the Year 72 or 73 a Bill in Chancery was filed in Order to set apart the Widows Dower, which was accordingly done, the Heir at Law, John Haynes, by his Guardian *consenting* thereto. In a short Time after *the* Dower Slaves being set *apart*, John Haynes, the Heir at law died under *age* and Intestate, in Scotland *and in due* Course T. Haynes, a younger Brother & Heir at Law to John, arrived to the Age of maturity, married, Died and left a Son, W. W. Haynes. Query:

Is William W. Haynes to inherit in full the Slaves that wou'd have descended, or have been the Right of John Haynes, in case he had lived. Query: As no Division was ever made in the Slaves after the Widows Dower was set apart, Whither Fanny Haynes has not a right to come in for an equal part with her Brother Thomas, or his Heir, of all Slaves undivided exclusive of the Widows Dower. At the time the Widow's Dower was set apart, there were the following Negroes (to wit) Roger, Isaac, Moody & Nan: Isaac was set apart for the Widow's Dower. Que: whether will the Heir at Law be not obliged to account for Moody who is since gone to the *British* as well as for those which still remain? from the time of the appraisements will not the Heir *at Law* be accountable for interest & from what period?"

June 1783. The Estate of Solomon Capps is indebted to Mary Dawley for "Nursing and Entertaining him in his Sickness and finding a Coffin and a Coffin for his Child and Burryg them. . . . £6."

BOX A 27, MARKED 1784

10 Aug. 1784. "I Ann Sorey widow of Peter Sorey Deced do Relinquish Qualifying as Adminestrx to the Will of the Deced and does approve of my Brother John Hodges Executing the same. Given under my hand. Ann (her mark) Sorey. Test, William Sory."

20 Nov. 1783. Jno Ackiss, who was chosen arbiter by Mr. Joshua Lawrence and Mr. Caleb Moore, lays off the dower of the said Moore's wife in the land the said Lawrence now possesses.

1774 to 1788. Papers relating to the estate of Samuel Butt decd. Among the papers is an undated paper referring to expences of the funeral for Hanner Butt decd.

14 Dec. 1784. Summons for Frances Denney, adm'x of Geo. Denney decd, to appear in court and give Mary Wishart, ex'x of Wm. Wishart decd, who was security for the said Frances Denney's administration of the said George Denney's estate, counter security or deliver up the said estate to her.

24 June in the 8th year of the Commonwealth. Capias for Jonathan Mason to answer Anthaliah Nelson of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £150. Dism'd Aug. 1786.

3 July 1784. Summons for Thos Whitehurst Senr & his brother

William Whitehurst, the Calker, & Geo: Williamson, the Tailor, to testify for Enoch Whitehurst Junr, defendant, at the suit of Robt Burley, ex'or of Holstead.

✓ 1 July 1784. Summons for Mary Keeling, wife of Wm. Keeling Junr, to prove a deed from Robt Keeling to Joseph Nottingham.

28 May 1784. Second Capias for James Hermon to answer Peter Singleton of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £15. Abates June 1784. No inhabitant.

✓ 28 April 1784. Capias for Matthew Godfrey, cordwainer, to answer Thomas Old of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20.

18 March 1784. Capias for Richd Corbitt, ex'or of Gideon Merchant, to answer Abraham Wormington of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £40. Endorsed: "No inhabitant."

25 Aug. 1784. Capias for John Phillips Biddle & Sarah his wife, adm'rs of Henry Gasking deceased, to answer Amos Weeks, adm'r &c [of] Wm Keeling Junr decd, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20.

24 June 1784. Summons for William Gordon & Caleb Gordon to appear at the courthouse in the Town of Kempsville to testify for Elizabeth Gordon vs. Henry Kinsey.

28 Aug. 1784. Summons for Charles Sayer, ex'or of Thurmer Hoggard, to answer the petition of Wm. Scantling, adm'r &c of Jno Kenline decd for £1:13:10 due to Scantling's testator by account dated 1777. [Note: the will of Thurmer Hoggard is not listed in Torrence's *Virginia Wills and Administrations*. The will was dated 1773 and proved in 1779, and is found in Deed Book 16, folio 64. In the two counties of Princess Anne and Norfolk we have found purely by accident more than forty wills and inventories omitted in Torrence's book, so that probably dozens more will be found to have been omitted. This is not said to detract from the value of Clayton Torrence's *Virginia Wills and Administrations*, for it is truly the Bible of Virginia genealogists. In an undertaking as large as his, errors and omissions were bound to occur.]

"Princess Anne Sct. The Petition of Thos Hunter of said County Humbly sheweth That whereas there has been a Road runing along the North Side of a Plantation belonging to the Estate of Hillary Williams late of sd County decd whereon a certain Solomon Ewell now lives, leading to your Petitioners Plantation & several Others in that part of little Creek Precinct, ever since he coud remember. Your Petitioner further sheweth that some few years ago the said Solomon Ewell stoped

up the Road on the North Side, & directed it along the South Side thereof, which was equally beneficial to your Petitioner & others to whose Houses & Plantations the same lead. But now through some enmity, spite or dispute happening between the said Solomon Ewell & Thos S. Thorowgood who is now Tenant on your Petitioner's Land to which this Road used to lead, He the said Solomon Ewell has stoped or caused to be stoped effectually up every Road & pass both on the North & on the South Side, by which Means from the Nature of the situation of the Place your Petitioner is hindred from going so conveniently to his said Plantation as he ought to do, & the said Thos S. Thorowgood & all others to whose Plantations the above mentioned Road use to lead cannot now travel to any --blic [torn] part of this County without great inconvenience & riding many unnecessary Miles which must greatly retard their business. Your Petitioner therefore prays that there may be a road established through the sd Plantation either on one side or the other, & that there may be Commissioners appointed to view the Conveniences & Inconveniences both of the North & of the South Side that woud happen or accrue to the Parties; & report the same to the next court. [Signed] Thos: Hunter." Order granted Oct. 1784.

30 March 1784. Capias for John Bolt & Betty Coats to answer Elizabeth Caton of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £25. Abates April 1784.

28 June 1784. Summons for Thomas Cartner to answer the petition of Benjamin Griffith for £4:13, due by account dated 1783. Debit. To rent of plantation one year. To 9 days work of Son Lam. Credit. By quarter schooling my [i. e., Griffith's] Lam^l.

"Princess Anne Mar. 4th. This is to Certifie that Samuel Smittix proved an account in Martin County in North Carolina Against James Jarrard of Currituck County and got a Judgment for the same, and obtained and attachment for the Money in my Fathers Hands James Carraways which he owed the said Jarrard by Bond given him about the year 1776. [Signed] David Carraway. The above Certificate Sworn to before me, Cason Moore, J. P."

22 May 1804. Attachment issued to produce Matthias Drewry & Mary his wife who was the widow of John Hunter decd, Peter Whitehurst & Jacamine his wife who was Jacamine Hunter, Edw^d & Charles Moseley, infants, Wm. & Jno Nimmo, infants, for contempt of court, for not answering the bill of complaint exhibited against them by Wm. Hunter, surviving ex'or of Hillary Moseley decd, who was adm^r of James Hunter Jun^r decd.

"James Son of Jacob & Frances Nimmo was born 14th of May 1762 as appears by the Register Book of this Parish. [Signed] James Simpson. 8th Sept^r 1785." On the back of this paper is: "Jas Nimmo vs. Simmons; Certificate."

29 Dec. 1783. Robert Trowers & Mary his wife, formerly wife to Henry Lamount who died intestate possessed of 73 acres & slaves Sam, Amy & Judy. Henry left a wife Mary & a daughter Sarah his heir at law, who is an infant of tender years.

29 Oct. 1784. John Lovitt is summoned to answer James Lovitt, adm'r of Elizabeth Simmons decd, for £1:16:3 due to him by account. Attached to this paper is another showing the account of John Lovitte to the estate of Elizabeth Simmons decd for one yearling bought of the decedent in her lifetime at £1:10 and one dye pot at £0:6:3. The paper was witnessed by Rachel Simmons and Ann Simmons.

15 Oct. 1784. Thos Lovitt is summoned to testify on behalf of Wm. Lovitt in the case of the said Wm. Lovitt ads. Thos Banks's Ex's.

18 Feb. 1784. Capias for William Smith to answer Gustave Noordin assignee of Vigante of a plea of debt for £59 with interest, damage £10. Bail, Nicholas Goteer & R. Woods.

13 May 1784. Capias for Gustave Noordingh to answer William Smith of a plea of Trespass on the Case, Damage £500. In an attached paper Wm. Smith accuses Noordingh of slander.

14 June 1784. Report ordered concerning Martha Fentress, a poor unfortunate & distressed woman.

4 June 1784. Capias for John Murray, adm'r of Matthias Murray decd, to answer Willis Shipwash & Anne his wife, ex'ors of Nathaniel Denby decd, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £30.

✓ 25 July 1782. Capias for John Stone to answer Henry Land & Frances his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50.

✓ 29 May 1784. Jno Stone & Abigail his wife, adm'rs of Js Williams decd, are summoned to answer the petition of James Williamson's adm'rs.

BOX A 28, MARKED 1784

8 Jan. 1784. Martha Morse charges that Thomas Nelson is the father of her bastard child. Mary Nelson, Anthy Nelson & July Bush are summoned as witnesses for the defendant Thomas.

✓ Aug. 1784. Matthew Pallett sheweth that John Keeling, blacksmith, is indebted to him £3:15:6.

June 1784. James Smith, brother & heir at law of John Smith decd, son of John.

18 May 1784. Summons for William Wilkins to answer the petition of Benjamin Tyler for £4:10 due by account dated 24 Feb. 1784, "for half Freight on Sloop Hermit from Old plantation to Newtown." Account sworn to in Norfolk County 9 April 1784 before ----- Brown.

July 1784. John Scott Salusbury Junr sheweth that Newman Salusbury owes him 40 shillings, due by account, for various articles of apparel, repair of shoes, etc.

May 1784. Commissioners make an equal division of certain land mentioned in a chancery suit between John Valentine & Anne his wife in right of the said Anne of the one part, and George Jamieson Junr and Mary his wife in right of the said Mary of the other part. Anne was assigned the manor part of the plantation, touching Henry Holmes's line.

28 Sept. 1784. Summons for William Lovett to answer Frances & John Banks, ex'ors of Thos Banks decd, for £3:11:9, due by account dated 16 May 1780, for rum.

30 Aug. 1784. Summons for Rhody Dawley, adm'x of Wm. Dawley decd, to answer the petition of Zadock Dailey for £2, due by account dated 18 Feb. 1778.

7 Aug. 1784. Summons for Hillary Whitehurst and John Woodhouse to answer a bill in Chancery against them by John Ghiselin. Dism'd Sept. 1784.

18 Nov. 1783. Summons for William Holmes to answer the petition of Francis Land, Gent., guardian of Miss Margaret Keeling, for £2, due by account, "to hire of Negro Tabb last year in Paper £150, Depreciation 75 for one. . . . £2." The account was sworn to on 15 Nov. 1783.

8 Jan. 1780. Summons for Lydia Brown an infant to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against her by Henry Harrison Junr and Amy his wife. Dism'd March 1784.

4 Oct. 1779. Summons for Thomas Langley, Jeremiah Land and Elizabeth his wife, Jeremiah Wright and Margaret alias Peggy his wife, & William Huggins, Margaret Huggins & Elizabeth Huggins, infants orphans of Robert Huggins decd, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Willis Langley. Dism'd March 1784.

1 Oct. 1784. Capias for Edward Brown & Letitia his wife, ex'ors of John Absalom, to answer Anne Newton, ex'x of Lem^l Newton decd, of a plea of debt for £5:6, damage forty shillings. Dism'd Nov. 1784.

12 March 1784. Sheriff to sell the personal estate of John Shapman decd, unadministered by Hillary Williams his deceased executor.

BOX A 29, MARKED 1784

29 Dec 1783. Summons for Elizabeth Warnick to answer the petition of Elizabeth King for a debt of £3:2:10 due by account dated 1781 "to Nursing Hur Mother and self in the Small Pox 3 Weeks & 1 Day at 20/."

Sworn 16 Dec 1783. Mr. Charles Ray at Kempsville is indebted to Amice Tinny £1:17:6 for "120 time Shaveing at 3³/₄d."

16 Oct. 1784. Dennis Dawley, ex'or &c of Jonathan Bonney Senr decd, sheweth that Henry Harrison, bricklayer, and Henry Harrison stand indebted to his testator's estate £3, due by note with interest from 21 Sept. 1776, it being due for value received. The note was witnessed by John Bonney Senr.

22 Nov. 1784. Summons for Dinah Olive and Rebecca Davis daughter [*sic*] of Rich^d Davis to testify for William Cottle & wife vs. J^{no} Gisborn. Attached is the account of Mr. J^{no} Gisborn to Wm. Cottle & Betsey his wife for 1 horse @ £3. The account is dated 25 Sept 1781.

3 July 1784. Summons for Wm. Whitehurst Junr & Sarah Whitehurst, the son & daughter of Mary Whitehurst, to testify on behalf of Mary Whitehurst vs. Nath^l Nicholas. Plea of Trespass quare clausum fregit [frequently abbreviated in the records as T. Q. C. F.]. Mary Whitehurst complains that Nathan^l Nicholas on 1 March 1783 with force and arms entered upon her Lands and broke open doors of her house, etc., to the damage of £200. 2 July 1784, Sheriff of Norfolk County is commanded to summon Willis Butt, Lem^l Butt and Joshua McCoy to testify for Nath^l Nicholas in this case.

31 March 1783. Capias for Henry Iverson alias Harrison to answer Richard White of a plea of debt for £802, due by bill, damage £150. The bill reads as follows: "This Bill bindeth me Henry Harrison Junr to pay or cause to be paid to Richard White his hiers or assigns the Just Sum of Eight Hundred and two pounds lawful money of Virginia on

demand Jany 1st 1782 It being for hire of a Negro belonging Jno Whitehead Orphan. [Signed] Henry (his mark) Harrison. Test, Jno Shortzraitz, William Ackiss."

July 1784. Jacob Valentine complains that John Tolson, mariner, hath privately removed himself out of this county, etc.

5 Aug. 1784. We the subscribers have assigned to Lewis Guion & Betsey Ann his wife the one third of the estate which her the said Betsey Ann's late husband Caleb Lamount died seised and possessed of, etc.

7 July 1784. Thomas Reynolds Walker, ex'or of Sarah Jones, who was ex'x of Robert Jones decd, plt., vs. John Brown, blacksmith, deft.

18 May 1784. Adam Lovitt is summoned to answer the petition of Richd Evers Lee, Gentleman. The following is from an attached paper, an account: 1782 [or 1783?]. Mr. Adam Lovitt to Richd E. Lee. Debit. "To fee for attendance & as an att' on your examination for High Treason. . . . £3:12:0."

BOX A 30, MARKED 1784

14 June 1784. Deposition of Beasley Augustus Edgar Joel, relating to Duncan Campbell, to whom Wm. Scantling was guardian. Elsewhere the two middle names of this deponent are reversed to read Beasley Edgar Augustus Joel.

Decree March 1804. John Smith died intestate in 1802, leaving five children & two grandchildren, to wit, your orator Charles Smith, the administrator, and your oratrix Ann Wray wife of your orator Charles Wray, your orator John Smith, your oratrix Elizabeth Woodhouse & Pembroke Smith; and Elizabeth Lyon & William Lyon, infants orphans of John Lyon decd by Molly his wife also decd, daughters of the said John Smith decd.

Decree April 1784. Giles Randolph & wife Lydia shew that Jesse Philpott decd, brother of the whole blood to said Lydia, died intestate & left also a sister of the whole blood named Anna, & Jesse's land descended to the said Lydia and Anna in fee simple as the said Jesse died without issue. Anna is under 21.

3 Sept. 1785. Deposition of William Wilroy taken in Camden County, N. C., by Abner Harrison & Enoch Sawyer, Justice of that State.

Also deposition of Benjamin Phillips of the same county on the same date, concerning Joseph Jones & James Wilroy.

March 1784. James Whitehurst, grandson of Bridget Langley decd, issues a caveat against the proving of her will, claiming she was not of sound mind & memory at the time & that being in a low state of health she could not utter herself so as to be understood.

19 June 1781. Jonathan Gamewell, orphan of Pr. Anne County, doth with the advice & consent of Dinah Mason his next friend bind himself as apprentice to James King for the term of ten years or until he shall arrive to the age of 21 years, said James King to learn him to write & read, and also to learn him to Farm in the Country Way. Witnessed by Jno Ackiss. This document was lodged in the office June 1784.

Decree July 1784. Your orator Thomas Thorowgood & your oratrix Mary Thorowgood, infants orphans of Robert Thorowgood decd, by William Thorowgood Senr, guardian & next friend of your orator Thomas, and by Jno Thorowgood, guardian & next friend of your oratrix Mary, shew that their said father died intestate possessed of certain slaves. The said Robert Thorowgood decd also left at his death several children, namely, James his eldest son & heir at law, Nanny, Sally, your orator Thomas, Robt Nicholson, and your oratrix Mary Thorowgood, which said Nanny, Sally, & Robert Nicholson are since dead, whereby their respective parts of said slaves survive to be divided between your orator & oratrix and the said James Thorowgood.

Nov. 1784. Grand Jury presents Sarah Lovitt for retailing liquor without License.

25 Jan. 1784. The keeper of the jail is ordered to receive into his custody the bodies of Jonathan Creed and George Smith son of George of this county, charged with feloniously entering on board the Pilot Boat Fanny and Polly, lately stranded on the beach in this county. and stealing sundry articles therefrom. Summon as witnesses on behalf of the Commonwealth Thomas Wilson, Joshua Lamount, Caleb Gordon & David Carrol.

Decree Oct. 1784. Your orator Kitley Phillips an infant under 21, by Elenor Philips his next friend, sheweth that William Cannady in his last will gave to his son John Cannady fifty acres of land, being the plantation whereon he lived, subject to the use of his widow Rhoda during her widowhood. The said John about ten years ago sold the said fifty acres & a cypress swamp adjoining thereto to your orator's father Mitchel Philips decd. The said Mitchel died intestate leaving

your orator his eldest son & heir at law to whom the said land & swamp descended in fee simple subject to the use & possession thereof of the said Rhoda Cannady during her widowhood, who during such use and enjoyment hath committed waste & destruction upon the same by felling, cutting & selling & suffering others to cut many valuable trees on the said land & premises to the great damage and injury of your orator.

Petitioner Wm. Kays sheweth that the road leading to a place called Dawleys Landing partly running through your petitioner's land lying near Pungo Chapel is very inconvenient to him as it runs almost through the middle of it, and that if an alteration of the said Road was to take effect in the following manner he conceives it would not be disadvantageous to the public, & be of great advantage to him, the road to begin to the southward of the Chapel about half a quarter of a mile from it & binding on the land of John Cason, but to run through your petitioner's land & then to fall in with the old road. Order granted for viewers May 1784.

"In obedience to an order of Princess Anne County Court to us directed To take in our possession the Estate of Martha Fentress we the subscribers have made a diligent search and Cannot find no other Estate only a Right in some land which was left her by her Farther William Fentress last will we have offered the land privately also has advertisd it publicly and Cannot find no one that is in any ways inclinable to take her and Support her for what Right she has & this is our Report Given under our Hand this Eleventh day of November one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty four. Hilary Moseley, John Hopkins."

11 Nov. 1784. John Ghiselin, Wm. Haynes & Jonathan Parke return their report relative to Thos Hunter's petition for a road through either the north side or the south side of the plantation whereon Solomon Ewell now lives, belonging to the estate of Hilliary Williams decd. They recommend the road be established on the north side, where a road used to run. Contd for Report Nov. 1784.

13 Dec. 1783. Ellender Phillips made oath that she is afraid that John Canaday will kill and destroy her stock and property. On the same date, John (his mark) Canady gave bond to secure his appearance in court, with Rhoda (her mark) Cannady and Thomas Old his securities.

14 Jan. 1783. Capias for Joshua Hopkins to answer Nathaniel Nicholas of a plea of Trespass, damage £50. Nathaniel Nicholas, by James Nimmo his attorney, complains of Joshua Hopkins in Custody &c that the said Joshua on 7 Nov. 1780 with force of arms took &

carried away one gun & Bayonet, one Cartouch Box & Pistol, one great coat, one Hat, two silver Stock Buckles, one silver breast buckle, one silver knee buckle, one pair plated shoe buckles, four cheeses, one chest lock, one horn of powder, one corn bag, and one pinch back stock buckle, the property of the said Nathaniel of the value of £50. Judgment Aug. 1784. Jury finds for the plt., ten pounds.

22 Jan. 1784. Summons for Wm. Shipp, executor of his own wrong of Willis Shipp decd, to answer the petition of William Kays for £4:9:10 due by account. [Note: the expression "executor of his own wrong" means intermeddler, or one who attempts to act as executor without lawful authority. See Bouvier's *Law Dictionary*.]

John Biddle, by Drew Whitehurst his guardian & next friend, complains of Joseph Maye in Custody &c, claiming that Maye has injured his good name in saying that he, John, stole iron, & the iron work of sundry people out of the said Joseph Maye's shop. Jury sworn Nov. 1788. No papers returned; dism'd, agreed March 1789.

26 Nov. 1783. Capias for John Lovitt Junr to answer James Lamb of a plea of debt for £24, damage forty shillings, due by bond, signed by John Lovitt on 22 Dec. 1781, and witnessed by Leml Cornick and Simon Stone. Judgment June 1784.

1783 to 1784. Amy, Nanny & Frankey Lovett, orphans of Henry Lovett decd, in account with Reuben Lovett their guardian. Account shows three months schooling for each at 10 shillings each, also primer books for Amy & Nanny.

1 March 1782. Henry Woodhouse & Wm. Cox vs. Mr. Joseph White, Mr. Edward Petty, Mr. Robert Trowers, Mr. Jno Lovitt, Mr. Arthur Wardin, Mr. Caleb Lamount, in Ejectment, for 1250 acres, being the same land which Ann Keeling by deed of 5 July 1693 had conveyed to her by a certain Anthony Lawson.

Decree Dec. 1784. Thomas Haynes is dead intestate, leaving Mary his widow & three children, John his eldest son & heir at law, Thomas, and Fanny, now the wife of Jonathan Park. John the heir at law also died intestate, leaving as his heir at law his brother Thomas, who hath likewise since departed this life leaving his only son & heir at law William Wishart Haynes. Your orators, Jonathan Park & wife Fanny, seek one third of the value of certain slaves, with interest from 24 June 1762, the time of the appraisement of the other estate.

Decree Dec. 1784. William Webling, presumed dead at sea from his long absence, had a daughter Elizabeth, now under 21, and a wife Frances, now wife of James Lamb. As William left no will his negroes

descended to George, his eldest son & heir at law, subject to the dower of Frances, & a proportionable part of the remaining two thirds to your orator Elizabeth. Jonathan Hopkins decd was uncle & next friend to the said George, George being then an infant, and the said Jonathan sold the old Negroes left by William and bought a breeding wench named Frank of a certain William Keeling to replace aged Negroes Scipio & Betty.

Sept. 1783. James Spratt & Mary his wife, daughter of James Jackson decd, issue a caveat against the paper writing exhibited by Elizabeth Jackson as the will of James Jackson, claiming unsound mind of the testator. Dism'd March 1784.

31 March 1783. Capias for Henry Iverson alias Harrison to answer Richard White, Gent., of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £40.

Dismissed Dec. 1784. Keeling vs. Cannon's ex'or, in Chancery. Elizabeth Cannon, ex'x of Edward Cannon decd, sued John Keeling who was security on a Bond for £22 given by Robert Cartwright to Edward Cannon as guardian to John Buskey an infant (who is since dead intestate, at whose death the money arising from the said bond descended to a certain Jonathan Buskey as his only brother & representative). Robt Cartwright soon moved with most of his property to N. C.

1783. William Thorowgood, orphan, in account with Lemuel Thorowgood his guardian. The following noteworthy item is included in the account: 2 Sept. 1783, to cash paid Mr. Thomas Wishart for going to New York after Negro woman. . . . £—:5:—.

The county of Princess Anne is indebted to Peter Singleton, 9 March 1778, to Cartage & Storage of the Records, when brought back. . . . £0:12. 26 March 1784, to rent of Dry Goods Store from Nov. 1782 to this day. . . . £27. 3312 pounds of tobacco levied.

Dec. 1784. Appraisalment of Philip Bower's estate, returned by Anthy Murphy, Thomas (his mark) Lovitt, Joel Simmons.

4 Jan. 1781. The Commonwealth of Virginia is indebted to Neil Jamison £7:19 for 1 gun, for 15 days work in the Armerer Shop, for putting 5 English prisoners in Irons, & for 3 new pr. handcuffs. Levied March 1784.

BOX A 31, MARKED 1785

Sept. 1785. John Fentress Senr, who died testate, left a widow Letitia (now wife of Lodwick Gustave Rabart), and seven children, to

wit, Jonathan his eldest son, John, Letitia wife of a certain John Cox, Frances wife of a certain Joab McClelan, and Ann, Naomy and Moses. Within nine months after the death of her said husband the late John Fentress decd, in her proper person in open court, Letitia his widow renounced the legacies given to her by her late husband's will, upon which renunciation she became entitled to one third part of the land & slaves of which the said John died possessed.

3 Jan. 1785. Jno Lovit, ex'or of John Tipling decd, had a summons issued against Caleb Whitehurst, alleging a debt to his testator of £3 due by account. [Note: there were several John Lovetts of this period. The John mentioned above may have been the father of John Stewart Lovett. John Tipling of Charleston, S. C. in his will, dated 1781 and proved in 1782 in Pr. Anne county, mentions John Stewart Lovett as a legatee.]

1 Feb. 1785. Capias for Cosimo Medici to answer Mary Ross of a plea of Trespass on the Case. Agreed & dism'd Feb. 1785.

13 May 1785. Jona: Park, John Hunter & William White have this day set apart to Richard Henry Lee Lawson 250 acres out of the tract lately occupied by his father Anthony Lawson decd, agreeable to the will of his said father. The land, described in detail, borders the land of Nathaniel Hoggard and Moseley Hancock. Also the above three men set apart 250 acres to Anthony Lawson, agreeable to the will of his abovesaid father. This second tract borders Mr. James Moore's line at or near the road leading to Norfolk, and also borders Nathaniel Hoggard's line.

July 1784. Capias for Jonathan Mason to answer Lovey King of a plea of Trespass on the Case (slander), damage £150. Dism'd Dec. 1785.

"At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 14th day of October 1785. On the Motion of John Hancock, Gent., & others Setting forth that in consequence of the Great loss in Slaves & removal of persons out of the Precinct in which they reside, that there is not a sufficient Number of Male Tithables remaining to keep the Highway & many Bridges in repair without being exceedingly Burthensome to them, especially as their precinct is very extensive Therefore It is Ordered that the Causeway & Bridges called Spratts, Chapmans or Moore's be added to Little Creek precinct & be kept in repair by the Surveyor thereof; and that James Moore & George Jamison send their Tithables to work in said Little Creek Precinct in future; And It is further ordered that the Causeway on the West side of the Bridge at Kemps-

ville be added to Kempesville precinct and kept in repair by the Surveyor thereof in future."

2 July in the 9th year of the Commonwealth. Summons for Lancaster Fentress to answer the petition of Henry Whitehurst, ex'or of Jno Whitehurst decd, for £4:12 due by note. Abates July 1785; no inhabitant.

"The petition of Henry Kellam humbly sheweth to your worships That he would be happy in having a road from his plantation described as followeth, to wit, Begining at the Branch joining Mr. Walke's Thruston Plantation & runing in a strait line from thence to a corner of the Plantation that formerly belonged to Parson Dixon, & your Petitioner humbly hopeth that Commissioners may be appointed to inspect the sd place. [Signed] Henry Kellam." On the back of this paper is the date April 1785. Attached to this petition is a court order appointing four viewers to view the suggested road. The two sides of this court order appear to have been used for two entirely unrelated purposes, for on the side on which the court order is written we find, written at a right angle, the following notation: "Coupland vs. Harrison. State of the Case." On the other side we find a notation, the right hand side of each line having been sliced away. This notation reads: "William Harrison Gave to his Da----- Whatson one negro Garl In the ----- and then he kep her in Quiet Pos----- Date of 63 then Mikel Whatson ----- wife admineased on the Estate and ----- Secuarty Cep her out of the Esta----- not Let her be apraised in the -----." The paper on which the above notation is written shows a watermark: a crown in a circle, with the capital letters G R under the crown. It is quite possible that this notation refers to persons outside of Pr. Anne County.

28 Nov. in the 10th year of the Commonwealth. Summons for Martha Walker & Molly Keeling, daughter of Alexd, to testify for Wm. White in his controversy vs. Chs Nicholson. Hearing set for Dec. 1785.

8 July 1784. Commissioners F. Land, John Matthias Senr and William White return a report concerning a road. "We have taken a Survey of the Land where a Road is proposed from Kempesville to Mrs. Murden's on the road leading to Pungo, and also from said Town to a Road leading by Wm. James's Plantation to the Land Bridge, and think if a Road was establish'd through the Swamp, from a Bridge on the Eastern Shore Road commonly known by the name of Kate's Bridge to the said Land Bridge Road, it would be of great Benefit to the Inha-

bitants of the Swamp, & after it is compleatly finished to the Public in General, And your Commissioners beg leave to reccommend it's begining at Kate's Bridge, & to run S 52½ degrees E. four Miles, thence S 65 degrees East 1 mile and 137 chain to a Swamp between the late John Haynes's & John Gornto's Plantations, and from thence as straight as possible so as not to interfere with any Plantation, to the Publick Road leading to the Sand Bridge [or is it Land Bridge?] at the Corner of Robert Holmes's Plantation." [The foregoing was written on a sheet of paper measuring 17¼ by 21 inches which also shows a large map on which the old road and the proposed new road are drawn. This map should be of considerable historical interest. There are several significant notations on the map, such as: "New Road, S. 52½ E. 4 miles, from Kate's Bridge to Robt. Keelings Plantation." The map shows that it is 128/16 miles from Kempesville to Land Bridge Road by Pungo Road, but only 101/16 miles through the swamp. It is possible that the Virginia State Library may restore this map and place it in the proper map drawer. Interested parties may look for it there in case they cannot find it in this box. There is nothing on this sheet of paper to show whether or not the court decided to order the new road established as drawn, but the map is of considerable value in that it shows the course of the old road and some of the adjacent land-owners.]

20 Feb. 1785. Summons for James Morse, Son and heir at law of Wm. Morse decd, to contest the validity of Wm. Morse's will & testament if any occasion or cause he hath.

14 March 1785. Francis Mitchinson gave bond for his good behaviour, with Wm. Russell and William Forrest his securities.

10 June 1785. John Rany by Edward Land complains that William Mackey late of this county owes him £5 current money of Va. in specie, for rent of house & land belonging to James Rany, orphan of John Rany deceased, and that the said William Mackey hath privately removed himself out of this county, or so absconds that the ordinary process of Law cannot be served upon him, etc. Attachment sought. Endorsed: "Juen 10th day 1785 then ateached the Standing Crop upon the Land where the William Mackey Lived In the behalf of John Rany & Edward Land. by John Kinnun." Dism'd July 1785.

Decree July 1785. Your oratrix Mary Lawson, widow & relict of Anthy Lawson, Gent., sheweth that her said husband died after having made his will, & that he left his said widow and the following children, to wit, Thomas, Richard Henry Lee, Anthony, Frances Sayer, Mary,

Elizabeth and Hellen Lawson. Of these, all but Frances Sayer Lawson are now infants.

13 Dec. 1785. Your petitioners James Henley & John Bonney shew that in Sept. 1783, administration on the estate of Wm. Dawley decd was granted to Rhody Dawley his widow & relict, who hath lately intermarried with a certain Reuben Dauge, and that your petitioners were security for her faithful adm'n of the said estate in the penalty of £500. They seek counter security.

10 June 1785. Daniel (his mark) Jones deposes that about March 1783 he was present at a conversation between Thos Hunter & Francis Moore (son of Anne Campbell).

1785. Accounts of Amy, Nanney and Frankey Lovett, orphans of Henry Lovett decd, with Reuben Lovett their guardian. Expenses included much calico, linen, silk, a pair of stays, etc., for Amy, but no board. Nanney was charged for a year's board and very little else. Frankey was charged for no expenses at all. Each was due to receive £5:15 for their proportional parts of the hire of slaves & rent of land.

20 May 1785. Capias for John alias Peter Nicholas to answer James Rogers of a plea of T. A. B.

10 June 1785. Ezekiel Clay sheweth that William Simmons, son of Urias, owes him £3:18.

Decree 1785. Geo. Scot who died testate left a widow Ann Scott, a daughter Sarah (wife of Jno Phillips Biddle) and a daughter Nelly (wife of Jno Forrest). They are plaintiffs in this suit against Isaac, Ann & Mary Scot, infants, children of the said Geo: Scott the testator.

1776 to 1778. Account of Mark Robinson to Isaac Jacob. Debit. The following is one of the items: "May 1778, to cash paid Capt. Edy's Negro 6 days at 1/3 per day. . . . £0:7:6."

Decree July 1785. John Brown, son of John Brown, being during the late war considered as a drafted man to serve as a soldier, etc., etc. [From a torn paper.]

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22 July 1784. John Lovett & John Hargrove give bond to Edward Davis in the sum of £18, to secure payment of £9. Another paper is an attachment against the goods of John Lovett son of James, or as much of them as will be sufficient to secure the payment of £18.

26 Aug. 1785. Sheriff of Pr. Anne is ordered to summon James King & William Russell to appear before the Justices of our Court on the second Thursday of next month, to shew cause, if any they can, why Judgment on a motion in favour of the Church Wardens should not be obtained against them on a recognizance entered into by them respecting a base born child begotten by ^{sd} King on the body of Ruth Fountain now wife of Moses Brown. Judgment Sept. 1785. [Note: in the will of a certain Moses Brown, dated & proved in Pr. Anne county in 1791, the testator left a cow and calf to Bets King provided she live with her mother till the age of 18. The testator made his wife Ruth Brown his executrix. In referring to Bets King he does not refer to her mother specifically by name.]

"January 3th 1783. Recived of Mr. Hugh Dunbare in full of all Demand To this Day for the of [*sic*] Tallers Branch Plantation Branch pr me. John Hunter. Witness, Jno Salusbury Junr." The above was written on the back of a fragment of a letter which reads as follows: "Well Hoping. I am Dear Sister your Loving Sister. Elizath: Land. P. S. I heard from your Sister that is in York & that She Intended Back Again. I live with Mr. Jno Edmunds."

8 June 1785. Dina Mason, Jno Campbell, Wm Capps & Jane his wife, Dinia Mason the younge [*sic*], & Wm. Braughton are summoned to testify on behalf of Elizabeth Mason in her controversy with Jno Cox.

14 Feb. 1783. Deposition of Henry Lamount in the suit of Moses Freeman vs. Caleb Morse & William Wilkins. Deponent saith that the defendant Wilkins informed him that he went to the house of the plaintiff Moses Freeman, broke open the door and took from thence sundry goods & that he saw in the possession of the defendant the following articles which were acknowledged to be taken from the plt., to wit, one great Coat almost new of a blue Colour, etc., etc. 5 June 1783, Moses Freeman makes oath that he was robbed in the year 1780 of a long list of articles herewith submitted. 20 Jan. 1783, *capias* for Caleb Morse & William Wilkins to answer Moses Freeman of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £300. Endorsed: "Not to be found as to Wilkins. Copy Left for Morse."

26 May 1783. *Capias* for James Moore to answer James Taylor, surviving partner of Ramsey & Taylor, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20. Judgment Jan. 1785. Jury finds for the plt. £14:8:11½. Attached to this *capias* is an account of debts totaling £14:8:11½, dating from Oct. 1768 to Oct. 1773, owed by Mr. James Moore to Ramsey & Taylor. Among the items are the following: 21

Feb. 1769, to a purge & a vial of Liniment for Bridget Denny; 15 Sept. 1773, to Son Frank 2 hydr: Purges with Directions.

24 Aug. 1782. Capias for James Lovitt Junr to answer Anne Newton, ex'x of Lemuel Newton decd, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20. 26 Sept. 1782, the defendant not appearing, an attachment was issued & levied on one Negro. Judgment Jan. 1785.

Decree July 1785. John Woodhouse, who died testate, having made his will in 1775, left eight children, to wit, John the eldest, Philip, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Frances & Anne. Philip is since dead. John the eldest is now of full age. The others are still infants.

8 June 1785. Elizabeth Mason, a single girl, sues John Cox for slander, for injuring her reputation by stating certain false & obscene words. Jury verdict for the plaintiff, £100.

[Note: Princess Anne Minute Book 11 ends with the court of August 1784. Minute Book 12 begins with the court of May 1786. The researcher looking for information between these two dates should therefore make an exhaustive examination of all the loose papers in the several boxes containing papers for the missing period. There are far too many to abstract any but a few of the most significant for the purposes of this volume.]

BOX A 33, MARKED 1786

12 June 1784. Capias for Henry Pitner Morfits to answer Charles Harvey of a plea of Trespass, assault & battery. Judgment for plt., £20.

10 April 1788. Henry Burgis, Daniel Murdin, James Lovitt & Josiah Volinetine are summoned as witnesses on behalf of Lankester Lovtt in a certain matter of Controversy between the said Lovtt & Jno Ghislin.

Decree Aug. 1786. James Tooley Junr died intestate, leaving a widow Olive, now wife of William Woodard, and daughters Sarah & Mary, now infants, to whom the land of James Tooley Junr descended in coparcenary. Simon Marvault is their guardian in this suit.

18 Oct. 1771 to 11 Oct. 1775. Account of James Lovet Junr to Lemuel Newton. Debit, for various listed articles of merchandise totaling £18:9:3. Also a credit of various articles totaling £10:8:5½,

mostly hogshead staves & flax seed. Account sworn to 12 May 1786 by Newton's executrix.

July 1786. Wm. Lovitt, son of Thos, is summoned to answer the petition of Thos Atwood for £2:6 due by account.

25 Dec. 1783. Capias for Nathaniel Williamson, son & heir at law of Richd Williamson decd, to answer Thos Kempe ex'or of James Kempe decd who was ex'or of Thos Walke decd of a plea of debt for £60, damage £10. Dism'd Nov. 1786.

18 July 1786. Summons for John Lyon to answer the petition of Jeremiah Nelson Chandler for £5 due by note. The note reads: "I do hereby promise to pay unto Mr. Jeremiah Nelson Chandler on my Return from the Island of Antigua the sum of five pounds as witness my hand, John Lyon. N. B., Virginia Currency. [Witness], John Mackey."

14 June 1784. Capias for Beasley Edgar Augustus Joel to answer William Scantling of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £13. Bail, Capt. P. Singleton, Colo W. Robinson, Doctr W. Kempe, Doctr W. Russell, Robert Godwin. Judgment Aug. 1786. Attached is the account of the indebtedness of Capt. Joel to William Scantling for various items in 1783, as follows: 7 July, to horse & chair hire; 10 July, to dinner & Club; 11 July, to one & one half days horse hire; 2 Aug., to club punch, to attendance &c whilst sick at my house; 20 Oct., to supper & Club; 24 Oct., to breakfast & dinner.

11 Feb. 1786. Summons for George Guy & his wife, adm'rs of Jonathan Martin decd, to answer the petition of Frances Denney, adm'x of George Denney decd, for £1:12 due by account to her intestate's estate.

✓ 30 May 1786. Summons for Jno Keeling Junr to answer the petition of Hillary Williamson for £2:15 due by account, for "work done for you on your house."

19 Aug. 1786. Summons for George Hudgins to answer the petition of Solomon Butt Talbot, ex'or of Thos Talbot decd, who was ex'or of Isaac Talbot, for £2:16 due by account to the estate of Isaac Talbot, for 1 cow, bought 9 Nov. 1774.

"Pursuant to an order of Princess Anne County Court held the 8th of June 1786 we the Subscribers met and viewed the Road Petitioned for by George Durant Corprew and others leading from the Main Road from the Plantation of James Tooley's along the said Corprew's Plantation and through the Woods to the Norfolk County Line to the Land now John Gisbon's formerly Josiah Butt's, about a Westerly Course

which said Road is but a very little Distance before it falls into and Established [*sic*] in Norfolk County which leads to the Great Bridge and will Shorten the Distance of the Principal part of the Inhabitants of Blackwater travelling to the Court House and the Markett Near Seven Miles going and returning also any officer travelling to that part of the County, and find it no Inconveniency or Prejudice to any person by going through there Lands as it does not goe through any but George Durant Corprew's & Caleb Old's your Petitioners and in our Opinion will be of great Utility to that part of the County and this is our report given under our hands this 26 August 1786. Jno. Ackiss, William Ackiss, Richard White." "Returned to Octo 1786 & ordered to be Established & Recd. Recorded."

5 July 1786. Capias for Benjamin Griffin to answer Charles Harvey of a plea of T. A. B., damage £50. Abates by defendant's death Nov. Court 1787.

28 July 1784. Capias for Jonathan Park and Catherine Park to answer Jesse Roper of a plea of debt for Thirty Thousand pounds of crop inspected tobacco, damage £2000. Abates as to Catherine, July 1784. Executed on Jonathan Park, & Wm. Scantling his bail, and Catherine Park no inhabitant. Attached to the capias is a bond dated 20 July 1781, whereby Jonathan Park and Cath. Park of the county of Henrico bind themselves to Jesse Roper of said county in the sum of thirty thousand pounds of inspected crop tobacco, to insure the payment of half as much tobacco before 28 June next ensuing. Bond witnessed by William Cocke, W. C. Nicholas. "The above tobacco is to be delivered at Richmond Manchester or Osbornes Warehouse. [Signed] Jona Park."

BOX A 34, MARKED 1786

"At a general meeting of the Overseers of the Poor, for the Parish of Lynhaven, held in Kempesville in April 1786, and the following sums allowed Lynhaven Parish. [The sums total £127. The individual sums will not be given here.] To Dennis Desk. To Doct. Thos. Kempe for keeping Dennis Desk. To Mrs. Mary Murphy. To Martha Fentress. To Amos Tinian. To Elizabeth Willeroy. To Wm Etheredge Orphan of John. To Henry Chapple. To Amey Whitehurst widow of Caleb & 3 small Children. To 2 Children Orphans of Nat/ Land. To

Solomon Yelks. To Aby Purdey's 2 Children. To Mary Marsh's 2 Children. To Elizabeth Doudge & 1 Child. To Sam^l Whitehurst for Keeping Joseph Wormington. To Haynes Brent for the use of Margaret Hague. To Betty Dowdle. To William Batten Senr & 1 Child. To John Dyer Senr for keeping an Orphan. To Margaret Capps. To Henry Capps Son of Richd. To Moses McClalan for keeping an Orphan. To Abner Haynia for the use of Nancy Hague. To Anne Duffee for the use of Henry and Willis Duffee. To Margaret Dyer for the use of John Dyer. To Mary Roberts for boarding 2 Orphans. To Joshua Matthias for boarding Patience Berry. To James Gisborn for keeping Keziah Gisborn. To Anne Scott for keeping an Orphan. Copy Test Erasmus Haynes, Clark. Among 2510 Tithables will be $12\frac{3}{4}$ d per Tithe."

April 1785. Pr. Anne County is indebted to Edwd Hack Moseley, Clerk, 850 pounds of tobacco for 85 copies of conveyances respecting landed property for the Comrs of Land Tax.

1786. Pr. Anne County is indebted to John Carmical £17:5 for the use of his house in holding court 21 days in January and 2 days in February, at 15 shillings per day.

1785. Pr. Anne County is indebted to Jacob Valentine for 1 day's sitting of the court in his house in Feb., for 3 days in March, and for 1 day Court of Claims in March.

1785. Pr. Anne County is indebted to Edwd Carroll for the Court's sitting 2 days in his house during April.

Levied by the Overseers of the Poor & returned to Nov. Court 1787 & bond given for the collection of the Same; £370:2:8. "1787, Lynhaven Parish.Dr. [The sums allotted to the individuals listed below have been eliminated for brevity.] To Martha Fentress. To Mrs. Anne Ingram. To Margaret Parsley (Orphan). To Amos Tinian. To Elizabeth Willaroy. To Patience Berry. To Mary Kincey & 1 Orphan. To Mary Whitehurst & 3 Orphans. To Mary Roberts & 2 Orphans. To William Etheredge (Orphan). To Mary Etheredge & 1 Orphan. To Amey Whitehurst & 3 Orphans. To Mrs. Land for the use of 2 Orphans. To William Read for keeping Wm Ives. To John Woodard for keeping John Ives. To Gisborn Lane for keeping Keziah Gisborn. To Delila Hordy for keeping Pemmy Hordy. To John Doudge for keeping Griffin Doudge. To John Woodard for keeping Jonathan Doudge. To Sam^l Whitehurst for keeping Joseph Wormington. To Emanuel Saunders for keeping Nancy Shipp. To William Batten Senr. To Ruth Dyer for the use of an Orphan. To Mary

Murphy. To Margaret Hague. To Nancy Wakefield. To Thomas Webb. To Jesse Berry for boarding ----- (torn) Boush 5 weeks. To William Padon & Joshua Lawrence for the care of Mary Welling for the year 1786. To Thomas Old advanst on Acct of Thomas Archer. To Jesse Morriss for a Coffin for Mary Morriss. To Jesse Corbit for keeping W^m Ives 3 months. To John Woodard. To William Read. To Nancy Hague. To Doct. Kempe & Evens £39:16:8 out of which Sum they are to pay Messrs. Singleton & White & co. £1:16:4 for their Acct. To Lydia Etheridge. To Tully Moseley for the use of John Green. To Anne Scott for keeping an Orphan. To Thomas Huddleston for keeping Rebecca Axtead. To Enoch Jones for keeping Philip Wood 9 Months. To James Legget for keeping Philip Wood 4½ Months. To Elizabeth King for care of Mary Gorden. To Joel Cornick for Money advanced. To Frances Mitchison for attendce. To Godfrey Malbone for Mary Fountain. To Anne Duffee for keeping 2 Orphans. To Moses McClallan. To Juliet Boush. To Mr Henry Kellum & Joel Cornick for the Support of the Parish House next year."

"To The Worshipfull The Court of Princess Anne now Sitting. The petition of your petitioners most Humbly Sheweth that there is a way or bridle path which Leadeth from the main Road, by Charles Henley's through Dam neck to the Sea Side which is very Convenient to us and to the Inhabiters of the county in General Should the Same be Established a publick Road, in the convenient place where it now is; and, as it is no wise hurtfull to any of the people whose Lands it crosses we beg the same be ordered to be as a publick Road for the futer which favour being Granted Shall cause your petitioners as in duty bound ever to pray &c: Oct. 12th 1786. Thomas Raney, John Norriss, Moses Robortes, Nathaniel Brock, John Chappel, Thomas Bonney, Nathen Welboore, Thomas Simmons, Francis Barnes, Joshua Barnes, William Simmons, William Raney, William Leggett, John James Junr, Jonathan James, Joel Simmons, Caleb Barnes, William Brock, Charles Brock, Thomas Robinson, Thomas Cavinder, William Shephard, Thomas Cannon, Edward Cannon, Joshua Cannon, William Cannon, Thomas Lovitt, Robert Matthias." Order Granted Oct. 1790.

10 Nov. 1786. Summons for Jno, Thos & Js Rudd Junr to testify on behalf of Thos Stone, defendant at the suit of Richd Talbot, plt.

24 Nov. 1786. Argyle, a Negro boy belonging to Samuel Moseley, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged on the 15th of next month for robbing a peddler by the name of Calemico Domincho of thirty shillings cash & goods to the amount of £20 current money of Virginia.

19 Dec. 1786. Maxico, a Negro man belonging to Mr. Samuel Moseley, is charged with robbing Dominico Caramal of goods to the amount of £10 and thirty shillings cash.

7 March 1786. We the subscribers have met on the lands of John Fentriss Senr decd, and there made division of his land between Jonathan Fentriss, John Fentriss, John Cox & Letitia his wife, Joab McClalen & Frances his wife, and Anne, Naomy and Moses Fentriss, infants, and Letitia Roberts, late widow of the said John Fentriss Senr decd, in manner following, etc., etc. There follows a description of the part of various tracts of land assigned to the widow Letitia as her dower.

June 1786. Deposition of James Jones of lawful age, taken at the house of Abner Harrison decd before Elisha McBride, Stephen Sawyer & Joseph Jones Esqrs, Justices of the Peace for the county of Camden, N. C., for use in the case in Pr. Anne County of Elias Dauge vs. Lizabeth Wickins & James Wallace, ex'rs of John Wickins Senr decd. James Jones says that he lived with John Wickins Senr 15 or 16 years ago, and was by the said Wickins called as a witness to a verbal gift made by John Wickins to his daughter Mary Herbert of a Negro girl during her natural life and after her decease to her Grand Daughter Mary Herbert, if his daughter Mary Herbert could effect the cure of said Negro girl's feet. Deponent saith that Mary Herbert took said Negro girl named Member into her possession after the said gift and that she remained in her possession as her property until this deponent left Virginia. Elias Dauge, adm'r of the goods & chattels, rights & credits of his wife Mary Dauge decd, complains that Mary Dauge in her lifetime delivered to the said John Wickins in his lifetime the Negroes Member, Rose, Peter & Violet, to be safe kept by the said John Wickins and to her the said Mary to be redelivered when required. This the said John Wickins did not do, nor have his executors.

Decree Dec. 1806. Jeremiah King left a will dated 14 Feb 1796. His wife was then pregnant with twins, born after their father's death. They are Jacamine & Anne King, your oratrices in this suit. There were nine children in all. James King was the eldest son, and Nancy King his mother. They have lately sold certain land to William Douge, the defendant in this suit.

1783. Account of Mr. George Bush to John Brownlie for several visits & several medicines.

Decree Aug. 1786. John Fentress decd made a will dated 27 Dec. 1784. He left a widow Letitia (now wife of Lodwick Gustave Robert) and four daughters: Letitia (now wife of John Cox), Frances (now

wife of Joab McClelan), and infants Anne & Naomy, the last two being defendants in this suit.

List of about 85 insolvents for the year 1786. Names of insolvents usually have a check mark by them in the tax rolls.

Bond, Sept., 1784, from William Lovitt, principal, and John Lovitt son of James, security, to William Stone & Erasmus Haynes in the sum of £12:18, to secure payment of £6:9. Witness, Polly (her mark) Span. The two Lovitts were taken in on a *capias* because of said debt, 4 Aug. in the 10th year of the Commonwealth.

Three letters, clipped together. The first letter is dated 3 Sept. 1785 to Colo Thos Rs Walker from John Thorowgood and is concerned with a settlement with "my brother Tom." In a postscript the writer adds: "My comp^{ts} to the Old Lady & Sally." The second letter is dated 13 June 1786, from John Thorowgood to "Dr. Colo," regarding John's guardianship of his brother Tom. The last name of Tom is not stated in either of the two above letters. The third letter is dated 11 April 1787, from Thos Walke to Coll. Thos Reynolds Walker, regarding Walker's guardianship of the said Walke. Thos Walke refers to the fact that he became of age on 11 Sept. 1781. He sends his compliments to "Mrs. Walker & the rest of your family."

10 June 1786. James Lovitt & Lydia Simmons, orphan of Js Simmons decd, are summoned to answer the complaint of Mary Lovitt exhibited against them and to do what shall be then & there "injoined" them by the court.

30 Aug. 1785. Account of Mr. Arthur Warden to Ann Scott. Debit. To keeping your child 18 months at 40/ per year. . . . £3.

26 June 1784. Wm. Davis makes a promissory note to Wm. Latimer for £7. Witnessed by Joseph (his mark) Skeeter.

10 March 1786. John Lovitt is appointed for Lower Eastern Shore to superintend the election of Overseer of the Poor.

25 July in the 11th year of the Comth. William Lovitt is summoned to answer William Black, assignee of Robt. Keys, of a plea of debt for £1:17:6½ due by note dated 11 Aug. 1783.

10 March 1786. Thomas Hickleton, late of this county, was this day jailed, charged with stealing a horse from William Keeling Senr. This offense was triable in the General Court only.

31 July in the 11th year of the Comth. *Capias* for Robert Keeling, adm'r of the goods & chattels of William Keeling Senr decd unadministered by the said Robert's brother, William Keeling Junr decd, to answer

Jno Lovitt & Adam Keeling, adm'rs of the goods, chattels & credits of Jonathan Saunders decd unadministered by Elizabeth Saunders decd his adm'x, of a plea of debt for £416:4:5, damage £200.

1 May 1786. Grand Jury presents William Russell for secreting his brother James; Daniel Molborn & Ann Smith are presented for fornication.

BOX A 35, MARKED 1787

23 June 1787. Summons for Edward Haynes to answer the petition of William Lovitt for £2:8 due by account dated June 1786. "To 2000 Garden pales sold you at 50/ for one M. & 60/ for the other£:10. By paid my brother Lankr. . . .£3. By cash paid me2/."

31 March 1787. Summons for John Kay to answer the petition of Judith Farrer for 18 shillings due by note, dated 3 Aug. 1786 at Norfolk.

4 Aug. 1787. John Lovitt & Adam Lovitt sign a replevy bond to pay Batson Murden £8:6:3.

26 Dec. 1786. Summons for Bagwell Moore Junr to answer the petition of James Whitehurst, a free mulatto, for £3:16 due by account dated 1786 for "28 days work of my son Henry from 5th July at 2/."

12 Sept. 1786. Summons for John Matthias, ex'or of Reuben Matthias deceased, to answer the petition of Amice Tinney for £2:8 due by account, dated 1785 and sworn 29 June 1786, for "shaving sundry times." The debtor stated in this account was Mr. Reuben Matthias decd.

✓ 11 March 1786. Capias for John Keeling to answer John Bruce, Clerk, of a plea of debt for £12:3:9, damage £3. Attached to the capias is a promissory note, wherein John Keeling promises to pay £12:3:9 to the Reverd Mr. Jno. Bruce on or before 15 June next. The note is dated 1 Sept. 1784, and witnessed by Geo: Stevenson.

"I promise to pay to Mr. Richard Land the Just and Full Sum of three pounds of Silver Money on demand with Lawful intrust November the First one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one. [Signed] John Lovitt." Witnessed by AMa (her mark) Lovitt. Judgment on the above note March 1786.

Your orators John Reade and Tully Robinson, infants under 21, by William Robinson their next friend, shew that a Judgment was recovered by Christopher Whitehurst against the estate of their uncle James Tenant for a sum of money against the ex'or of Edward Moseley decd who was ex'or of the said James. Endorsed as follows: "Injunction Bill granded & filed Novr 1786. Abates by the Death of Wm. Robinson Sept Rules 87."

21 May 1787. Sheriff of Pr. Anne is ordered to summon Augustus Lawrence to answer the petition of Robert Bain for £1:9:8¼ due by account dated 28 Feb. 1787, and sworn 20 May 1787 at Norfolk Borough, before Ben. Pollard, Aldn.

26 Feb. 1784. Levin Moses, principal, and William Hill, security, promise to pay to Wm. Holms £3:19 for goods bought at the sale of Robert Holms deceased.

30 May 1786. Letter to Mr. Thomas Armstart. "Sir Please to Let Miss Bettsy White have twenty four Shillings in goods and ye will oblige ye humble sarvent. Harbert Tooley."

30 March 1787. Summons for William Bonney son of Nathan to answer the petition of Joshua Whitehurst for £3:6:7 due by account.

2 April 1787. Summons for Mrs. Mary Jones to answer the petition of Francis Mitchinson for £3:17 due by account dated 31 Oct. 1785 for sundry visits & medicines.

1 Jan. 1787. Summons for John Woodhouse, son of Jonathan, to answer the petition of Amy Wilbur for £2:14 due by account.

16 April 1787. Summons for Neil Jamieson to answer the petition of Goldsberry Hackit for £5 due by account dated 11 April 1785 for "your assumpsit for Wm. Clark to Robt. Kelso as per your note which was assigned to me."

27 April 1787. Summons for William Denney to answer the petition of William Woodsides for £3:6 due by note, for "making your coat", etc., etc.

17 Feb. 1787. Platt Smith of Pr. Anne promises to pay to William Butt of Norfolk County £4. Henry Murden, security. Witness, Wrighta Butt.

28 June 1787. Summons for Amos Weeks to answer the petition of Thomas Lawson for £1:5 due by account dated 1786, for "Cincinnati's Service with your Mare by the Season at 25/ for which he stood."

BOX A 36, MARKED 1787

13 July 1786. Mary Davis has complained that Charles Smyth of this county hath lately begotten a bastard Boy child on her body. Warrant issued for said Charles Smyth. He was ordered to be bound April 1787.

1786 to 1787. Accounts of Amy, Nanny and Frankey Lovett, orphans of Henry Lovett decd, with Reuben Lovett their guardian. 3 months schooling for Frankey in 1787; none for the other two.

Decree March 1787. Your oratrices Elizabeth White and Sarah White, an infant under 21 by the said Elizabeth her sister & next friend, shew that Betty White their mother died intestate leaving three children, to wit, your oratrices Elizabeth & Sarah, and Joel White her only son & heir at law, now an infant. Your oratrices seek an equal division of slaves or their value.

14 March 1787. Tully Shipp complains that Malachi Gold owes him £10, and hath privately removed himself out of the county, or so absconds, etc.

✓ 20 July 1786. Capias for Edward Haynes to answer Andrew Ray Keer & Anne his wife of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £15. 2 Oct. 1786, attachment is awarded against the goods of the defendant. One chair was attached. The plaintiff's name is spelled Kerr on the attachment and on the back of the capias.

1768 to 1778. Account of the indebtedness of Mr. Samuel Boush decd to the estate of Jas Williamson decd. Sworn 22 Jan. 1779. "Janry 22^d 79. Recd of Capt Jacob Hunter the Balance of the above Acct in full. [Signed] William White." The various items in the above account total £5:10:5½ and are mostly for food and drink. One significant item, dated 19 May 1769, reads: "To a bowl Punch & a Coffin for his Child. . . . £0:7:3."

10 Aug. 1786. Grand Jury presents Asey Sikes & Liddy Trip for fornication, by information of James Etheredge & Adam Lockhart. Anne Norris & Moses Flanagan presented for fornication by information of Thomas Atwood & John James. William Haynes & Elizabeth Wigley presented for fornication by information of William Nimmo & Thomas Lawson.

Nov. 1786. Grand Jury presents to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth the following men for bearing arms in the service of the British, or for assisting the British forces: Joshua Whitehurst, John Moore, Adam Lovit, Henry Burgess, Lancaster Lovit, Jeremiah Murden,

Daniel Murden, Francis Barns, Aquilla Jones, John Caton, Robert Stevens, Wm. Lovit. Recorded March 1787.

13 April 1787. Petitioners James Murden and Reuben (his mark) Lovitt shew that they stand bound as securities for Drew Whitehurst for his faithful administration of the estate of Hillary Brinson, & that they are apprehensive & verily believe that the said Drew Whitehurst will waste or embezzle the said estate to their great hurt & injury. Petitioners seek counter security of Drew Whitehurst.

26 June 1787. Summons for John Foulgeron to answer the petition of Comford Johnson for £3, due to her by account for nursing his Negro girl Pat 6 weeks in the small pox.

Aug. 1788. We the subscribers have divided the slaves of Anthony Lawson decd & have set apart to Peter Evans & wife the following slaves, etc., etc.

2 June 1787. Nanna Barns hath lately been delivered of a bastard child. She made oath that Thomas Robertson had begotten the said child, and he was ordered to appear in court.

July 1787. James Murden & Edwd Brown shew that some time ago they became securities for James Lovitt for the due & faithful adm'n of the estate of Elizabeth Simmons and they are apprehensive that said James is likely to waste & embezzle said estate to their great hurt. Petition for counter security.

10 Aug. 1786. The Grand Jury presents James Woodhouse for concealing Lancaster Lovett & one Negro. [We remind the reader that to conceal, in items similar to the above, means to fail to report the name of a person for purposes of taxation.]

15 May 1787. Wm Yeates (who lived in the house of Neil Brown of Norfolk Borough) is charged with breaking & entering the houses of Elizabeth Haynes & of Mary Land & stealing sundry goods to the value of £50, including some clothes of the said Mary Land which were formerly owned & worn by her husband Francis Land decd.

14 June 1787. Wm. Maye is charged with stealing certain articles from on board the brigantine L. Santissima Trinidad, Capt. Don Joseph Zacharias de Vgarte, at anchor in Lynhaven Bay. Deponents James Waddel & Thos Baker swear that they took from the accused Wm. Maye a goldheaded cane, a coat, some linen shirts, a pair of silver buckles, a pair of Nankeen Britches & sundry other articles which answer the description of those stolen from on board the Spanish Brigantine, as mentioned in the Norfolk & Portsmouth Journal.

2 June 1787. Thomas Baker gives bond to appear 7 June as witness

against John Fortesque and John Harris alias Wm. Maye. Another paper states that the two accused men were mariners, and that the piracy took place on 26 May 1787. Still another paper refers to John Harris alias John Maye, mariner.

7 June 1787. Jane Brown, lately delivered of a bastard child, accuses Willoughby Doudge of having begotten the said child.

BOX A 37, MARKED 1787-1788

1788. Accounts of Amy, Nanny & Frankey Lovett, orphans of Henry Lovett decd, with Reuben Lovett their guardian. No expenditures for schooling this year.

May 1787. List of scores of persons presented by the Grand Jury "for not voting at the late Election for delegates to serve the County."

1787. Names of hundreds of voters for the choice of two discreet Freeholders to represent Pr. Anne County in the General Assembly.

Papers in the case of Moore vs. Lawrence. 7 Jan. 1783, agreement between Caleb Moore & Elizabeth his wife of the one part, and Joshua Lawrence of the other part, that John Ackiss should set apart the said Elizabeth's dower in a tract of Land and plantation that the said Joshua Lawrence bought of William Caps, son of the said Elizabeth, wherein she holds her right of dower.....Depositions of William Munden, aged about 27, and of William Capps, aged about 25 (who says he was a soldier in 1782).....Deposition of Jacamine Payne who says that Wm. Capps agreed to make Mr. Lawrence a right to his land, provided Mr. Lawrence would clear him of the War.....11 Aug. 1786, deposition of John Ackiss, aged 54.....13 Jan. 1787, deposition of Jane (her mark) Capps, aged about 24.....2 Dec. 1784, deposition of Jane (her mark) Capps, aged about 23, who says she heard Mr. Joshua Lawrence say the Large Room was excepted when he bought the Land for the widow of Edward Capps now wife of Caleb Moore. William Capps was son of the aforesaid widow Capps.....2 Dec. 1784, deposition of William Ackiss, aged about 62.....2 Dec. 1784, depositions of Edwd (his mark) Capps, aged about 22, and of Milly (her mark) Capps, aged about 37.....10 March 1785, Deposition of Obediah Lawarance of Tyrrel county, N. C.

104 loose tax vouchers for the year 1788. Some of the vouchers give the names of the slaves owned; others merely give the number of slaves.

From a torn scrap of paper: "Aantony Fuler was borned the 13 day of November 1794 Moes Fullar was bond 31th of march 1796 Cesar Fullar was borned The 23 of November 1799 Fanny fuller Hir Sons and daughters, Polley Fullar was Born october 2, 1787." [Many of the Fullers were free persons of color, and their freedom dated back to about 1700 and perhaps beyond. There are quite a number of instances found in the Minute Books of Pr. Anne in which the Fullers, Andersons, and other free persons of color came into court and registered their children as having been born free. According to the law of the time, if the mother was free, her children were free.]

11 March 1787. Warrant for Nathaniel Newton & Charles Smith of this county, who "have already fought one Duel to Day & mean to fight another this afternoon." They give bond for their good behaviour.

Decree March 1787. Your oratrices Mary Land, widow & relict of Francis Land decd, and Elizabeth Land an infant by the said Mary Land her mother & next friend, shew that the said Francis Land died intestate, possessed of 19 slaves, to wit, Frank, George, George Wisdom, Mason, Hylas, Ned, Will, Berry, Harry, Nicholas, Solly, Rachael, Isbell, Mary, Betty, Kate, Murreah, Hannah & Bridget. The said Francis Land left Mary his widow, and two children, to wit, your oratrice Elizabeth, and Francis Moseley Land. [Note: throughout this suit the name of the son was written as Francis Thorowgood Land, but the middle name was crossed out and the name Moseley written above it.] Your oratrices seek their share of the slaves from Francis Moseley Land, the infant heir at law, and defendant in this suit.

Decree Aug. 1787. Your orators & oratrices Elizabeth Matthias, widow & relict of John Matthias decd, Henry Matthias eldest son & heir at law of the said John; John Matthias, Reuben Wiles & Frankey his wife, and Molly Matthias, Jonathan, Reuben, James, David, Isaac, Elizabeth & Jacob Matthias, infants orphans of the said John, by the said Elizabeth widow & relict as aforesaid their next friend, shew that the said John Matthias decd made his will, dated 23 Feb 1786, and died in 1787, leaving his widow & relict as aforesaid, and your orators & oratrices. The said John Matthias decd had one other son, to wit, Matthew Matthias, mentioned in the said will. The said Matthew left this country in the year 17---, and from the length of time he has been

absent & unheard of, he is believed to be dead. Charles Williamson, ex'or of the said will, is defendant in this suit.

30 Sept. 1786. Capias for James Moore Senr to answer Nicholas Culley, an infant by Solomon Ewell his guardian, of a plea of Trespass Quare Clausum Fregit, damage £150. Abates Feb. Rules 1787 by plaintiff's death.

25 Sept. 1786. Capias for Daniel Comestock & Amos Weeks to answer Alexander Boyd of a plea of debt for £240, damage £15. Endorsed: "Abates at the Rules in Feby. 87. Comstock No Inhabitant. Not to be Executed at the Atto for the plantive's Request."

✓ Decree March 1787. Your oratrix Mary Haynes an infant by Elizabeth Haynes her mother & next friend sheweth that Mary's father William Haynes made his will 6 May 1769, leaving property to his four children Thomas, William, James & the said Mary Haynes. Thomas & William are both dead intestate, & the said William if living would be twenty one years of age. James is now an infant.

✓ June 1787. Letitia Clemons, single woman, makes oath that she was lately delivered of a bastard child, and that Edward Haynes hath begotten said child. Warrant issued for Edward Haynes.

28 June 1787. Deposition of William Kays, aged about 59, concerning some trouble with his sons Daniel & William in Sept., 1785. On the same date was taken the deposition of Elizabeth Kays, aged about 40, concerning her sons Daniel & William. She says John Cason accused her son William of riding his (Cason's) horse without authority, etc.

1 July 1784. Capias for John Oliver, ex'or of his own wrong of Argent Oliver decd who was Argent Haynes, to answer Nathaniel Boush & Anne his wife, ex'ors of John Hodgson decd, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12. Abates by the plaintiff Anne's decd March Court 1787.

Account of Mrs. Elianor Philips to Henry Burgess. Debit. Aug. 1786: "To your proportion of the expense of my passage to the northward to settle some business for you. . . . £1:10:2." [Note: in the above account, the name Anne is scratched out and the name Elianor is written above it.]

14 Nov. 1787. Joshua Hopkins & Keightly Phillips are summoned on behalf of Henry Burgess in the matter depending between Henry Burgess & Eleanor Phillips. [Note: as in the preceeding item, the name Anne is scratched out and the name Eleanor substituted.]

25 July 1787. Capias for Henry Harrison to answer Wm. Black,

assignee of Joshua Whitehurst, of a plea of debt for £15:9, damage £5. Abates May Court 1788 by defendant's death.

4 March 1787. Case of Seekright, lessee of Jno. Hancock, vs. Robert R. Keeling, in Ejectment. Endorsed: "We of the jury find the land in question forfeited in consequence of the widow's intermarriage with Robert Richmond Keeling." Attached to this suit is another paper, being an attested copy of a clause in the will of William Hancock, dated 1781. The attestation reads: "The above is a true copy of the Clause respecting the Land given by Capt. William Hancock decd to his Widow Ann Hancock, now Ann Keeling, given at the request of Mr. Jno. Hancock the executor. [Signed] E. H. Moseley, Clk."

10 Feb. 1789. We the subscribers are of the opinion it would be of public utility there should be a Public road beginning on Jones's bridge at the line parting the said county from Norfolk County, thence through the land of David Fentress Senr to Josiah Shipp's land, thence to the West corner of Lodwick Gustaff Robert's land, thence to the Bridge known as Shipp's Bridge, as the tract at present runs thence to the Main Road to Edward Davis's.

Another paper states that Norfolk County Court has granted an order for a road through a place called & known by the [name of the] elbow to Jones's Bridge on Pr. Anne line, from which place to a public road in Pr. Anne is about a mile.

Another paper orders the establishment of the road in Pr. Anne County described above. Dated 11 June 1789.

1787. Charles Smith, charged with having begotten a bastard child on the body of Mary Davies, single woman, by her oath, gives bond to appear in court.

"31 Jan. 1787. Recd of Mr. John Lovitt Junr the sum of 24 shillings in part pay of an acct Due me from the estate of John Lovitt Senr Decd. [Signed] Joshua Peed." Another paper is an account, sworn 24 June 1787 at Norfolk, and dated 23 May 1783 at Norfolk, showing that the estate of Mr. John Lovet deceased is indebted to Joshua Peed £2:5:3. Another paper is a summons, dated 28 June 1787 at Pr. Anne, for Sarah Lovett, adm'x of Jno Lovett decd, to answer Joshua Peed of a plea of debt.

BOX A 38, MARKED 1787

Court 8 April 1784. "On the complaint of the Church Wardens against James King for having begotten a base born child on the body of Ruth Fountain which is likely to become Chargeable to the Parish of Lynhaven, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said James King give security for the payment of three pounds per year for the maintenance of the Child and indemnification of the Parish till it attains to the age of eight years; Whereupon the said James King together with Doctr William Russell his security came into Court and acknowledged themselves indebted to the Church Wardens for the Annual payment of the said three pounds during the said term, And it is Ordered that the said King pay Costs." 2 Oct. 1786, summons for James King & William Russell to appear and shew cause why Judgment in favour of the Church Wardens should not be obtained against them on a Recognizance entered into by them respecting a base born child begotten by the said James King on the body of Ruth Fountain now the wife of a certain Moses Brown. Judgment April 1787.

27 Sept. 1785. Mr. Augustus Lawrence is indebted to Kempe & Evans 5 shillings "To visit at your request David Mushberger."

Judgment May 1787. Jacob Smith complains of Jas Woodhouse in Custody &c, claiming that the defendant James undertook in 1784 to pay him as much money as he deserved for having nursed James Woodhouse's daughter Elizabeth for 14 months. Plaintiff claims that 14 pounds is reasonable. Jury finds for the plaintiff £14.

"Henrico County to wit. Foster Webb Sr this day made oath before me a Magistrate for the County aforesaid, that he did on the 24th instant hear Preeson Bowdoin give John Pleasants late shf of this County notice that he should move against him at the next Princess Anne Court for failing to return an execution issued from the said Court to the Shf of Henrico-----Preeson Bowdoin surviving partner of Phripp & Bowdoin vs. Nicholas Gautier. Given under my hand 25th Apl 1787. Geo: Webb." On the reverse side: "Bowdoin vs. Pleasants. Notice. Judgt May 87."

12 Nov. 1783. I, Anthony Walke, being appointed umpire to settle all suits, accounts, & controversies between Henry Woodhouse of Pr. Anne County & John Owens of Martin County, N. C., etc., etc., do now aver that I have carefully examined all papers, & other Documents to be obtained concerning an acct between Wm. Woodhouse decd late of Pr. Anne County & Amey Hill orphan, who is now become the wife of

the aforesaid John Owens, & do determine that the said Henry Woodhouse as Settler of his Father's estate shall pay to the said John Owens £22:5:9¾ with lawful interest from 11 Nov. 1783. Attached to the above paper is a *capias*, dated 20 Feb. 1787, for William Deal Woodhouse, ex'or of Henry Woodhouse deceased, to answer John Owins of a plea of debt for £22:5:9¾, damage £20.

31 Aug. 1787. Summons for Batson Murden and Mary his wife to appear the second Thursday in Sept. next to answer the petition of Keziah Robinson for £3 for "nursing your wife in the small pox when she was Mary Lovett in 1781."

Sworn 12 Oct. 1787. Account of Mr. Thomas Corprew to Henry Burgess. Debit. "Aug. 1786. To your proportion of my expenses for passage to the northward to settle some business for you. . . . £1:10:2." [Note: see an identical item in Box A 37, relating to Mrs. Elianor Philips.]

28 Feb. in the 11th year of the Commonwealth. Summons for John Garriss als Garrott to answer Amy Denny an infant by Frances Denny her guardian of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £20.

26 Feb. 1784. Caleb Scott, principal, and John Fentress, security, promise to pay Wm. Holms £6:6:2 before Sept. next, for goods bought at the sale of Robert Holms decd. Witnessed by Wm. Petty, Lancaster Lovtt (his mark) Brinson.

29 Jan. 1787. William Lovitt is summoned to answer a petition of John Ackiss, Gent., for £4:13:4 due by note signed 29 June 1786 by said William (his mark) Lovitt.

28 June in the 8th year of the Commonwealth. *Capias* for Robert Richmond Keeling, heir at law of Henry Keeling decd, to answer Thos Kempe, ex'or of James Kempe decd, who was surviving ex'or of Thos Walke decd, of a plea of debt for £39:8:2, damage £5. Plaintiff shows that said Henry Keeling in his lifetime on 14 Aug. 1761 acknowledged himself bound to James Kempe, Jonathan Saunders & Arthur Sayer, ex'ors of Thos Walke, in the aforesaid sum of £39:8:2, to be paid when required, which the said Henry never did, though often required. Henry Keeling & William Woodhouse mutually obligated themselves by the said bond. This bond is among the papers in this case. Judgment Aug. Court 1787.

[Note: it is well worth while to note that beginning on 1 Jan. 1787 primogeniture was abolished. Prior to this date, when a landowner died intestate all his land was inherited by his eldest son. On and after this date in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the land was divided equally

among all the sons and daughters of the intestate, allowing to the widow her usual one-third of the land for life as her dower. See Intestates' Estates in the index to the 12th volume of Hening's *Statutes*.]

BOX A 39, MARKED 1788

1788. Account of David Packard to John Murden Senr. Debit. One item reads: "To use of my house as a singing school. . . . 10 shillings."

29 May 1788. Edward Rice is summoned to answer the petition of Oney Dameron for £3:9:2; account dated 12 Dec. 1787 at Norfolk. Among the papers is a letter to Mr. O. Dameron as follows: "Princess Anne Wednesday----Sir: Your Boy called on me for the amt of your acot, I have not now got the money or should pay you immediately. As soon as I am in Chas. Shall make a point to Discharge your Demand. I am Sir Your Mo^o Hbe St. Edward Rice"

1 March 1787. Capias for James Lovitt to answer Peter Singleton of a plea of debt for £31:4, damage £10. A note dated 21 Aug. 1775 was signed by James Lovitt Junr for £15:12, with bond in the sum of £31:4. Jury verdict for plt. Judgment May 1788.

15 June 1784. Capias for Anthony Walke, William White & Charles Williamson, Gentlemen, to answer John Parsons of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £80. Attached to the capias is an account, sworn 10 May 1788, showing that the three above named persons are indebted to Jno. Parsons in the sum of £49:15 with interest, for building in 1775 a wharf at Kempsville, 125 feet long and 7½ high. Walke's name is written as Anthy Walke Junr in this account.

9 Aug. 1787. George Oldner of Norfolk County enters himself security for Anne Campbell at the suit, in Pr. Anne County, of John Brownlie's ex'ors against her for debt.

11 April 1789. Summons for Cason Moore Senr as guardian of Lydia Buskey to answer the petition of Jonathan Bonney Senr for £2:18:8 due by note. The note reads: "I do promise. . . .to pay unto Jonathan Bonney Senr. . . .£200 current money of Virginia with lawful Interest, which I have this day borrowed of him for the use of Lydia Buskey, Orphan of Jonathan Jackson Deceased as Witness my hand and Seal this 21st day of April 1780. Cason Moore, Guardian [Seal]. Cr April 28th 1780 Then Received in part £24. Jonathan (his mark) Boney Senr."

17 March 1787. Capias for Drew Whitehurst and John Oliver to answer Anthony Murphy of a plea of debt for £36, damage £9. Endorsed: "Whitehurst No Inhabitant. Executed on Oliver."

22 Feb 1787. Capias for John Lovitt & James Lovitt to answer Lemuel Fentress, adm'r of Lemuel Fentress decd, of a plea of debt for £10:1:6. The note for £5:0:9 was signed on 17 Jan. 1786 by John & James Lovitt, in the penal sum of £10:1:6.

List of insolvents for the county Levy for 1787.

25 Feb. 1786. Willis Langley & James Woodhouse of Pr. Anne execute a bond to John Williams of Currituck County in the sum of £600:2:0 to secure payment of £300:1:0.

BOX A 40, MARKED 1788

✓ Decree March 1788. John Haynes died intestate in 177-, leaving his widow, and four children, to wit, John his eldest son & heir at law, Frances (now wife of William Brock) and William and Elizabeth, infants, to whom William Cornick is guardian in this case.

Morse vs. Morse's will. Caveat, filed Feb. 1785; discd April 1788. James Morse, eldest brother & heir at law of William Morse decd, files a caveat against a paper writing produced as the will of said William Morse. He says that at the time of the executing of the said paper, and at the time of his death, said William Morse was an infant under 21.

Granted Jan. 1788. John Lovitt, security for Susannah Lovitt's faithful administration of the estate of James Lovitt decd, petitions that Susannah Lovitt give counter security or render up the estate to him.

✓ Decree March 1788. Your orator & oratrix William Brock & Frances his wife shew that by deed of 7 April 1779, William Cornick did give to your oratrix Frances (then Frances Haynes) and to her brother William and her sister Elizabeth Haynes, three slaves: Lydia, China & Nancy.

Filed June Rules 1791; dismissal July Rules 1791. Thomas Kempe & Peter Singleton both departed this life in the month of Nov. 1789. Sarah Scarborough Kempe was the widow of the said Thomas Kempe, and she hath since intermarried with a certain William Sowell Carter.

Filed May 1786. Your orator & oratrix William James & Margaret his wife shew that Robert Moseley decd made his will dated 5 April 1771, mentioning his five daughters, Frances Woodhouse, Blandina

Barret, Amy James, Rebecca Moseley (she died intestate) and your oratrix Margaret.

10 May 1788. Peter Singleton & Thos^s Wishart Junr, Gentlemen, are appointed to treat with a proper person to repair the Jail & secure the Fireplace in the same that are allotted for Debtors & Criminals in a manner they may judge best, and also to have the Clay of Brick holes near the Court house filled up.

1 Nov. 1808. Drusilla Chapple, single woman, swears that on the second week in August last past at Elizabeth Chapple's she was delivered of a female bastard child and that Thomas Dudley, laborer, did get her with said child. Dudley gives bond to pay £15 a year for 8 years to the Overseers of the Poor for the support of the child.

15 March 1788. John Paynter & Susanna his wife, Cornelius Calvert & Anne his wife vs. William McClenahan, and the said William as attorney for John McClenahan his brother who is beyond Sea. In Chancery. Commissioners are appointed to divide equally among the complainants & the respondents 13 slaves, which their father Nathl McClenahan, Gent., deceased devised to them & their brother David McClenahan, since deceased, after the decease of his widow Mary McClenahan. Another paper shows the division of the slaves among the four parties.

Demurrer 15 Nov. 1788. Defendants produce a deed from Boroughs Moseley, father of Christopher Moseley, to Elizabeth Norman, now Elizabeth Warnick, Anne Moses late [the word "now" was crossed out here and the word "late" interlined above it] wife of Thomas Huddleston, and Mary Moses now wife of Robert Jones, and Susannah Moses, dated 12 March 1772. Defendants allege that the tenth line in said deed appears to have been totally interlined, and also in the twelfth line there appears an interlineation of these words, to wit, "of their father which" without any note or memorandum made thereof. Also the use of the land was reserved & kept by said Boroughs Moseley to himself & his wife during their natural lives; also the reversion of the said land was reserved to the said Moseley in case of the death of the said Elizabeth, Mary, Anne & Susannah before their arrival to age.

Oct. 1788. Sarah Fentress humbly sheweth that Nathaniel Fentress is indebted to her £2 due by account. Attached to this petition are two accounts. The first is the account, dated 1786, of Sarah Fentress to Nathaniel Fentress "To maintaining you & your Child at least Three Months at 18/ each. . . . £5:8." The second is the account, dated 1786

& sworn 20 Aug. 1788, of Nathaniel Fentress to Sarah Fentress "To keeping his Child four months @ 10/ £2."

Sworn 15 Aug. 1788. "Mary Campbell of Norfolk Borough of lawful age being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth & sayeth, That on or about the 14th day of Jany 1786 Joseph Gray the Son of Benjamin Dingley Gray lay dangerously ill at her (the said Campbell's) house, That Mr. Stone with whom the said Joseph Gray then lived as a storekeeper would not send for any Doctor untill he had first acquainted the young man's father, That he went for that purpose to his father, the aforesaid Benj. Dingley Gray who returned with Mr Stone in a Canoe attended by two negro boys, (which negro boys & Canoe she knows belonged to Mr Gray) were dispatched to Portsmouth for Holmes & Burke to attend the sick youth, that the said Holmes & Burke came in the same canoe, & were repeatedly after sent for, and came to her the said Campbell's house, by the same conveyance, for the Purpose of visiting the Sick lad, That Mr Gray & the Doctors frequently conversed together in the sick room & that the said Gray then appeared satisfied with their attendance or at least had shown no apparent Disapprobation of it, That the Doctors came over once with instruments to perform an operation, which was not done but she did not hear Mr Gray not any other person object to the Operation & further this deponent sayeth not. Mary (her mark) Campbell." This deposition is attached to other papers including an account of the indebtedness of Mr. Benn. Dingley Gray to Holmes & Bourke for many itemized medicines & visits in the month of January 1786, including these: "15 Jan., to 2 visits & crossing the river from Portsmouth to Norfolk each time £0:15," and "16 Jan., to 2 visits rep^d as before upon a consultation to perform the operation of Aneurism."

25 March 1788. Capias for John Cason son of John to answer Joshua Simpson of a plea of T. A. B., damage £100. Not executed by the plaintiff's request. Dism'd May Court 1788.

12 July 1784. Capias for William Hill, alias Hillen, to answer Daniel Richardson of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £50. Wm. Russell, bail. Dism'd May 1788.

12 Nov. 1787. Capias for Joel Morse to answer Elizabeth alias Ferlizey Nelson of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12.

5 March 1788. Capias for John Floyed and Letitia his wife who was Letitia Johnson, to answer William Black of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £10.

15 Aug. 1787. Jonathan Creed made oath that he has good reason to apprehend that Charles Smith, Henry Larroque, Hugh Dunbar & Tully Cason will beat, wound, maim & evilly treat him, etc. Warrant issued against the four above parties, who (except Cason) enter into a recognizance for their appearance. Dismissed Aug. 1788.

23 June 1788. Nathaniel Gornto makes oath that he has good cause to apprehend that Josiah Woodhouse will beat, wound, maim and evilly treat the said Gornto and his wife, and his negro woman slave. 9 July 1788, Josiah Woodhouse gives bond for his appearance in court, with John Woodhouse his security. Dism'd July 1788.

28 Nov. 1787. Capias for Hugh Dunbar to answer Jonathan Creed of a plea of Detinue for the detention of a black mare named Fly of the price of £10. Abates Nov. 1788.

26 Aug. 1788. Complaint was made that Lovey Chappel, single woman, was delivered on the 6th instant of a male bastard child which is likely to become chargeable to the Parish of Lynhaven. Lovey Chappel made oath that Samuel Smith had begotten the said child. 8 Sept. 1788, Samuel Smith enters into a recognizance bond, with Reuben Lovitt, son of Thos, and Erasmus Haynes his securities, to appear at the next court to answer the charge. Bound July 1789.

10 Jan. 1786. Summons for Henry Simmons, an infant son & heir of John Simmons, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Joel Simmons Junr. Discontinued May Rules 1788.

"Norfolk County. Whereas John Thorowgood a Prisoner for Debt at the Suits of William Hobday & John Care hath Remained in your Goal Twenty days and Now prayeth to be Discharged on his Taking the Oath of Insolvency a Greable to Act of Assembe I therefore Command you in the Name of the Commonwealth to bring the sd Thorrowgood before me & one other Justice together with the Several Executions he Stands Charged with and make Return of this warrant given under my Hand and Seal This Third day of Sep^r 1788. Paul Loyall. To the Goaler of Norfolk County."

Dec. 1787. Caesar Pursley sheweth that James Petree owes him £3 due by account. The account reads: "To Cash lent you in the Island of St Thomas's, £2:8, to be paid in Virginia @ 2 for 1, amounting to £4:16. By cash paid Capt. Wm. Cunningham in part of the above debt. . . . £1:6."

21 July 1784. Summons for Rachel Davis, ex'x of Samuel Davis decd, to answer Frankey Davis, in Chancery. Dismissed for want of prosecution May Rules 1788.

28 March 1785. Summons for Paul Hudson & Frances his wife to answer David Dawley & Mary his wife, in Chancery. Discontinued May Rules 1788.

Interlocutory decree March Court 1788. Your orators & oratrices John Payntar & Susannah his wife, Cornelius Calvert & Anne his wife, shew that your oratrices' father Nathaniel McClenahan decd made his will dated 14 May 1767, mentioning his wife and his five children, to wit, William, John, David, and your oratrices Susannah & Anne. The abovesaid David died intestate & without issue in the lifetime of his mother Mary. Mary is also dead. John has been for a considerable time past, and is still absent beyond sea. William is defendant in his own right and also as agent for the said John.

18 Aug. 1787. "This is to certify that I have reced part of my brother William West act and am to receive the ballace of £36 for the above. James West."

28 Aug. 1788. Order to release Neil Jamison from jail, he being imprisoned for debt at the suit of Edward Valentine for the sum of £30, to be discharged by payment of £15 with interest, said Neil having complied with the directions of the Act of Assembly for the relief of insolvent debtors.

2 Sept. 1780. Duncan Campbell is accused by the Commonwealth of being inimically disposed to the United States of America.

20 May 1788. Examination of Frances Denny, single woman, for the murder of her bastard child. Frances confessed that on the 2nd day of this month she was delivered of a male child, born dead, & that no one was present, & that on 6th day of said month she buried the said child in her garden near the south side of the same in the presence of her daughter Amey Denny, who only saw said child as it was wrapped up, & no person else saw it. . . . Other depositions say that she said her only reason for concealing the said child was to keep her guilt from the knowledge of her other children. . . . Among the papers is the following: "Amey Daughter of George & Frances Denny was born 10th of August 1774 as appears by the register Book of Lynhaven Parish. May 25th 1788 J. Simpson." [We remind the reader once more that "single woman" means either a widow or a spinster.]

15 Feb. 1788. Capias for Jno Lovitt Junr, son of John, to answer John Whitchard of a plea of Trespass Assault & Battery, damage £100. Dism'd April Rules '88.

Decree May 1788. Jonathan Bonney decd, whose will was dated 17 June 1779, left a widow Amy Bonney (now wife of Caleb Dawley),

and these children: Jonathan Bonney his eldest son & heir at law, Amy Bonney (now wife of Thomas James), and John, Mary & Moses Bonney, the last three being now infants, with Dennis Dawley their guardian to represent them in this Chancery suit.

BOX A 41, MARKED 1788-1789

Judgment confirmed Aug. 1788. Peter Singleton vs. Edward Rice in Custody, surviving partner of Savage & Rice of Chowan County, N. C.

22 Aug. 1788. Summons for John Floyed and Letitia his wife to answer Haynes Brent & Thomas Pebworth, ex'ors of Frans Hague decd, on their petition for payment of £3, for the debt of Mrs. Letitia Johnson to Francis Hague, in Dec. 1785, due by account.

12 July 1788. Capias for James Simpson & Elizabeth Simpson his wife, adm'rs with the will annexed of William Robinson decd, to answer Edward Hack Moseley, executor of Edward Hack Moseley decd, of a plea of debt for £54, damage £10.

27 Oct. 1788. Capias for George Gasking to answer Matthew Keeling of a plea of debt for £13:15, damage £5. Another paper is George Gasking's note to Matthew Keeling for £13:15, dated 1 June 1782.

12 Nov. 1789. Reubin (his mark) Lovett enters himself security for John Oliver at the suit of Wm. White for debt.

Judgment Oct. 1789. Caleb Benthall sheweth that Paul Keeling as executor of his father John Keeling deceased stands indebted to him £3:16:11½ due by judgment obtained by him against said John Keeling in his lifetime & costs of suit.

Judgment May 1790. Joshua Henley and Amy his wife shew that said Amy was possessed of a red cow given her by the will of her father Wilbur of Pr. Anne County.

1 Jan. 1788. Miles Norton agrees to work for Moses Robertson for one year from this date for £16, to work on the plantation, or saw, or go in the craft if required anywhere within the Capes of Virginia. Robertson agrees to build Norton a small log house on his land as soon as convenient. An account shows that Norton worked for Capt. Moses Robertson from 3 Jan. to 3 April in 1788. 16 June 1788, sheriff of Norfolk County is ordered to summon Nathaniel Kellum & Jno Whitehurst to testify for Miles Norton, defendant, at the suit of Moses Robertson, plaintiff.

Interlocutory decree May 1788. Your orator & oratrix Peter Evans & Frances Sayer his wife shew that Anthony Lawson decd, father of your oratrix, made his will, dated 178-, and left his widow & relict Mary Lawson who is also since dead, and these children, to wit, Thomas Lawson his eldest son & heir at law, your oratrix Frances Sayer, who has since intermarried with your orator; and Mary, Elizabeth, Helen, Richard Henry Lee, and Anthony Lawson. Mary Lawson the widow had her dower in the slaves set apart to her, but she died before your oratrix had intermarried with your orator. The said Elizabeth, Helen, Richard Henry Lee and Anthony Lawson are now infants under 21.

18 Oct. 1788. Summons for Joel Morse to answer the petition of Mary Sturgess Nelson, ex'x of Elijah Nelson decd, for £1:10:8½ due by account "to your Assumpsit to pay my Husband's taxes which you fail'd to do, and I have since paid them myself. . . . £1:10:8½."

15 Oct. 1788. Summons for Thomas Drewry to answer the petition of John Savage Calvert for £3 due by account "to rent of my Plantation Six months at 10/ due Oct. 1788. . . . £3." Attached to the summons is the account, in which the word "house" is used instead of "plantation."

John Carmichael complains of John Lyon in Custody &c., charging that Lyon said of the plaintiff that he was a rogue & a plunderer & would prove it. Agreed & dismissed May 1788.

"May 26, 1788. Sir. Please to pay Dr. Patrick Garvey or order the sum of Twenty pounds Virginia currency at ten days sight and you will oblige Your humble sert. Frans. Mitchinson. To Dr. William Russell, Kempsville, Princess Anne, Virginia." 13 Sept. 1788, *capias* for William Russell to answer Patrick Garvey of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £30:10. Judgment August Court 1789.

5 Nov. 1788. *Capias* for William Deal Woodhouse executor of Henry Woodhouse who was executor or appointee of Betty Luke who was executrix of William Woodhouse son of Henry; and for Sarah & Thos Walker ex'ors of Thos Reynolds Walker who was executor of Henry Keeling deceased, to answer Thomas Kempe executor of James Kempe who was surviving executor of Thomas Walke decd, of a plea of debt for £238:2:10, damage £20. Attached is a bond, dated 29 July 1763, whereby William Woodhouse (son of Henry), principal, and Henry Keeling, security, obligated themselves in the sum of £238:2:10 to James Kempe & Jonathan Saunders, ex'ors of the last will and testament of Majr Thos Walke decd, to secure the payment of £119:1:5. Judgment March 1789.

13 June 1789. Summons for Francis Moore (son of Francis) to answer the petition of Thomas Poole for £1:10:3 due by account, dated April & June 1787, for mending plows, etc.

Decree 17 March 1789. Your oratrix Amy Hunter sheweth that her brother John Hunter decd was at his death possessed of a Negro woman slave called Violet. John died intestate, leaving two sisters, to wit, your oratrix Amy Hunter, and Jakemine Moseley then wife of Charles Moseley late of this county decd. The slave descended to Amy & Jakemine in coparcenary. Since the death of John Hunter, the said Moseley has also died intestate before any division was made of the slave Violet, between your said oratrix and the said Charles & Jakemine (in right of the said Jakemine), leaving his widow Jakemine & two children, Edward & John Moseley.

Judgment June 1789 on an undated account showing that Mr. Henry Spratt is indebted to Thomas Webb £10 for "one years Service with you as school master per agreement."

25 May 1789. Summons for Joseph White to answer the petition of Frankey Jones for £3:2:6, due to her by account, dated 1788, for "keeping and maintaining a child of yours, by me, 15 months at 50/ per year, which you agreed to give me."

3 Sept. 1788. William Nimmo Dyson signs a promissory note to pay 25 shillings to Mary Cratch of Norfolk on 3 Dec. next, for value received. Note witnessed by Nancy Cratch.

15 June 1789. Summons for Jonathan Ackiss & Lydia his wife to answer the petition of Cason Moore Senr for £3:14:11 due by account dated May 1789, "to amount of Judgment and Costs, recovered by Jonathan Bonney vs. me as Guardian of the said Lydia while Sole, for money borrowed of the said Bonney for the use of the said Lydia as per copy of the said Judgment &c. will appear." The attached judgment refers to Cason Moore as guardian of Lydia Buskey.

24 April 1789. Summons for Joseph Maye, John Maye and John Carraway to answer the petition of George Goll, assignee of Amos Weeks for £4:16:5 due by note, signed 15 Nov. 1788 by the three above defendants.

BOX A 42, MARKED 1789

Filed March 1789. Robert Richmond Keeling and Anne his wife shew that William Hancocke (late husband of the above Anne), by his last will, dated 23 Dec. 1781, left sundry articles, and the use of his

plantation whereon he lived to his wife during her widowhood, etc.

24 June 1788. Capias for Caleb Batten & James Heath to answer John Bryant, adm'r of John Kinneon, of a plea of debt for £11:10, damage £3.

28 April 1789. John Keeling, blacksmith, Kempsville, is summoned to answer the petition of John Parsons, adm'r of Burrough Moseley decd, for £14:19, the remainder due for a horse bought 22 Feb. 1783 by said Keeling at the sale of the said Burrough Moseley decd.

17 April 1789. Horatio Garral (alias Fitzgerrald) is summoned to answer Maximilian Collins & Henry Snail for a debt of £1:10 due by note, signed Horashay (my mark) Garral.

An undated item of 7 pages lists the division of a large number of slaves among the children and widow of John Cornick decd agreeable to his will, to wit: to Anne Cornick now wife of Solo Stead; to Joshua James in right of his wife Frances; to Mrs. Cornick as her dower; to Sarah Cornick; to Mary Hayes Cornick; to John Cornick; and to Joseph Nimmo as adm'r of his wife Priscilla.

Filed July 1789. William Moseley, whose will was dated 7 May 1772, left a widow Betty (who is now widow of Henry Haynes decd) and two children, Mary (now an infant) and Margaret.

March 1789. Tract of land at Holland formerly the property of John Hutchings who died testate is to be sold and the proceeds divided into six parts, one sixth to be paid each to Anne Hutchings, Elizabeth Hutchings, Wm. Edwards in right of his wife Amy, Frederick Williams in right of his wife Mary, Catherine Hutchings and John Hutchings, the last two being infants.

Filed May 1788. Willoughby West by his will gave several legacies to his daughter Mary. Joel Simmons was appointed her guardian on 12th day of Feb. 1778. The said Mary is now the wife of Anthony Murphy, orator in this suit.

Nov. 1788. James Cordell is presented for concealing & not giving in notice of a base born child born in his house.

March 1789. Joshua Lawrence is presented for concealing a base born child in his house.

30 July 1788. William Robinson, who died testate, appointed several ex'ors who refused to act as such, and administration with the will annexed was then granted to Elizabeth his widow who hath since intermarried with the Revd. James Simpson. (Case of Nimmo vs. Valentine.)

Deed of trust, 8 May 1787, John Oliver of Pr. Anne to Thorowgood Keeling of Norfolk Borough in consideration of £20:12:1½ with interest on £12 from 12 June 1783. . . . one Negro girl named Pallice.

Account, 1767 to 1786. Indebtedness of Mr. John Griffin to John Woodside.

2 July 1785. Note for £11:12:5 from William Bevan of Pr. Anne to John Woodside of Norfolk Borough.

BOX A 43, MARKED 1789

28 April 1789. Capias for Paul Keeling & John Keeling, executors in their own wrong of John Keeling deceased, to answer Amos Weeks of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £60. Discontinued June Rules 1789.

9 Sept. 1789. Deposition of Abraham Willerooy, taken at the house of Col. John Gray, before Enoch Sawyer, J. P., and John Gray, J. P., of Camden County, N. C. Deponent saith that when he moved from Va. he rented the cleared ground of his plantation in Pr. Anne County to John Parsons Senr for 1/3 of what he raised, and that deponent put his, the deponent's, mother in possession of the house, that in January last this deponent's mother having intention to move into this house, this deponent moved out. In the absence of this deponent, John Parsons broke open the house and put his son John & Christopher Moseley in possession of it, etc.

✓ 3 March 1789. Capias for William Keeling Junr (son of John) to answer Henry Holmes of a plea of Trespass Assault & Battery, damage £150.

20 July 1789. Peggy Floyed, wife of John Floyed, is summoned in the case of Francis Moore, son of Francis, vs. Thomas Poole. Margaret (her mark) Floyed made a deposition dated 5 Sept. 1789.

6 Aug. 1788. Lovey Chappel makes oath before Dennis Dawley, justice of the peace, that this morning past she was delivered of a male bastard child and that Samuel Smith did get her with child of the said bastard child.

Recorded Nov. 1779. John Keeling & Martha his wife, widow & relict of Adam Keeling decd, vs. Jacob Keeling and Henry Collins & Sarah his wife. Certain slaves belonging to the estate of the said Adam Keeling are divided. John Keeling & Martha his wife receive Rose &

✓ Pheby. Jacob Keeling receives Peg, Tibb & Charles. Henry Collins & wife Sarah receive Betty & Patience. [Note: an exact copy of the item from which this abstract was made is also to be found in Minute Book 10, page 443, but reference to it is omitted from the index of that book.]

Ejectment suit, 8 Aug. 1787. Christopher Moseley (heir at law of Burrough Moseley) vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Warnick, Mr. Robert Jones & wife, Mr. Thomas Huddlestone & wife, & Miss Susanna Moses.

Decree Nov. 1789. Tully Moseley & Amy his wife (widow of William Thorowgood decd who left a will dated 178-) shew that certain land, 100 acres, was devised to the said William by his brother Lemuel Thorowgood, and that they are afraid that John Ingram & Sarah his wife (which said Sarah was the widow of the said Lemuel) will exhibit a claim for dower in the said 100 acres in right of the said Sarah.

1789—1790. Road petition signed with the names of Thomas Lovitt, Reuben Lovitt Senr, James Lovitt, Lancaster Lovitt, John Lovitt Junr, and scores of other persons, all in the same handwriting.

12 June 1789. Nanny Barnes, lately delivered of a bastard child, makes oath that Thomas Robinson hath begotten the said child on her body. Discd July 1789.

Simmons ads. Murphy, filed June 1789. Willoughby West is stated to have left legacies to his wife Sarah West (late wife of the present defendant Joel Simmons) and to a daughter Mary (now wife of Anthony Murphy) and to his son James West.

2 Sept. 1789. Lydia Lamount sheweth that about 1786 she was unhappily involved in a state of insanity, and that while in this state she was unduly influenced by John Norris to give him all her property by deed of gift in return for his promise to support her during her natural life.

22 Sept. 1788. Capias for Henry Murden and *Saba* his wife to answer William Maclannan of a plea of debt for £12, damage £3. . . . Another paper, dated 3 May 1784, is a copy of a note to Wm. McClannan for £12, signed by Wrighta (his mark) Butt, John Everidg and *Saba* Butt.

✓ 19 June 1789. Paul Keeling, executor of his father John Keeling decd, is summoned to answer the petition of Caleb Benthall.

2 March 1789. Wm. Griggs died intestate in 17--, leaving your oratrix Mary (now wife of your orator Robert Portle) his widow, and four children, to wit, your oratrix Leshia now wife of your orator John Biggs, also your orators Benjamin & William, and a son named Charles

who is the eldest son & heir at law of the said Wm. Griggs decd. The slaves descended to the said Charles Griggs subject to the dower of your oratrix Mary Portle, and your other orators' and oratrix's proportions of two thirds of the appraised value of the slaves.

Decree March 1789. A certain John Hutchings of the Borough of Norfolk died testate. He left a widow Anne Hutchings and five children: Elizabeth Hutchings, Amy (now wife of William Edwards), Mary (now wife of Frederick Williams), Catherine Hutchings an infant (to whom the above Anne Hutchings is guardian & next friend in this suit) and John Hutchings an infant (to whom James Ramsay is guardian and next friend in this suit). The above parties are suing Thomas Newton Junr and John Boush, adm'rs with the will annexed of the above John Hutchings decd, in Chancery, for equal shares in the proceeds of the sale of land in Pr. Anne County known as Holland, according to the will of the said John Hutchings decd.

Poll for election of an elector to choose a President for the new constitution [*sic*], January 1789. Lovitt voters were Thos, James Adam, Jon (s. J.), and John.

A poll for the election of a delegate to Congress, Feb. 1789. Lovitt voters were Adam Lovitt, John Lovitt (s. Jas), Thos Lovitt, Jas Lovvett, Jno Lovett.

A poll, opened 9 April 1789, for the election of a senator for the district of Nansemond, Norfolk & Princess Anne counties. The list includes many names distinguished by notations after their names, as well as by the designations Sr. and Jr. The list of these selected names is as follows: Thos Cannon, squints; Reuben Douge, very long; Thos Lovett Sr., pork maker; Geo. Booth Sr., cedar Isle land; Cason Moore Jr.; Jno Whitehurst son of Jno.; Cason Moore Sr.; Wm. West Sr.; Wm. Wilkins Jr.; Ewd Cannon Jr.; Jno James Jr.; Enoch Whitehurst Sr.; Wm. Brock son of Thos.; Wm Nimmo Sr.; Chas Henley Sr.; Jonathan Bonny Sr.; Jno Capps (son of Jno); Jno Bonney (son of Mary); Jno Smith Sr.; Wm. Nimmo (son of Gershom); Jonathan Whitehurst Sr.; Thos Whitehurst Sr.; Jno Smith (son of Deaf Jno); Wm. Capps (son of Geo.); Wm. Whitehurst Sr.; Wm. Douge (son of Wm.); Wm. Whitehurst (son of Anthy); Jno Mathias (Jr.); Wm. Shepherd (Sr.); Jonathan Whitehurst (son of Rt); Jno Thorowgood Sr.; Wm. Keeling Sr.; Robt. R. Keeling, some doubt; Alexr Moseley, from the Burough; Abel Camonds, very old; Jno Whitehead (Jr.); Jno Cox (son of Wm.); Wm. West (Junr); Richd Bacchus, N Town; Adam Keeling, at the Inlet; Reuben Wiles, in the woods; Jno Lovett (Broad Bay); Wm.

McClanahan, ferey pt.; Richd White, pungo; Wm. White, lame of the gout; Thos Bonny, don't know him; Willoughby Williamson, nihil; Peter Singleton, alis Czar; John Hancock, Somite [?]; Jno Woodhouse (Jr.); this poll kept by Peter Evans.

A poll, 9 April 1789, for the election of a representative for the assembly of this Commonwealth, includes these Lovett voters: John Lovett son Jas; Adam Lovett; John Lovett son Jno; John Lovett E. S. [meaning Eastern Shore].

14 Sept. 1789. Elizabeth Spencer [called Spence in another paper] is summoned to answer the petition of Moses Robertson for a debt of £2:17:4 due by account.

Continued for answer April 1789; agreed & dismissed Feb. Rules 1790. Your orator & oratrices Jonathan and Keziah Stone, infants orphans of John Stone decd by Abigail Stone their mother & next friend, and the said Abigail Stone in her own proper name (widow & relict of the said John Stone decd) shew that said John Stone died intestate in 178-, leaving his widow, your said oratrix Abigail, and these children, to wit, John his eldest son and heir at law, Sally, Betsey, Richard, Patty and your said orator & oratrix Jonathan & Keziah Stone. After the death of the said John Stone, his said son John Stone applied for letters of administration on the estate of his father, which was granted him.

24 April 1789. Capias for Jonathan Capps and Cader Morris to answer John Mackie, assignee of John Bryan, who was adm'r of John Kinneun, of a plea of debt for £11:10:6, damage £5. Judgment confessed by Morris, August Court 1789.

7 Jan. 1788. Jonathan Bonny complains that Asa Lee, who owes him £4:5:10, hath privately removed himself out of this county, or so absconds, etc. Dism'd for want of prosecution May 1789.

A list of Insolvents for the Revenue Tax for the year 1782. 35 names are listed, including John Cox son of Benjn, and John James son of Anthony.

10 Aug. 1789. Lucretia Gordan complains that John Kellam was on Friday last guilty of a breach of the good behaviour by abusing her in very oprobious [*sic*] words, and threatening to whip her without any cause for so doing. Warrant issued for John Kellam, planter. Sheriff is ordered to receive the body of said John Kellam into jail and custody until next court, or until he give bond of £20 for his appearance and good behaviour. Endorsed: "Bound August 1789."

13 Oct. 1789. Summons for Polly Lawson and Elizabeth Lawson,

Richard Henry Lee Lawson, Helen Lawson & Anthony Lawson, infants orphans of Anthony Lawson, Gent., deceased, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Thomas Lawson, Gent. Discontinued Nov. 1789.

8 July 1789. William Denny is jailed pending charges of breaking and entering in the night time the storehouse of William Gillis of the Borough of Norfolk, and stealing goods to the value of thirty or forty pounds. Acquitted July 1789.

23 Oct. 1789. Summons for Moses Martin to answer the petition of Simon Marvault for £2:12:6 due by note. Abates Dec. 1789. No inhabitant.

3 Aug. 1789. Capias for Henry Brinson, son of Mary, to answer William White, surviving partner of William White & Company, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £10. Endorsed: "Not to be found"; also "Abates by Defts death Nov^r R. 1789."

3 Aug. 1789. Capias for Elizabeth Woodhouse, adm'x of William Woodhouse, Son of Philip Woodhouse deceased, to answer William White, surviving partner of William White & Company, of a plea of Trespass on the Case, damage £12. Endorsed: "Not to be found; discontinued Nov^r. Rules 1789." This capias was attached to a second capias, dated 27 Aug. 1789, for Elizabeth Woodhouse, administratrix of Wm. Woodhouse decd Son of Phil:, to answer the same plaintiff. On the back of this second capias is a correction in the following words: "this ought to have been vs. Henry Cavinder Adm^r of a Cavender that married Elizth. Woodhouse widow of Phil, who was Adm^{rx}. of said W. Woodhouse."

20 Oct. 1789. Capias for Sarah Walker and Thomas Walker, executors of Thomas Reynolds Walker decd, to answer Simon Marvault of a plea of debt for £39:9:3, damage Forty shillings. Abates by plaintiff's death Dec. Rules 1789. [Note: we have been unable to find any will or inventory of Simon Marvault in Pr. Anne County.]

Sworn 10 Sept. 1789. Account of the estate of Amise Teney to John Parsons Sener. Merch [*sic*] 1789. "To making his Coffin and findeing materials. . . . £2:2. To 2 Gallons of Rum for seting by him and for his Buriel Bought of Jas Colfer and Co. @ 7/6 per g. . . . £0:15. To 2¼ lb of white Sugar. . . . £0:2:3. To my troubel with him and Diging of his Grave. . . . £0:10." Endorsed: "Parsons vs. Tenney. Accot. Order granted Sept 1789."

"Princess Anne Sct. To Chas Smith or any other Constable of Princess Anne County. Mary Nimmo (a single Woman) this Day

made Oath before me John Hancock, one of the Common Wealth's Justices of the Peace for the said County, that some Time Past, Thos Walke of said County begot a Child on her Body; which Child is likely to become chargeable to the Parish; Therefore in the Name of the Common Wealth I command you to bring the sd Thomas Walke before me or some other Justice of this County, to answer what is laid to his Charge as aforesaid. Given under my Hand this 12th Day of August 1789. John Hancock." 11 Feb. 1790, Thomas Walke gives bond in the sum of £30 to appear in court the first Monday in April next. James Nimmo is his security in the sum of £15. In this bond Mary Nimmo is referred to as a spinster.

1789. Accounts of Nanney Lovett & Frankey Lovett, orphans of Henry Lovett decd, with Reuben Lovett Senr their guardian. [Note: this is the first year in which Amy Lovett's name does not appear in the accounts along with her above sisters.]

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5 Aug. 1788. Administration with the will annexed of William Robinson decd was granted to Elizabeth his widow, who hath since intermarried with the Reverend James Simpson.

12 April 1788. Capias for Lancaster Lovitt to appear the second Thursday in May next, to answer John Ghiselin of a plea of Trespass Assault and Battery, damage £60. . . . John Ghiselin complains of Lancaster Lovett in Custody &c of a plea for that the said Lancaster Lovett on the ---- day of April 1788 did beat, wound & maim the said John Ghiselin, etc. Jury sworn & discharged May 1789. Contd August '89. Jury sworn & not agreeing, discharged by consent & Discontinued June Court 1790.

4 Sept. 1783. Sarah King, spinster, charges Thomas Galt with having begotten a bastard child on her body.

21 Jan. 1788. This is to certify that George Booth aged 70 came before me and swore on the Holy Evangelist that he conceived that William Morris aged 65 [or is it 60? A zero is written on top of the 5, or vice versa] to be his Prinsaple Witness in a sute between Thomas Wishart plaintive and sd Booth Defendant and that he has Case to believe that the sd Morris will not be able to appear as a witnes in sd sute therefore Prayeth a comishion to take Deppositions of sd Morris [the remaining few words are illegible]. Tully Moseley.

Deposition of William (his mark) Morriss, returned Aug. 1788. William Morriss aged 65 or thereabouts deposeth and saith that he has been well acquainted with the land Banks and Islands adjacent from Malbone's upgoing to the Currituck Inlet and that he well remembers a small Island that went be the name of Ceedar Island which he often has been on lying and adjoining the Banks near the Old Wash except some small Creeks Between, and was a Considerable Iland until the storm in December 1744 and that storm and others since has washed it away by degrees nothing now appearing for some year past but a few trees and the Island Called Ceedar Island now in the possession of George Booth he very well knew at the same time and to the best of his judgment it lies three miles distance from the other Island and Banks across the Bay to the southward & westward and further this deponent sayeth not. William (his mark) Morriss Senr. 5 April 1785, Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Princess Anne County greeting. Command George Booth that he render unto Thomas Wishart, Charles Cannon, Joseph Holland & Elizabeth his wife, Clotilda Lawson Langston, Mary Jones, Monica Teresa Jones, & Margaret Jones one message & 75 acres of land, commonly called Cedar Island, which they claim as their right of inheritance, & wherefore they complain that the afor^d George unjustly deforces them, etc.

19 April 1787. Mary Davis, single woman, made oath that she was lately delivered of a bastard child begotten on her body by Charles Smith. Judgment August 1789.

8 Aug. 1788. Capias for William Keeling, blacksmith, & John Carmical to answer Mitchell Thorowgood & Jonathan Park, ex'ors of William Thorowgood decd, of a plea of debt for £12:4, damage 40 shillings.

24 April 1788. Capias for John Thorowgood & Joshua Martin to answer Michael Burke & Frances his wife, adm'rs of Richard Langley decd, of a plea of debt for £41, damage £5.

23 Oct. 1789. Summons for William Keeling Senr son of John, to answer Simon Marvault for a debt of £5 due by account.

Scire Facias, 14 Oct. 1788. Wishart's ex'ors vs. Valentine &c. "John Valentine hath since departed this life intestate since rendering the said judgment and that Letters of Administration on his estate hath also been in due form granted to Anne Valentine his Widow & Relict who hath lately intermarried with a certain Maurice Fitzgerald."

5 Nov. 1788. Capias for Paul Keeling to answer John Lovett of a plea of debt for £36, damage £5, due by bond signed 4 Jan. 1783 in

the presence of Wm. Keeling and Susanah (her mark) Guy.
 Among the papers is a letter, dated 11 Nov. 1788, addressed to Mr. William Nimmo at Kemp's, as follows: "Sir. Mr Paul Keeling agrees to confess a Judgment if I will waight about Six Weeks for the money, if it can be done this Court, it will be much better then to waight, perhaps twelve or eighteen months, before a Judgment, If he shoold not confess a Judgmt dont hold him to special Bail as I think thir is no dainger and it may give him some trouble, The Tax of the two Writs I will call and pay when I come to Kemp's, Mr. Paul Keeling now Stands Indebted to me £12:0:3 which he has an Acct. of, If he shoold want a litle longer time it dont make much difrance with me. I am Sir yr Obt Servant John Lovett."

15 Feb. 1788. Capias for Margaret Hambleton, ex'x of Gavin Hambleton, to answer Preeson Bowdoin, surviving partner of Phripp & Bowdoin, of a plea of debt for £20 sterling, damage £30.
 Among the papers is the following, addressed to Mr. James Hamilton Senr, Mercht, Glasgow: "Virginia 2^d Jany 1778. At sixty days sight of this my second of Exchange my first & third of same tenor & date not paid Pay to Messrs. Phripp & Bowdoin or Order, the sum of Twenty Pounds Sterg for value Recd. here, and place to acct. of Gavin Hamilton."

13 Jan. 1785. Capias for Willis Randolph to answer John Boulton of a plea of Trespass, damage £100. Judgt for plt. March 1789. "From the Evidence of John Corprew we find that the Horse of John Boulton was taken by a party of which Willis Randolph was one but that He was not present at the taking Him but Join'd the Party afterward by whom the said Horse was conducted to the great Bridge & there sold. Upon the whole matter if the Law be for the Plt. we of the Jury do find for him thirty Pounds & if the Law be for the Deft. we find for him. B. Hicks, fn."

15 Jan. 1789. Summons for Thomas Smith & Joyce his wife, adm'rs of Samuel Boush Junr decd, to answer the petition of Charles Harvey, adm'r of William Piercy decd, for £2 due by account. The account, dated 1779, states that the estate of Samuel Boush decd is indebted to Wm. Piercy £2 for "12 Months Tuition of James Boush."

This box is the last of the "A" series.

WHERE IS THE LYNHAVEN PARISH REGISTER?

In the year 1881 there appeared in the *Richmond Standard* an article on the Thorowgood Family of Princess Anne County, Va. The article was printed in four weekly installments, beginning on the 10th of December. Near the beginning of the first installment, the writer of this article stated as follows:

"From copies of wills furnished me by J. J. Burroughs, Esq. clerk of the County Court of Princess Anne county, from the parish register loaned me by Thurmer Hoggard, Esq., of that county, from the register of marriages in the office of the General Court, from the records in the Adjutant-General's office, and from other sources, (all prior to the year 1863,) I am enabled to make up the following memoranda:"

The writer of the article, who identified himself merely as T. H. E., then proceeded to give an outline of the various branches of the Thorowgood family. In the fourth and concluding installment, printed Dec. 31, 1881, he wrote as follows:

"I have a transcript from an imperfect register of Lynnhaven parish, giving the names and dates of birth of children in the Thorowgood family, extending from July 26, 1733, to March 8, 1787; also, family deaths from August 1, 1734, to September 22, 1763; also, births of slaves belonging to them from April 26, 1737, to June 15, 1762. But the names, if given, would make this communication too long."

The writer, T. H. E., was undoubtedly Col. Thomas H. Ellis, whose article on William Nimmo of Williamsburg was printed in 1896 in the *William & Mary Quarterly*, volume 5. The Nimmo family was also mentioned at some length in the Thorowgood article.

Where is this ancient Lynnhaven Parish register today? Is it in some forgotten trunk in someone's attic or cellar? Is it in some outbuilding gathering dust and mold? Does some descendant of the Hoggard family or of the Ellis family have it without realizing it?

Lynnhaven Parish covered the same territory as Princess Anne County. The discovery of this missing parish register would be of major genealogical importance, and would serve also to clarify many historically doubtful points. It may still be in existence. If this is the case, it is undoubtedly in a very mutilated condition.

Many persons who read this will know of musty old ledgers left by their grandfathers and great-grandfathers, and stored away in some almost forgotten corner. The early Lynnhaven Parish register may be

among them, borrowed long ago and kept because of circumstances at which we can only guess.

Too many of our historical treasures have been lost or destroyed through carelessness. It is hoped that this appeal may stimulate a search for the missing register. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this register should notify the archives division of the Virginia State Library, which is the place where many other Virginia parish registers are kept, and where many have been restored and photostatic copies made. The Library authorities would be glad to hear from anyone who has definite information as to the whereabouts of this register, or who can establish that it was in existence since the year 1900. The editor of this book would also like to be notified at his home address: 4100 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Of those who read this appeal perhaps only one will remember seeing a register with dates prior to 1787, or will find a note in his father's handwriting that a certain date of birth, marriage or death was copied by him from the register. To the others who are not so successful, we wish to point out that many documents are of great use to the researcher, though they may appear of little value to the owner.

Was your great-great-grandfather an innkeeper? His account book may furnish the only clue that a certain family migrated in a certain direction. Was he a storekeeper? His account book may contain the only surviving evidence that a certain person had a daughter Alice, for whom he bought a pair of shoes in 1798. Was he a cutter of tombstones? His records may give the inscription on a stone which has long been mutilated or destroyed. Was he a doctor? His records may show that he attended his neighbors in their last illnesses and recorded the delivery of many children. Was your ancestor a minister or a lawyer? His records may be the most valuable of all to the researcher.

All such old account books, diaries, letters, and the like, if not kept in a safe place, are in danger of loss or of destruction by fire or by descendants of the present owner, many of whom will consider them as trash to be thrown away.

All such old records, particularly if they come from Virginia counties whose records have been largely destroyed by fire, will be gratefully received by the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Va., and the owner who wishes to add his contribution to the fund of historical and genealogical knowledge should send his old records there. If the owner wishes to keep the original documents the Library will make a photostatic copy for its own use, and return the original to the owner.

SURNAMES IN THE PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY DEED INDEX, 1691-1798

This book being, it is hoped, the first of several books about Princess Anne County records, it is felt that genealogical interest will be stimulated if a complete list of surnames to be found in the earliest deed index is given here. Certain researchers who have vainly sought elsewhere to establish their colonial lineages will find this list of considerable value, for quite a number of persons with unusual surnames lived for a few years in the county and then moved to other counties, where their wills or inventories may or may not be found recorded, depending upon whether the records in the other counties were destroyed. A goodly number of these persons sold or gave land to their married daughters or other close kin, and the relationship is clearly set forth in the Princess Anne County deeds.

In order to show the approximate period during which the various families lived in the county, those surnames which are found in the first four deed books (1691-1735) are identified in the following list with an "a" after their names; those found in volumes 5 through 10 (1735-1769) are identified with a "b"; and those names which appear in volumes 11 through 24 (1769-1798) are identified with a "c."

Acles, Acklis a; Ackis, Ackiss abc; Adams, Addams a; Absalom, Absalam bc; Aitchison bc; Albertson a; Airs abc; Albritton ab; Angus ab; Alegood a; Ansell ac; Ansdle b; Anderson c; Ashbey, Ashby bc; Ashley abc; Ashman b; Atwood abc; Axstead abc.

Barber a; Banks bc; Barlow b; Ball b; Baker a; Ballard bc; Ballentine b; Batten ac; Bannister bc; Barefoot a; Barker ac; Basnet a; Barns, Barnes bc; Barwell c; Beesley, Beasley ac; Bellemy a; Bell ab; Benson a; Benthall c; Best ab; Biddle bc; Berry abc; Bibbery a; Blair b; Biggs, Bigg a; Bishop c; Blamire bc; Butler a; Buckner b; Buskett b; Britt a; Burgess abc; Bullock a; Bryan, Bryon c; Braithwaite c; Bowness bc; Bolitho abc; Boulton c; Booth abc; Bond a; Bonney abc; Boyd b; Bruer, Brewer bc; Boush abc; Brooks ab; Bradley abc; Branch c; Bragg c; Bray ab; Bright c; Bressie c; Brinson abc; Brumfield c; Brockett a; Brock abc; Broughton ab; Brown abc; Burkitt, Burkett ac; Burrough, Burroughs, Borroughs abc; Burruss c; Burford a; Buskey abc; Burfoot ab; Butt ac; Buck a; Barte, Bartie bc; Bacon c; Bates c; Brownlie c; Blanchard c; Bruce c; Bert a; Burley bc; Barrington b; Barsley a; Bustin, Bustain b; Black c; Brickhouse c; Bence a; Backhouse c; Brindle a;

Burrass, Burrous a; Bowdoin c; Bolton a; Brough bc; Blaws c; Burke c; Bodnam, Bodman ab; Byrd a; Betts c; Bowen c; Burn a. Baptist Church b; Baptist Society c; Burkes & Haynes c.

Ceaton a; Capell a; Caton bc; Cawson bc; Caston b; Cann bc; Calvert bc; Carruthers a; Campbell abc; Cartwright abc; Cannon abc; Cary b; Capps abc; Carraway abc; Carnell c; Carroll, Carrill, Carrell abc; Cashill a; Cason abc; Casper c; Cherry bc; Chapman b; Chandler c; Chappell, Chappel, Chapple abc; Chase a; Chichester a; Cheshire ab; Cleark, Clerk a; Clarke ab; Clay bc; Clarkson b; Clamons c; Colley b; Corbell c; Coan b; Cottle bc; Cotton b; Cockroft a; Corprew abc; Cocke ab; Collitt c; Collins, Collings abc; Coppedge c; Conner abc; Consalvo, Consaulvo, Consolvo ab; Consaul, Consaul abc; Cornick abc; Cornish abc; Corbett abc; Cox, Cocks abc; Cowan c; Cooper a; Condon ab; Craft, Crafts abc; Craig, Craigg c; Creed abc; Cramond bc; Creedle ab; Cressey a; Curwin c; Crashley a; Cumberland, Cumberfoot abc; Cummings, Cumming, Cumings, Comins abc; Curle a; Carmichael c; Cook, Cooke ac; Cullin b; Crawford ab; Craford ab; Clowes a; Callaway c; Coats bc; Camel c; Cavender c; Casteen c; Cathrill a; Cotance a; Carson bc; Canady bc; Carter c.

Dale, Deal ab; Dameron b; Davis, Daviss abc; Duffy c; Daugement a; Dauge, Dauger, Douge, Doudge, Doudger, Douse abc; Dawley, Dauley, Doyley abc; Denby ab; Dennis ab; Denny bc; Dennet c; Dermour, Dearmore, Deermore ab; Douglas ac; Dison b; Dolby c; Diack c; Dickson bc; Dickinson b; Dismoor a; Draper a; Dobbs ac; Dollar a; Dollard a; Dorey b; Drout a; Drewry, Drurey bc; Dyson bc; Dunn b; Dudley abc; Duncan, Dunkin ac; Dunbar c; Durant ac; Dyer abc.

Easter bc; Eaton abc; Edge c; Edgar c; Edmonds abc; Edwards abc; Edey b; Egerton a; Eiland ab; Elks bc; Ellegood abc; Emperor a; Ellison b; Ellis c; Evans c; Etheridge, Etheredge bc; Everitt c; Ewell abc.

Fazakerley b; Fenton bc; Fentress, Fentriss abc; Ferguson, Fergesson a; Finckley a; Forrester c; Fisher bc; Fitzgerald abc; Fitz, Fittz ab; Flanagan, Flanikin abc; Flinch b; Floyd abc; Flaningham a; Flear a; Fountain ab; Forrest c; Foster bc; Fowler a; Franklin abc; French a; Frizel, Frizzle, Frissell abc; Foulks a; Fulford c; Fulcher a; Freeman a; Frazier b.

Gardner, Gardnor ab; Garner ab; Gautier c; Garriss c; Gamewell bc; Garrison c; Galindo c; Gasking, Gaskings, Gaskin, Gaskins abc; Geavens a; Gibbs ac; Gibson b; Glasgow, Glasco ac; Glascock a; Ghiselin c; Gittery a; Gisbon, Gisburn, Guisborn abc; Grant a; Garton b; Granberry

a; Grinto, Gornto abc; Godfrey abc; Goddard a; Gould b; Goodaker a; Grainger b; Gray bc; Green bc; Griggs c; Grimstead bc; Griffin abc; Gregory c; Guy ab; Gwin, Gwinn c; Griffith c; Governor of Virginia c.

Hattersley a; Hatton b; Halstead c; Hargrove ac; Hailes a; Haywood c; Harris ab; Harper abc; Hall ac; Hancock, Hancocke, Handcock abc; Hardy, Hardee bc; Harford, Harefoot ab; Harrison abc; Harvey abc; Hartley bc; Hayes, Hays ab; Haynes, Haines abc; Heath abc; Henley, Hendley, Hensley abc; Herbert, Harbert abc; Hetherington a; Hill abc; Hillyard a; Happer b; Havercomb a; Harding c; Hobday c; Hodges bc; Hoggard bc; Hollowell bc; Holmes abc; Holt abc; Hopkins abc; Hosier c; Horsington a; Hough, Huff ab; Houston c; Humphrey, Humphreys, Humphres abc; Hunter abc; Hutchings, Hutchins abc; Huggins abc; Huddleston, Huddleston, Hottleston b.

Ilfie ab; Ince b; Ingram c; English a; Isdell a; Ives ac; Ivy abc.

Jackson bc; Jacob, Jacobs bc; James abc; Jamieson, Jamison bc; Jarvis b; Jenkins a; Jesper c; Jobson c; Johnson abc; Joliff, Jolloff abc; Jolley a; Jones abc; Josselin a.

Kay, Kays bc; Keaton a; Keeling abc; Kennun c; Kenline b; Kennady c; Kellam c; Kelley, Kellee abc; Kemp, Kempe abc; Kilgro, Kilgour, Kilgore c; Killey b; Kinnion c; King bc; Kingman a; Kinsey, Kensey ac; Knight c; Knowis ab.

Lamb c; Landey a; Lamount abc; Land abc; Lane abc; Langley abc; Lambert a; Langworth a; Lawson abc; Lawrence c; Leonard ab; Lee c; Leggett, Leggitt, Legat abc; Lester abc; Lewelling b; Lewis abc; Lidderdale b; Lingo, Linggo b; Lilburn ab; Linton ab; Lipsey ab; Lockhart c; Lockhead c; Logan bc; Love b; Lovitt, Lovett abc; Ludlam c; Luke b; Lurrey a; Lyon bc; Linhaven Parish a.

Marley c; Marriner b; Macarty a; Mackie, Mackey abc; Macoy a; Macloud, McCloud a; Makemie a; Makeel a; Magravey a; Malbone abc; Marshall b; Martin abc; Marsh a; Mason abc; Marvault c; Matthias abc; McCastleton, Macasslon b; May, Maye abc; Mayo a; McColl, McCall, McCaul, McCaull bc; McClenahan, McClanahan abc; Macleland, McClellan, McClalin, McClalen abc; McNeil b; McDaniel ab; McCabe bc; McClannen bc; McClahan a; McDuel ab; Melson a; Mercer b; Merchant, Marchant abc; Miller abc; Miles c; Mitchell c; Magee b; Montgomery ac; Morgin, Morgan b; Moore abc; Morrisset bc; Morris, Morriss abc; Moseley abc; Morse abc; Moses abc; Moye, Moy ab; Munden abc; Mondon c; Murphy, Murffey abc; Murray bc; Murden abc; Muncreef, Moncriefe a; Murdaugh c; Methodist Episcopal Church c.

Nash b; Neale a; Nelson c; Newsum c; Newman a; Newton abc;

Nicklis a; Nicholas abc; Nicholson abc; Nichols bc; Nimmo abc; Nivison c; Northern a; Norris bc; Norman c; Norsworthy a; Nottingham c.

Oakham, Oakim, Oakem abc; Oast ab; Old abc; Oldner b; Oliver abc; Orange b; Otterson ac; Owens abc.

Payne c; Paydon c; Padon c; Parker ac; Pallett abc; Park c. Parsons abc; Pairetree ab; Petree, Petrie ab; Parr c; Pearsey a; Peacock a; Patterson, Paterson b; Patton b; Pebworth c; Pew, Pugh ab; Peed bc; Peters a; Petty bc; Perry ab; Philpot abc; Phillips, Philips bc; Phripp bc; Pettijohn a; Pierrepont c; Pitts ab; Plummer c; Poole, Pool abc; Porten a; Porter ab; Powell ab; Potter c; Powers, Power bc; Poyner a; Prescott abc; Price a; Purdy abc; Purvine a; Parish of Lynhaven b; Princess Anne County c.

Quay b.

Rainey, Rany, Raney bc; Ramsey bc; Randolph bc; Rawley a; Ray, Rea c; Rayley a; Read, Reade, Reed bc; Ritson c; Richmond, Richman ab; Richason, Richerson a; Riordane a; Riley a; Rice c; Rigby ab; Rigg, Riggs c; Roberts abc; Robinson abc; Robertson bc; Ross b; Rose c; Roe ab; Roeland, Rowland b; Romney a; Rudder bc; Russell abc; Rutland, Ruthland abc; Rutling c.

Stration c; Starling a; Satchell c; Sawcer ab; Severn c; Sanders c; Scopus, Scopass bc; Salusbury c; Scady, Scady b; Stibbens b; Sanderson ac; Sanford a; Salmon, Salmons abc; Saunders abc; Seeley, Sealy ab; Scaff c; Sellers a; Seneca abc; Sayer abc; Scott abc; Shepherd, Sheperd, Shepard abc; Sharp ab; Shipp abc; Shirley, Shurley ab; Shore c; Sikes c; Sidney a; Simmons, Simons abc; Simpson abc; Sherwood, Sharwood, Shearwood bc; Slaughter, Slatter, Slaught b; Shortzraitz c; Scurr c; Sicklemore a; Showland a; Shelton c; Short bc; Smallwood b; Smyth ab; Smith abc; Singleton bc; Silvester c; Slade a; Snaile, Snail, Snayle abc; Solley a; Sorey, Soarey abc; Spruell a; Southern ab; Stanley, Standly ab; Spann ab; Sparrow bc; Spratt abc; Staner, Stanner b; Stallions b; Stewart bc; Stevenson b; Stiring, Stirin, Styring abc; Stone abc; Stripes ab; Sugg, Suggs ac; Stoakes, Stoaks ab; Sullivan, Sullivant ab; Stockes b; Stevens, Stephens bc; Sweeney, Sweny b; Stubbs a; Swaine a; Shermer c; Shoecraft, Shewcraft, Shucraft bc.

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[Note: with regard to the above list, the reader is advised not to adopt too rigid an attitude in interpreting the time divisions "a," "b," and "c." There are cases where a person moved into the county during the "a" period and survived to the "c" period; yet his surname appears in the deed index for the "b" period only.]

THE LOVETT FAMILY

On the next page is an outline of the Lovett (or Lovitt) family of Princess Anne County. In its original form it was typed on a sheet of paper measuring 17 by 22 inches, and it is here reproduced, greatly reduced in size. It lacks many virtues, as the main purpose was to make the information fit the page. It represents about six months of work, and was typed before the thought of compiling this book had occurred to the editor. Efforts to expand and improve it, largely unsuccessful, led to an examination of the loose papers of the county, and so was born the idea of compiling this book.

This outline is offered to show the quantity of information that can be crowded onto a single sheet, in the hope that other genealogists may wish to try the same method of disseminating information. A larger and much more legible outline can be reproduced in large quantities for less than two cents a sheet.

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This book is a collection of parts of various puzzles all tumbled together in a single container. It is for the reader to select the puzzles in which he is interested, and assemble as much of them as he can. He will find in this jungle of miscellaneous information many pieces which can be found nowhere else, and fortunately some of them will be found already stuck together. No completed puzzles are in this container, for no genealogical puzzle is ever complete. There are always two more undiscovered pieces to fit onto the piece which you have just found. Therein lies the fascination of genealogy. The more you find, the more you seek. There is joy in seeking the truth and finding it, or even a small portion of it, whether you be genealogist, explorer or scientist. To us true believers this is so self-evident that we do not feel called upon to justify it with an explanation.

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[Note: not all of the surnames from the Deed Index, listed on pages 177-181, have been incorporated into the Name Index, only those names having been included which do not appear in the rest of the text of this volume. These surnames are further identified by the addition of the word "landowner." In this Deed Index, certain peculiarities of handwriting make it almost impossible to distinguish between such names as Ashby and Ashley, Bert and Best, Rigby and Rigley, etc. The researcher is encouraged to consult the original if he can conveniently do so.

Women have been indexed under their maiden names as well as under one or more married names whenever the information is clearly stated in a single paragraph of the text. A question mark has been used in the index after a name or page number to indicate that the information appears to leave some room for doubt.

The attention of the reader is called to certain unusual features of this index, such as an index of slaves and an index of acres. Occasionally it will be found that knowledge of an unusual name of a slave or of the number of acres owned will provide the essential clue leading to the solution of a difficult genealogical problem.]

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JOHN HARVIE CREECY

MR. CREECY recalls that he made his first crude genealogical chart at the age of fourteen. He has been interested in genealogy ever since, and shortly after the close of the Second World War began to devote considerable time to studying some of the subtler aspects of research.

His mother was one of eleven children, and his maternal grandfather one of twelve. In a family where so much of the conversation related to uncles, aunts and cousins, it is quite natural that an interest in genealogy should have gripped him at an early age. By tormenting his elders with questions, he was able to amass an appreciable amount of information.

After years of keeping a card index, he published, in 1949, a chart of the descendants of Col. John Harvie (1747-1807) of Albemarle County, Virginia, and distributed hundreds of copies to his relations as well as to libraries.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1908, he has lived there ever since, except for time devoted to his education, and upwards of three and a half years spent in the Army during World War II.

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