

Superior Court of Law

Rockingham County to wit

That Jay Attorney prosecuting  
for the Commonwealth comes into Court and gives  
the Court to understand and be informed that  
he doth come to wit on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the  
year 1815 at the County aforesaid and within the  
Jurisdiction of this Court Peter Duins an agent  
did make in and upon a certain Jacob Kesting in  
the name of God and of the Commonwealth then  
and there being and him the T Jacob Kesting with clubs  
frosts &c did then and there beat wound & ill treat  
so that his life was greatly imperiled of and other  
injuries then & there did against the peace and dig-  
nity of the Commonwealth and to the bad example  
of all others in like case offending

This information is filed  
on a presentment of the  
Grand Jury made on the testimony  
of Jacob Kesting a witness sworn  
for by the Grand Jury

Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts  
Peter Hains

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The Commonwealth of Virginia to the sheriff of Rockingham  
County Greeting you are hereby commanded to summons  
Peter & Payne Jr. to appear before the  
Judge of the Superior Court for the said County at the Court  
house thereof on the fifth Monday in July Next to answer  
a Return made of the Grand Jury for a breach of  
the peace by assaulting and beating of Jacob  
Kessling  
and have them there this writ Witness Henry J. Gambill  
Clerk of the said Court at the Court house the 7 day of  
May 1816 and in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth

H. J. Gambill

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Exeuted by Wm. G. Burdett  
By Jm. G. Morrison

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County,

GREETING:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons

*Jacob Kessler*

to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County,  
at the Court-house, on the *1st* day of ~~August~~ *September* Court  
next to testify and the truth to say in behalf of

*Commonwealth*

in a certain matter of controversy in our  
said Court depending and undetermined, between

*Commonwealth*  
and *Peter Wayne Jr Deft*

And this *do* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100%.

And have then there this writ. Witness *Henry J. Gambill*, Clerk of our

said Court at the Court-house the *10* day of *September*

181*6* and in the *41* year of the Commonwealth.

*H. J. Gambill*

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, *South*  
YOU are hereby commanded to summon *May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784*  
to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County  
at the Court-house, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
next to testify and the truth to say in behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
in a certain matter of controversy \_\_\_\_\_  
said Court depending and undetermined, between \_\_\_\_\_  
And this \_\_\_\_\_ shall in no wise omit under the great  
And have then there this writ. Witness my hand & Seal of  
said Court at the Court-house the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
181 and in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the Commonwealth.

*Wm. B. Raper Esq*  
*& Geo. Stanton*

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County,

GREETING:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *Thomas Brill*

to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County,  
at the Court-house, on the *first* day of *September* Court  
next to testify and the truth to say in behalf of *Peter Waynes* *pl*

in a certain matter of controversy in our  
said Court depending and undetermined, between *the Commonwealth* *the*  
*and said Peter Waynes Defendant*

And this *he* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100%.  
And have then there this writ. Witness *Henry J. Gambill*, Clerk of our  
said Court at the Court house the *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*  
1816 and in the *41* year of the Commonwealth.

*H J Gambill*

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Presented in Court  
at  
of Good Hope

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, GREETING:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *Peter Bolinger James Lilly Philip Huffman and Michael Kinchart*

to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-house, on the *first* day of *September* Court next to testify and the truth to say in behalf of *Peter Haynes*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined, between *the Commonwealth and said Peter Haynes Defendant*

And this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100<sup>l</sup>. each And have then there this writ. Witness *Henry J. Gambill*, Clerk of our said Court at the Court-house the *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1816 and in the *41* year of the Commonwealth.

*H J Gambill*

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The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham  
County Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon  
Peter Davis Jr to appear before the Judge of the Superior  
Court of the said County at the Court house on the first  
day of April Term Next, to answer a presentment of  
the Grand Jury for assaulting and beating of Jacob  
Kesslering, and have them then this writ with Witness  
Henry Gambell Clerk of our said Court at the Court  
house ~~on~~ the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1815 and in the 40  
Year of the Commonwealth

H. J. Gambell

Counts

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We the Jury  
find the defen<sup>d</sup>  
not Guilty  
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1816 Sept 21st  
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not Guilty.

To S. Court

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D. Ragan & J.