

Rockingham County to wit

The jurors for the body of the County aforesaid on their  
oath present that Mary Rice late of the Parish of Rockingham  
in the County of Rockingham on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1817 at the  
County of Rockingham and within the jurisdiction of this Court an  
lawfully permitted her negro Slave <sup>legally called</sup> Lady who is an idiot, to go  
at large <sup>noted</sup> and unconfined the said negro being <sup>quadrant</sup> <sup>his appearance</sup> <sup>with & marks of the</sup> <sup>to the persons</sup>  
aware and calculated by allowing to produce injury <sup>to the persons</sup>  
of this County (which was then & there well known to the said Mary Rice)  
against the peace & dignity of the Commonwealth and to the well ex-  
ample of all others in like case offending

This Indictment is supported  
by the evidence of William Fowler  
and Alexander Herring two of  
the grand jury

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22  
54  
54  
108



Commenced  
in { Antislavery  
Mary Ann

A true bill

Herring For

Count G  
M. Rice & Indent  
for  
suffering her Negro  
to go at large —

G. Hens. G

1817 Septem. Sum  
awarded. 1818 a fine  
of \$8.00 and Centime.  
July. August exp<sup>d</sup>  
for costs.

Costs \$13.00

40  
62  
140  
2 82  
30  
88  
10  
13.50



The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:  
YOU are hereby commanded to summons

*Alexander Herring & William Fowler*

to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County,  
at the Court-House, on the *1st* day of *April* 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 Mary Rice Defendants*

And this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100 *£ each*

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

said Court at the Court-House the *14* day of *March*

181*8* and in the *42* year of the Commonwealth.

*H. J. Gambill*

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Rice & Spar  
Sep. Court

Executed  
Attest  
L. W. Weston  
L. W. Weston



The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting :  
YOU are hereby commanded to summons

*Alexander Herring*

to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County,  
at the Court-House, on the *first* day of *July* 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 Mary Rice Defendants*

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 *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*  
181*8* and in the *42* year of the Commonwealth.

*H. J. Gambill*

Exercised

Wm Brewster M.D. for

Geo. Brewster

County

New & Spar

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

GREETING:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons

*Mary Rice*

to appear before the Judge of our Superior court of Rockingham County  
at the court house on the *first* day of *April* Court  
next, ~~to testify and the truth to say in behalf of to answer an Indictment~~  
~~for permitting her negro Slave Lady who is an Idiot to go at~~  
*Large Naked* ~~in a certain matter of controversy in our~~  
~~said Court depending and undetermined, between~~

~~And this~~ 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 *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *October*  
*1817* and in the *42<sup>nd</sup>* year of the commonwealth.

*H. J. Gambill*

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GREETING:

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in a certain matter of controversy in our  
Court depending and undetermined between  
next, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the  
at the court house on the day of March Court  
to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court of Rockingham County

and in the 10 year of the commonwealth.