

To the County Court of Rockingham,

Reason and

reflection have taught me, that the offence com-
-mitted, by me at the last term of your Court
was highly indecorous, and improper. My
conduct on that occasion was the result of im-
-temperate passion, proceeding from highly
exasperated feelings — a sense of propriety
and honor require me to make a public
acknowledgement of my rashness and to state
to the Court & the world, that it was very far
from my intention to offer any contempt to
the Court — To whom I have always acted
with the greatest respect, the case above men-
-tioned excepted — I trust that every Honorable
-ble man will duly appreciate the motives
of this acknowledgement; and I
am gratified by the assurance that it receives
the approbation of my friends,

Yours Respectfully
Joseph Trotter

[Faint handwritten signatures and text visible through the paper from the reverse side.]

Rockingham County to wit

Be it Remembered that on the 17th day of February 1818
Joseph Strother James Buff Samuel Hurston
Benjamin Bryan Thomas & Gray Charles
Strother George Clark, Luke Rice, George
W. Harrison

appeared before me Peaching Harrison one of the Justices
of the peace in and for the said County of Rockingham
and acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to
His Excellency James P. Preston Esq Governor of
Virginia and his successors in office in the sum of
fifteen Hundred Dollars that is the said Joseph
Strother in the sum of one thousand Dollars and his
said Secretaries in the sum of five Hundred Dollars
to be levied on their respective goods and Chattels
Lands and Tenements and for the use of the Common
- wealth to be rendered Not up on this Condition that
if the said Joseph Strother shall keep the peace
and be of good behaviour towards all the good
Citizens of this Commonwealth for the term of one
year from the date hereof then the above recogni-
- ance to be void else to remain in full force and
Virtue Given under our hands and Seals the
day and year above written

acknowledged before me
a Justice of the peace for the
County of Rockingham this 17th
day of July 1818

Peaching Harrison

Joseph Strother (Seal)

~~James Buff~~
Bryan (Seal)

Strother (Seal)

Gray (Seal)

George Clark (Seal)
Luke Rice (Seal)

Comth
Strother } recognize

1818 February. Joseph
Strother was released
from imprisonment as
he applied to be
to pay the fine of \$200
in 90 days, and to
give security for his good
behavior for 12 months
himself in \$1000. &
Security in \$500. &

Shenandoah
The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of ~~Rockingham~~ County, Greeting:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *Joseph Strother*

to appear before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County at the
Court-house, on the third Tuesday in *March* next, to

answer a presentment of the Grand Jury for *Swearing two profane*
Oaths on the 19th January last.

And have then there this writ. Witness *Henry J. Gambill* Clerk of our
said County at the Court-House the *21st* day of *February*
1818 and in the *42nd* year of the Commonwealth.

H. J. Gambill

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Strother & Lums

to March
G. Dist.

Shenandoah.

Accepted on
the 28 Feb 1818
Geo & Huffer
for

Jacob Runkles of
1818 March & April
cents, May cents, June
cents, July cents
August half pence
\$100 cents for sugar
2 profan oaths.
Cost \$4.45

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the service of the court

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and County at the Court House the
And have then there this writ. Witness Henry A. Campbell Clerk of our

YOU are hereby commanded to enforce

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