

Countess
De M. & P.
to

Countess

No. 14. De M. & P.
of

Call? Countess
25 July 1822 -

Rockingham County to wit.

Memorandum that upon this 18th day, July 1822
Henry Welch Justice of the peace for the county afore-
-said William Bridges and Michael Newman and Joseph
Billhimer all of this said County of Rockingham came
before Henry Welch a Justice of the peace for the County
aforesaid and each of them of his proper person acknowl-
-ged himself indebted to Thomas Mann Randolph Esquire
Governor or chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of
Virginia and his Successors in the Sum of Two Hundred
Dollars to be levied severally of each of their goods & chattels
lands & Tenements respectively to the use of the Commonwealth

Upon condition that if each of them do personally
appear before the Commonwealth's Justice of the peace
for the said County of Rockingham on the 25th day of
this Instant at a court by them to be held at the
Court House of said County for the examination of John H.
Decks and do then and there on behalf of the said Common-
-wealth give such evidence ^{as} they know against the said
John H. Decks concerning the matters whereof he is
charged and that neither they nor either of them do depart
without leave of the said court, then ~~the~~ recognizance
to be void else to remain in full force

~~In testimony whereof~~

Attest and signed before me
Henry Welch this day & date
at the County of Rockingham
this 18th day of July 1822

Wm Bridges
Michael Newman
Joseph Billhimer



Church, Cher

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham County,

Greeting:

YOU are hereby commanded to summon

~~Sarah and Betsey~~ John Miller, Robert Starb, Polly Starb,
George Seckford, Michael Rinehart, John Rinehart, Dennis
Jenkins, James Maides & John Bird of Hefers - Town and
John Cooke John. Sellers

to appear

before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County at the Court-House on the
25th day of this Month ~~commence~~ to testify and the

truth to say in behalf of

John S. Deeth

in a certain matter of controversy in

our said Court, depending and undetermined, between

Commonwealth
and John S. Deeth Defendant

And this

they

shall in no wise omit under the penalty of \$100 each

And have then there this writ. Witness HENRY J. GANGILL Clerk of our said Court

at the Court-House the

and in the

19

day of

July

1822

year of the Commonwealth.

47.

J. J. Gambill

Entered on Jacob Canrod Benjamin Lur
Jiles Tutty Walter Davis, George Huston
David Huston John Vigor Daniel Matthews

by Jacob S. Coons

and

John Crumney Sheriffs

for

C. A. Rutherford S. R. C. -

~~Bartholomew~~
~~up at the~~
~~spoke of the~~
~~to the~~
~~for the~~
~~in~~
Gentry - 1

Manant

Rockingham County Lo wit.

To the Sheriff of Said County.

Whereas Lorn A. Deek late of this county (labourer)
was this day committed to the Gaol of this county by
my warrant, it appearing to me that the felonious
offence whereof he stands charged, Lo wit. for altering a
Receipt passed by William Bridges to the Said Lorn
A. Deek, from five to fifteen Dollars, Dated 18th day
of May 1828. - Brought to be examined into by the County
court; Therefore, on behalf of the commonwealth, I require
you, that you summon at least eight of the Justices
of your said county to meet at the courthouse on the Twenty
fifth day of this Instant ^{Thursday} and then and there to hold a court
for the examination of the fact ^{with} ~~of~~ ^{the said Lorn A. Deek} ~~stands~~ charged
and for such other purposes concerning the premises, as is
by law required and directed; and that you have then there
this warrant

Given under my hand & Seal this
18th day of July 1828.

Henry Wells

Rockingham County to wit,

Whereas ~~William~~ ~~James~~ Pridges of S. County
hath this day given information upon oath
to me Peachy Harrison a Justice of the
Peace for the said County of Rockingham
that on the day of 1821 last past
at the County aforesaid, John H. Deek of S.
County Salomon did ~~give~~ a receipt or alter
the sum of a receipt given him by the said ~~William~~
Pridges from five to fifteen dollars. There are
therefore in the name of the commonwealth
to require you to apprehend the said John H. Deek
and to bring him before me or some other
Justice of the Peace for this County to answer
the premises, and further to be dealt with
according to law, Given under my hand
and seal ~~that~~ at the County aforesaid this
16th day of July 1822, and in the year of the
commonwealth 4th.

Peachy Harrison 

So my sworn officers
do execute — }

The following is a list of the names of the
 persons who have been appointed to the
 various offices of the Society for the
 Relief of the Poor, in the year 1811.
 The names are arranged in alphabetical order.
 The names of the persons who have been
 appointed to the offices of the Society for
 the Relief of the Poor, in the year 1811,
 are as follows:

Rockingham County to wit.

To the keeper of the Jail in the said County

I send you herewith the body of John H. Decks late of this County (labourer) taken and brought before me for uttering a receipt passed to the said John H. Decks. by William Bridge Deputy Surveyor of said County. from five to fifteen Dollars, and you the said Jailor are hereby commanded to receive the said John H. Decks. into your Jail & custody, & him there safely keep. til he shall be thence discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand & Seal this 18th day of July 1822
and of the Commonwealth the 47th -

Benny W. Edwards

Handwritten signature: *Handwritten signature*

Court in John St Deck, Deposition of Witness at Cal. Court
William Bridges being sworn saith that he gave to the prisoner
at the bar, the receipt (here produced in court bearing date the 18. day
of May 1821. - which receipt ~~was~~ when he executed it, ^{was only} for five dollars -
that the said Prisoner owed him for surveying \$24.42 cents. and
that the receipt was given in part of said fee - but which receipt ~~has~~
now appears, to have been altered, from five to fifteen dollars - he
saith that the ^{mony.} ~~prisoner~~ paid the amount ^{was about} ~~the~~ five dollars, at Peter
Nichols on the day which it bears date, and which was on the day
of the General Meeting for 1821. - ~~that~~ he saith that he is
confident ~~it was only~~ the receipt was only for five dollars, and that he
never received any other money from him on account of ^{fees.} ~~prisoner~~
but that he did receive ^{of} ~~from~~ him to pay some office fees
due Mr. Herring - that he does not recollect what bank
the note was on, - that the prisoner had the note in the top
of his inside stand, - he further saith that the receipt was written
by the S^d John St Deck at his suggestion or request, - the
Witness saith that soon after he had received the five dollars he
sold to Michael Newman a Deputy Sheriff the balance of said
fee bill, - that after he heard of the receipt ~~of~~ being attested,
and after he had seen the S^d receipt he together with S^d Michael
Newman entered the prosecution, - that he never authorized
any person to allow a credit for the fifteen dollars. - the
Witness saith that he recollects that he read over the receipt
~~two~~ times before he signed it. - upon being asked why he read the
receipt over twice, he said it was because he had heard
so much about the said Deck - he further saith that he
entered a credit on the fee bill for the five dollars. on the
same day ~~he received~~ or a day or two after he received the said
five dollars ^{but does not recollect the words used but thinks it was for 5 dollars} ~~upon being asked~~ ^{who made out the}
ticket, answers that he could not recollect - but that it was
probable that ~~Mr. Newman~~ it was made out by Mr Herring.
as his name was signed to the ticket, - the Witness also

Stated that he ~~was~~ is a ~~Surveyor~~ Deputy Surveyor of this County —
upon the witness being asked if he ~~had~~ has given a Credit for the
five dollars ~~in~~ in the fee book, for when he went home, answered that
he did give the Credit, but the precise words as used he cannot
recollect, but thinks that the words used in ~~making~~ ^{giving} the Credit, is
"Just paid five dollars" — being asked if Deck ever called on him for
a settlement, answered he did not —

Michael Newman, deponent and saith, that he purchased a
Surveying fee from Mr. Briggs or John S. Deck, — that he asked the
said Deck frequently, for the amount — that Deck refused to pay
the whole fee alleging that Briggs had run one of the lines for
his brother George and had charged him ^{with} for it, — but promised to
make some arrangement about it, — the prisoner asked this deponent
to let him see the fee bill and if any Credit was on it, he
informed him that there was a Credit for five dollars, and showing
him the said fee bill, ~~and also~~ that the said John S. Deck
did not ~~claim~~ at that time claim any other ^{Credit} ~~payment~~ than
the five dollars — (except the one line mentioned as aforesaid)

The witness saith that this conversation took place —
some time, last fall, — but that he this deponent had ~~afterward~~
— as the money ~~before~~ ~~that~~ some time before that — at which
last mentioned time, he only claimed the fee for running the one
line as aforesaid — the witness also states that as he has
lost the fee bill, he should ~~expect~~ to look to Briggs for the
amount — ~~he~~ the witness states that the balance due on the fee
bill when he got it was \$19 & some cents — and that Deck said
he must settle it with Briggs himself —

Joseph Bellhew, says, that he has in his possession a collected as
a Deputy Sheriff, ^{a sum of} fee bill ^{belonging to} Michael Newman, who had got it from
William Briggs, ^{as he said} that ~~when he first called on him from John D.~~
Deek, that when he demanded payment of said fee bill, said
Deek, refused to pay the fee bill, alleging that Briggs had
charged him too much for traveling, and for running one line,
that he the witness informed the S. Deek that there was a receipt
on the fee bill, ^{he thinks} for five dollars - he does not recollect that
he showed the fee bill to the said Deek - the witness further
says that S. Deek did mention to him once his having a receipt
but what sum he claimed by S. receipt the witness does not
recollect - but that he heard that a receipt for 15 dollars had
been ~~brought~~ produced, ^{when} the ~~horse~~ ^{horse} was ~~shown~~ (which the
defendant) had taken to pay S. fee bill, was proven not to be
S. Deek's - ~~which he thinks~~ but does not recollect the time, -
~~but does not recollect whether~~ he recollects that when he
mentioned the receipt to Briggs, that he said he had never given
him any receipt but for five dollars - the witness says that Deek
always refused to pay S. ticket, having been charged too much
and that he must settle it with Briggs -

Alexander Starnes says, that he thinks at the
Superior Court held for this County in October ¹⁸²¹ (about the last of
the Court) ~~John D.~~ Deek the Prisoner at the bar informed him
that M. Newman had the fee bill of him, that he the
Prisoner had ^{paid} ~~paid~~ ^{supposed} a Counterfeit bank Note, but that he
passed it to S. Newman in such a way, that Newman could
not come upon him for it, and that he was afraid that New-
man would distress him for the fee, - that after some conversation
he the witness observed to the Prisoner he believed there was but
five dollars paid on the ^{fee} bill, that the Prisoner answered that

there was ~~but~~ no money - and ^{promised} ~~promised~~ the Witness that
if he would stop the sheriff, ^{from arresting him} that he would pay it, or
send the money in a few days. - The Witness says he is
well acquainted, with the Witness William Bridges, that
~~had character~~ he is a man of good Character - the witness
states that he was positive that this conversation did take place with the
prisoner in Harrisonburg, at the time above stated &

Edmond Bridges being sworn saith that, he was present, in Mr. Welch's
store, ^{in Harrisonburg} when a man by the name of John Rino, paid to Henry Deeth the
prisoner at the bar, two five dollar bank notes, on the bank of North
Carolina, that ~~same~~ ^{same} Doubts was expressed as to ^{the} goodness of the Bank
and that Deeth, gave the notes to his Brother William Bridges, and
asked his opinion as to the notes, the said William Bridges observed
that the notes were good, and that he would take them, if he
would let him have the notes, - but that the prisoner observed he could
not let him have the money ~~for~~ that he owed some money to the
sheriff ~~for~~ ^{for} execution, which he must pay - the witness states
that the ~~to~~ ^{to} the ~~to~~ ^{to} William Bridges, returned the notes to the prisoner
and he the witness left the store, and whether the said William
Bridges left the store at the same time, he the witness does not
recollect. -

Deposition taken at
Jury 14. Deeth, Call
Court, this receipt &
for full enclosed -