Rockingham County, To wit:

To the Sheriff of Said County

Whereas Elijah, a Negro slave, said to be the property of Mr. Joseph Miller of the county aforesaid, Was this day committed to the Gail of this county by my warrant for Felony & Burglary in Breaking into the Barber & Hackster Shop of James Bowyer (a free man of Colour) of the said county with felonious intent. and it appearing to me that the offence wherewith he stands charged ought 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 the said county to meet at the courthouse on Monday the third day of November next, then and there to hold a court for the Examination of the facts which the said Negro Slave Elijah, stands charged, and for Such other purposes concerning the premises as is by law ~~directed~~ required and directed, and that you have then there this warrant

Given under my hand & Seal this 28th day of October 1823

J. Cravens Sea

Commonwealth
Elijah [illegible] Warrant
to Convene Court

Executed on eight additional Prisoners
[illegible] Hunton Esq. for Gen. Lewis
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To the Sheriff or Keeper of the Jail of Rockingham County

Rockingham County To wit.

These are to command and require you in the name of the commonwealth to receive into your Jail the body of Elijah, a Negro boy Slave, belonging to Joseph Miller, being the same boy heretofore called (Doctor Waters and Lyle) Taken and brought before me for felony and [illegible] by him committed in breaking and entering the Barber Shop of James Bowzle (free Man of colour) on the 27th Inst. or at Ten Oclock of the said night, with felonious intent, being apprehended & taken in the act - You are hereby commanded to keep the said Negro boy Elijah, safely in your said Custody, without bail or mainprize until he shall thence be discharged by due course of Law.

Given under my hand & Seal this 27th day of October 1823

J. Travers (Seal)

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Elijah
Letterman

Commonwealth
Elijah } Warrant
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Call'd Court held
the 3d November
1813. and further
Requested