

Comth to John L. Melrod

William Kipell sworn south, that the persons came to
his house on — day of August, Dumber, in the evening
and staid with him two nights and last part of two days
that on the morning of the ^{last} which was the morning of
the snow, the persons, went off before day, that when he
got up he found his chest broke open, and found
his money, or some change was taken, and he suspected
the persons, that he with other persons him and another
went to him ^{near} ~~at the~~ Meadow Armentants in the peaks
Mountain, — that he the witness let the persons to
leave the night before he went off, that he saw the
persons said he was from Tennessee, — that in their
pursuit they ~~had~~ tracked him, by Messieurs, Henry
Kipell to the place where he was taken, — the witness
states that he took about 30 Dollars, and that the
persons when was taken gave up the 14 dollars & 5 cents
which he acknowledged he had taken from the
witness, — the witness states that the persons told
him that he was going on to Tennessee, and that

he had a person coming on who had staid on the
road behind, - and from the story he told, the witness
had no doubt but that he told the truth, - the witness
stated that the money he returned ^{with} was in small change &
also that when he staid that he found his Desk
open, his Pocket book open, and the papers much ~~full~~
displayed, - he also stated that the prisoner, slept up stairs
and the Desk below stairs - and that he perceived the
prisoner the desk open, he further said that the prisoner
was made ^{except} that he took hold of him when he ~~was~~
was made without any threats or persuasions, & that
he does not know ~~whether~~ whether the money given
up by the prisoner was the same that he lost or not,
but believes it is - that the prisoner when he awoke
had given up the money, (stated) to the witness, that
he was sorry for what he had done, and that if he
would let him go, he would do so no more -

The witness stated that after they had brought back the
prisoner, in searching him, they found one dollar in the
hollow of his foot, ~~in the~~ within the
stocking, - he also stated that whilst the prisoner
was at his house, he the witness went in his Desk
and took out some money, and that the prisoner

was in the room at the time, and must have seen
him at the Desk. - The witness further stated that before
the Magistrate, the prisoner stated that the money, was
Repells except two dollars - he also stated that in
their pursuit, they traded him through Repells town, and
through the Mountains until they overtook him -

Reuben Samples, sworn said, - the same in substance
as related to W. Repell, and that he overtook
the prisoner first, that he desired him to stop until
the others came up, that after Repell came up,
he asked the prisoner how come him to ~~stop~~ break
open his Desk, and took hold of him, and the Prisoner
begged him not to hurt him, and that he would give
up the money, which he did - the witness stated
that when he proposed giving up the money, that it was
Repells money, and that he made the same statement
whilst before the Magistrate (Mr. Welch) except the
2 dollars which he said was his own -

Land. Bantreid, stated the same almost
Verbataim, as Repell and Samples. except that the
113 was, stated that he had not broken open the
desk, for that it was not locked, but that ~~it was~~
~~Repell's money~~ the \$14.05 given up by him, was
Repell's money — and that he had taken it
out of the Desk —

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E. DeJordan
of Melion —

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Rockingham County to Wit

Memorandum, that upon this day 19th day of December in the year 1823. Reuben Samples and Samuel Bambridge of the County aforesaid came before me Henry Melch a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid. and each of them of his proper Person acknowledge himself indebted to James Pleasants Esquire. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his Successors in the sum of One hundred Dollars to be levied ^{severally of each of their goods and chattels, lands and tenements} respectively to the use of the said Commonwealth; upon condition that each of them do personally appear before the Commonwealth's Justice of the Peace for the said County of Rockingham on the 3rd day of December at a Court by them to be held at the Court house of the said County for the examination of John D. Wilson, late of the State of Tennessee and do then and there on behalf of the said Commonwealth and give such evidence as ^{they} ~~he~~ knoweth against the said John D. Wilson concerning the matters wherewith he is charged. And that neither he, nor either of them do depart without leave of the said Court then this recognisance to be void else to remain in full force.

do acknowledged before me the day
and date abovewritten ~

Henry Melch

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of the }
Witnesses }
vs
Commander }
John Wilson }

County
Melson & Recy of
Witnesses

1823 December 25.
Call^d. Court held
and Prisoner, ~~recy~~
found Guilty, &c.

Rockingham County to Wit

To the Sheriff of the said County

Whereas John D. Wilson late of the State of Tennessee was
this day committed to the Jail of this County by my
Warrant it appearing to me that the felonious offence
whereunto he stands charged to wit Breaking open the
dock of William Keefe of the aforesaid County and
feloniously stealing therefrom the sum of fourteen Dollars
and five cents in silver On the night of the 18th
Instant, 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 your said
County to meet at the Court house of ~~your said County~~
On the 25th day of this month December And then and there
to hold a Court for the examination of the fact with which
the said John D. Wilson stands charged and for such
other purposes concerning the premises as is by law
required and directed. and that you have them there.
This warrant given under my hand and seal this 19th
day of December 1823 And of the Commonwealth the 14th

Henry Wilson

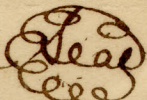
Warrant for Summoning
A Court

Recalled on Paul Weston, Judge of the Court,
George Blake, Clerk, Reading, Warrington. Richard D. Allen
and Henry Nash
Jurat of Court Clerk
Atty for Gordon
Shut off

Rockingham County to Wit

To the Jailor of said County

You are hereby commanded to receive into your Jail
the body of John D Wilson (late of the State of Tennessee)
Charged before me with feloniously Breaking open
the Desk of William Keagle of said County On the
night of the 18th Instant ~~and~~ ^{therefrom} stealing ^{and} carrying away
the sum of fourteen dollars and five cents in silver
the property of the said William Keagle. And him
there safely keep untill he shall from thence be
discharged by due course of Law Given
Under our Seal this 19th day of December 1823
And 4th of the Commonwealth — —

Henry Welch 

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vs
Geo D. Wilson