To the Sheriff of Rockingham County or to the Keeper of the Jail of the said County

Rockingham County To Wit

These are to command & require you in the name of the Commonwealth, to receive into your jail the body of Sam a Slave the property of George Safely of the said County taken and brought before us for felony & Burglary by him committed in breaking and entering the storehouse of Rodham Kemper of the County of Rockingham, Merchant, on the ninth day of May last past at O'Clock of the said night & feloniously taking & carrying away from thence sundry merchandize to the value of dollars of the goods and chattels of him the said Rodham Kemper in the said ~~[illegible]~~ storehouse then & there being wherewith the said Sam stands charged before us. You are hereby commanded to keep the said Sam safely in your jail & custody, without bail or mainprize until he shall thence be discharged by due course of law — Given under our hands & seals this ninth day of June 1826

Saml. H. Lewis (Seal)
(Seal)

Rockingham County To Wit

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County

Whereas Sam a Slave the property of George Safely of the county of Rockingham was this day committed to the jail of this County by our warrant for burglary, storehouse of Rodham Kemper with intent to steal [illegible] in the night [illegible] & it appearing to us that the felonious offence wherewith he stands charged ought to be examined into by the county court of Rockingham Therefore, on the behalf of the Commonwealth, we require you that you summon at least eight of the Justices of your said county to meet at the Court house on the Sixteenth of June (Instant) and then & there to hold a Court for the examination of the fact with which the said Slave Sam, 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 our hands and Seals this Ninth day of June 1826

Saml. H. Lewis (Seal)

+ ~~[illegible]~~ the 9 Day of May in the year 1826

(Seal)

Rockingham County to wit

Be it remembered that on the ninth day of June 1826 Rodham Kemper Peter Keplinger, Jacob Keplinger, & William Safty & George Safty in the said county personally came before me Stephen Harnsberger one of the justices of the peace for the said county and acknowledged themselves to John Tyler Governor of Virginia and his successors Fifty Dollars of lawful money of this commonwealth, if the said Rodham Kemper Peter Keplinger Jacob Keplinger & William Safty & George Safty shall fail in the condition under written

The condition of the above written recognizance is such that if the above bound Rodham Kemper Peter Keplinger, Jacob Keplinger & William Safty shall appear at the courthouse in this county on the sixteenth day of the present month (June) to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the commonwealth against Sam a slave belong to George Safty, charged with Burglary, and George Safty, for the appearance of his negro woman Patsy also as a witness to appear before the court at the courthouse on the said 16th day of June in the case of the commonwealth against the said Sam, then the said recognizance to be void, else to remain in its force

Acknowledged before me

Stephen Harnsberger

Rodham Kemper
Peter Kiblinger
Jacob Kiblinger
William Safley
George Safley

Executed R. P. Fletcher, Henry Welch Joseph Cravens Geo Clarke Saml Cootes Geo. W. Kemper A Rutherford Giles Turley & Saml Stevens

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