

Rockingham County To wit:

To the Sheriff of said county

M.

Whereas Alexander, a negro man slave belonging to Robert <sup>Hyde</sup> of this county of Rockingham (former) ~~a slave of the same name~~ ~~belonging to Samuel Miller of Augusta County (owner of land)~~ was this day committed by me to the Jail of the said county of Rockingham, for felony and burglary, by him committed, in breaking and entering the storehouse <sup>being part of the property of</sup> of John P. Effinger of Harrisonburg in said county (merchant)

On the night of the Third day of September last past, and feloniously taking and carrying away from thence, sundry valuable articles of merchandise, to the Value (as supposed) of ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> hundred Dollars, (Among which are known and Identified by Testimony, One piece of blue broad cloth yards, One piece striped Swandown Vesting, yards, One piece white musaillies ditto - One piece of black silk Velveting yards, two pieces Dove or Drab, coloured Tabby Vests One piece, black Tabby ditto - One Vest pattern cut out & Trimming One pattern buff musaillies, One piece black silk striped Vesting Four White Robes, one of them striped or figured, three ladies pocket Handkerchiefs, Linnen Cambrice, two pieces figured silk for dresses (white) Three pieces Calico, two pieces cross-barred neck Handkerchiefs One Remnant Green Gingham (Striped) One piece black Casimere one Remnant ~~black~~ <sup>blue</sup> ditto) In order to undergo a further trial for the said offences,

There are therefore to require you to sum <sup>up the parties interested to make the indictment</sup> ~~at least~~ <sup>at least</sup> - now a court, consisting of ~~five~~ <sup>three</sup> Justices of the peace of this county at the least, none of whom have any interest in the said slaves to meet at the courthouse of this county on Wednesday the fourteenth day of this present month, to hold a court for the trial of the said slaves according to law, at which time and place, you are to attend.

Given under my hand & Seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the Year 1829

J. Carver Esq



Commonwealth  
vs  
Alex<sup>r</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup>

Warrant to convene  
a Court

Court held the  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15 October and  
prisoner acquitted  
of the felony but  
received a whipping &



Robert Grey County to wit

Robert Grey Attorney prosecuting for the Commune

with and for the County of Rockingham comes here into Court and says  
the Court to understand he is informed that here to come to wit

the house of eleven o'clock at night on the 9 day of ~~the~~ <sup>September</sup> in the year  
1729 at the County of Rockingham and within the jurisdiction of this Court

~~There~~ Alexander (alias Ellick) a negro slave with force and arms  
the store house of John Effinger's Merchant there situated feloniously  
did break and enter with intent the goods and chattels of the said John Effinger  
in the said store house there and there being there and there feloniously to steal  
take and carry away and there and there in the said store house with

force and arms one piece of blue broad cloth of the value of £50 one piece of striped  
brown down vesting of the value of £10 one piece of white muslin vesting of the value of £10 one  
piece of black velvet of the value of £10 2 pieces of dark coloured Tobby velvet of the value  
of £20 one piece of black Tobby velvet of the value of £10 one vest of cotton cut out and  
trimmings of the value of £5 one bottom of Buff muslin of the value of £5 one piece of  
black striped vesting of the value of £5 4 white Ribbons of the value of £10 3 Ladies Pocket hand  
kerchiefs of the value of £10 2 pieces of figured white silk  
dresses of the value of £20 3 pieces of Calico of the value of £20 2 pieces of white broad mark handkerchiefs

\* of the goods and chattels of the said John Effinger in the said store house there  
and there being found there and there feloniously did steal take and carry  
away against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth and to  
the great expense of all others in like case offending

\* of the value of £5 a remnant of green Gingham striped of the value of £5  
one piece of black casimere of the value of £20 one remnant of blue casimere  
of the value of £10



Commenced with  
in 3rd September  
Chick