

Rockingham County to wit

~~The~~ Robert Gray Attorney prosecuting for the Commonwealth
= wealth in & for the County of Rockingham in the Court Superior Court of
Law & Chancery, ^{for County} comes here into Court and gives the Court to understand and
be informed that William Bates a Negro emancipated since the 1st day of May
1806 to wit on the 26th day of February in the year 1820 in the County of York
and within the jurisdiction of this Court has violated the provisions of the
act of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia entitled "An act
reducing into one the several acts concerning slaves free negroes and mulattoes
passed March the 2^d 1819" by remaining within the Commonwealth of Virginia to
wit in the County of Rockingham more than twelve months after his ^{1st} William
Bates refused to furnish account and after this ^{1st} William Bates had attained the age
of twenty one years to wit from the 26th day of February in the year 1820 to the
11th day of October 1831 And the ^{2^d} jurors present that the ^{2^d} William Bates so remain
is ^{2^d} ^{3^d} within the Commonwealth of Virginia to wit in the County of Rocking
ham after the ^{1st} William Bates had been emancipated as ^{3^d} ^{4^d} and had attained
the age of twenty one years as ^{4^d} ^{5^d} without having obtained leave so to remain
according to law contrary to the statute in such case made and provided and
against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth

This information is fully and
of Court, ^{found} ~~by~~ on a presentment
made by the grand jury on the evidence
of James Clark Comptroller of the
= since residing in the County of Rock
ingham who was sworn by the grand
= jury.

Commencement
as of Information
Will be able to give more

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham County
Greeting: We command you that you do not send for any liberty
in your District, but that you take William State (a free Negro)
if he be found within the same, and him safely keep, so that you
have his body before the Judges of our Supreme Court of Law and Chancery
for the County of Rockingham, on the first day of May Term next
to answer us of a certain ^{information filed} ~~prosecution~~ against him by ^{one of the} ~~the~~ ^{Justices of the} ~~County~~
and have then and there the said William State J. Gambell Clerk
of our said Court at the Court house the 31st day of October 1832
and in the 57th year of the Commonwealth

J. Gambell *clerk*

Mean! for not answering an information filed against him for remaining
in the Commonwealth of Virginia more than one year after his right
to freedom accrued. Teste

J. Gambell *clerk*

County

Wile & Capras to

answer and

information

C. S. Court

The within named William Wile hath
left the County

Wm. Wile
R. Matthews & P. C.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *William Steele* *apud sigro*
Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery
to appear before the ~~Justices of our Court~~ of Rockingham County at the
Court-House on the ~~Monday before the first Thursday~~ *first day of May Term*
next, to answer a presentment of the Grand Jury for *Remaining within*
the Commonwealth of Virginia, twelve ~~month~~ *Months*
after his right to freedom accrues. Contrary to Law

And have then there this writ. Witness HENRY J. GAMBILL, Clerk
of our said ~~County~~ *County* at the Court-House the *5th* day of *November*
1831 and in the *56* year of the Commonwealth.

H. J. Gambill

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:
Executed Arch^d. M. Heston refer
To Barto M. C.

Bought
Date & shown to
information

C. H. C.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons

Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Chancery of
to appear before the ~~Justices of our Court of~~ Rockingham County at the

first day of October Court next
Court-House on the ~~Monday before the first Tuesday in~~ to answer an information

filed by order of the Court upon
~~next~~ to answer a presentment of the Grand Jury for, *Maintenance in the*

Commonwealth of Virginia more than twelve Months
after his right of freedom occurs

And have then there this writ. Witness HENRY J. GAMBILL, Clerk

of our said County at the Court-House the 5th day of June

1832 and in the 56 year of the Commonwealth.

H. J. Gambill

Exhibited

before the District Judge

do hereby certify

County

W. State & Secus

& Trust

1832 all y. Dist. Cald
Informations ordered to be
awarded, 1832 October
Capus awarded May
Not. prosequi award

C. S. Court.