

Criminal Superior Court of Law & Chancery

Rockingham County to wit

The jurors for the body of the County
aforesaid on their oaths present, that Chapman Shipton late of the
Parish of Rockingham, in the County of Rockingham, lecherous, not
having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and seduced by
the instigation of the Devil, on the sixteenth day of November, in
the year eight hundred and thirty two, with force and arms at the
Parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of
this Court, in and upon one Thomas Shipton then and there being
feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of his malice afore-
thought, did make an assault; and that the said Chapman Shipton
with a certain knife, of the value of nine pence, which he the said
Chapman Shipton in his right hand then and there had and held, the
said Thomas Shipton in and upon the left side and belly of him the said
Thomas Shipton then and there feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly,
and of his malice aforethought did strike and thrust, giving to the said Thomas
Shipton then and there, with the knife aforesaid in and upon the aforesaid
left side and belly of him the said Thomas Shipton, three mortal wounds, ^{of said wounds}
on the ³ left side of the said Thomas Shipton of the breadth of three inches, and
the depth of six inches each, and one ^{of said wounds} on the aforesaid belly of the said Thomas
Shipton of the breadth of three inches, and the depth of six inches; of which
said mortal wounds he the said Thomas Shipton then & there instantly died.
And so the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid, do say, that the said
Chapman Shipton him the said Thomas Shipton in the manner and
by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly,
and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder against the form of
the act of Assembly in that case made and provided, and against the
peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

finding the prisoner Chapman Shigler
guilty of man slaughter we do sentence
the said Shigler to be in the jail for two years
in prison in the penitentiary

We the jury find the Defendant not guilty of murder
but we find him guilty of Voluntary manslaughter and
do advise and give the period of his imprisonment in the
penitentiary to be in the City of Richmond
to two years

Samuel G. Breyer
foreman

Commonwealth
vs Chapman Shigler

A Bruce Bell

A Davenport
foreman -

1833 May Court

Wt. W. is sent to
Penitentiary house for
2 years &

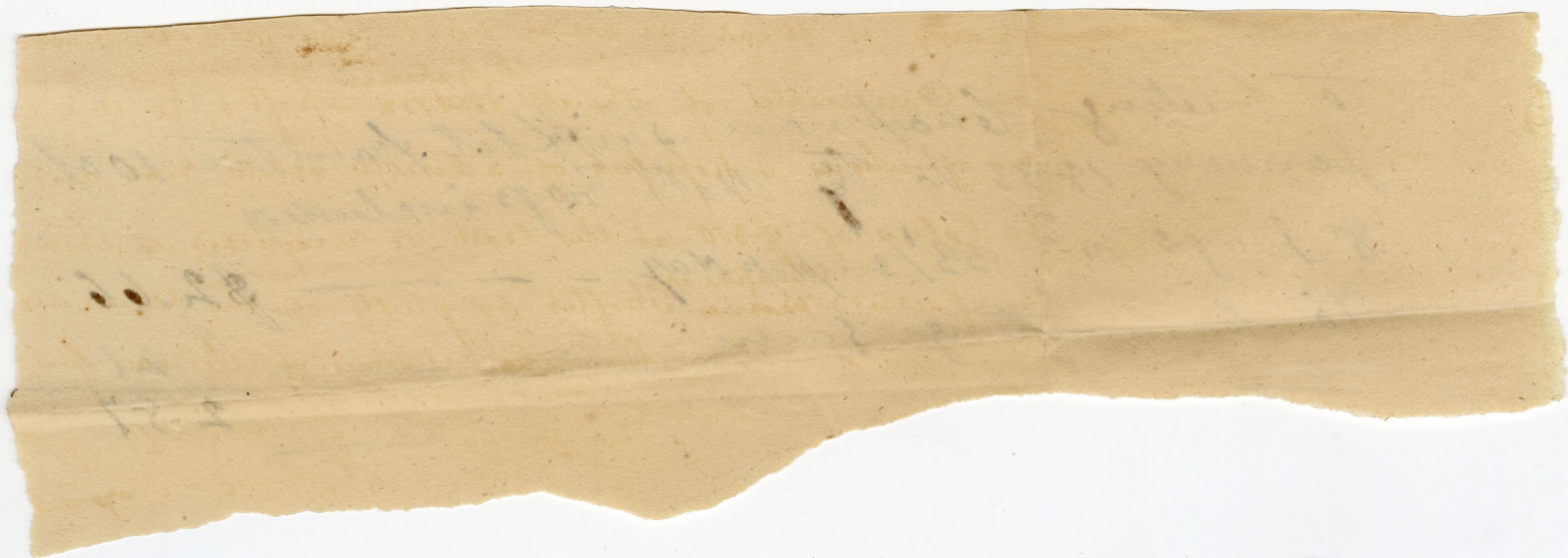
Lara Powell,
Abraham Shigler,
Alfred Moser
Robert Powell
Jeremiah Powell
Harrison Williams

sworn to give evidence on this indictment
S. F. Gambell Clerk

To Dieting Chapman Shiftlet from the 10 of
January 1833 to the 17th both days included
8 Days at $33\frac{1}{3}$ per day ————— \$2.66
To committing same —————

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The Commission of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham
County greeting: We command you, that you cause to come before
the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
said County, at the Court house thereof on the first day of the
next term, twelve good and lawful freeholders of your County,
residing as near as may be to the place where the Murder
was committed, of which ~~Thomas~~ ^{Chapman} Sheftel, is accused. every
one of whom is proprietor of a visible estate, real and personal of
the value of \$300 at the least, to recognize in their oaths, whether
the aforesaid ~~Thomas~~ ^{Chapman} Sheftel be guilty of the Murder aforesaid or
not, and have them there the names of the said freeholders and
the writ, Witness My Hand & Seal of our said Court,
the 2^d day of April 1833 and in the 57th year of the Commonwealth

14. J. Gambill

In 2. on.
 Jas. Dean
 Land. L. Barchin
 Benvenuto Rains
 Jacob Bear
 Jos. Meyer
 Mr. Hammer
 Mr. Rains
 Ben. Powell
 Mr. Smith
 Jas. Kersely
 Mr. Hite
 Jacob Holand
 E. H. Smith Dfor
 D. Matthews JR

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 Sheftlet & Neneria
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1833 May Court
 Def. tried and found
 Guilty & 2 years in
 Penitentiary house.

Costs of Prosecution
 to be paid to Exchequer
 and according to law

Costs \$127.42

Costs in County Court . . . Clerk for calls . . . Court . . . \$3.00
 Sheriff for sum attorney call . . . 4.20
 Scales for . . . 2.18
 Expenses in Superior Court to wit
 Summons (Honey & all other County stuff) . . . \$6.25
 Expenses of the Deceased . . . 60.00
 Scales expenses . . . as above . . . 40.00
 Disturb attorney 10.00
 10.00 11 6 85
 \$127.42

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham County,

GREETING :

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *Joseph Baughen Phoebe*

Shefflet ~~Robertson Shefflet~~ Francis

Williams & Catharine Williams

Francis Williams

to appear

before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery of Rockingham County at the
Court-House on the *1st* day of *May* Court next, to testify and the
truth to say in behalf of

John Chapman Shefflet

in a certain matter of controversy in
our said Court, depending and undetermined, between *the Commonwealth*
and Chapman Shefflet

And this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100 each
And have then there this Writ. Witness HENRY J. GAMBILL, Clerk of our said Court at the
Court-House the *24th* day of *April* 1833 and in the *57th* year
of the Commonwealth.

H. J. Gambrell

Enclosed
3rd Jan 1891

Mr. J. P. Fleet
and
J. P. Fleet
London