

Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Rockingham County Court.

In the Circuit Court of said County
The Jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for
the body of the County of Rockingham and now in
attendance in the Circuit Court of said County
upon their oath present, ^{that} Patrick Hanafan on the
22^d day of January one thousand eight hundred
and fifty six in the County of Rockingham aforesaid
in and upon one Patrick Gorman, feloniously, wilfully
and of his malice aforethought, did make an
assault and that the said Patrick Hanafan with
a certain knife in his hand then and there held
in and upon the abdomen of him the said Patrick
Gorman then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice
aforethought, did strike and thrust, giving to the said
Patrick Gorman then and there with the knife aforesaid
in and upon the abdomen of him the said Patrick
Gorman one mortal wound of the breadth of
three inches and the depth of six inches; of which
said mortal wound, he the said Patrick Gorman
from the said 22^d day of January ~~1856~~ ^{the} year
aforesaid, to the day of February in the year
aforesaid in the County aforesaid, did languish
and languishing did live, on which said day of
February in the year aforesaid the said Patrick Gorman
in the County aforesaid, of the said mortal wound
died; and so the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths
aforesaid, do say that the said Patrick Hanafan the
said Patrick Gorman in manner & form aforesaid
feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought
did kill & murder, against the peace and dignity
of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Jurors
aforesaid on their oath aforesaid, do further present
that heretofore to wit on the 22^d day of January

in the year 1856 in the County aforesaid, Patrick Hanafan in and upon one Patrick Gorman, feloniously wilfully and of his malice afrethought, did make an assault and the said Patrick Hanafan with a Knife which he then and there held, then and there ^{him the said Patrick Gorman} feloniously, wilfully and maliciously, did strike and thrust giving to the said Patrick Gorman then and there one mortal wound of which said mortal wound, he the said Patrick Gorman then and there died and so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid, do say that the said Patrick Hanafan him the said Patrick Gorman in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and of his malice afrethought, did kill and murder against the ~~peace~~ and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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John Henry, J. M. Weston, Edmund Reame
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We The Jury find a Verdict of
Not Guilty -
P. N. Taliaferro. Foreman



State of Virginia

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At a Court continued and held for Rockingham County
on Tuesday February 1856

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the 8th day of February 1856
Michael Ward made complaint before O. C. Sterling a justice of the peace
for said County that Patrick Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan did kill and
murder Patrick Gorman, which complaint and other papers issued
by said justice, are in these words. "Michael Ward upon oath complains
that on the 22^d day of January 1856 in the County of Rockingham Patrick
Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan did feloniously and of their malice kill and
murder one Patrick Gorman and the said Michael Ward therefore prays
that the said Patrick Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan may be apprehended
and held to answer the said complaint and dealt with in relation
thereto as the law may require. Dated this 8th day of February in the
year 1856
Michael Ward"

Rockingham County Court

This 8th day of February 1856 the said Michael Ward
made oath to the truth of the foregoing complaint before me

O. C. Sterling JP

(Warrant of Arrest)

"Rockingham County Court.
To the Sheriff or any one of his deputies and to all or any one of the Constables
of said County. Whereas Michael Ward of said County has this day made
complaint and information on oath before me O. C. Sterling a justice of
said County that Patrick Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan on the 22^d day
of January 1856 in said County feloniously and of their malice did
kill and murder one Patrick Gorman. There are therefore in the name
of the Commonwealth to command you forthwith to apprehend the
said Patrick Hanafan and Thomas Hanafan and bring them before me
or some other justice of the said County to answer the said complaint
and to be further dealt with according to law. Given under my hand
and seal this 8th day of February in the year 1856
O. C. Sterling JP (seal)

(Certificate)

"Rockingham County Court. To the Clerk of the County Court of said County
O. C. Sterling, a justice of the said County do hereby certify, that I have by my
warrant this day committed Patrick Hanafan to the jail of this County

that he may be examined before the County Court of the said County for
a felony by him committed in this that he did on the 22nd day of January
1856, in the said County feloniously and of his malice did kill and murder
one Patrick Gorman. Given under my hand this 8th day of February 1856
O. Sterling JP

And now at this day court at a Court continued and held for said County
on Tuesday the 19th day of February 1856

Patrick Hearnan who stands charged with a felony by him
committed in this that he did on the 22nd day of January 1856 in the
County of Rockingham feloniously and of his malice did kill & murder
Patrick Gorman. the said Patrick Hearnan was led to the bar in custody
of the jailor of this Court and sundry witnesses being sworn and examined the
Court upon mature deliberation are of opinion that there is probable cause
to suspect the prisoner of the felony whereunto he stands charged it is ordered
that he be remanded for trial before the Circuit Court of this County on the
first day of the next term thereof. and thereupon the prisoner was
remanded to jail.

Be it remembered that John Long appeared in Court & acknowledged
himself to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth in the sum of \$100
to be levied of his goods chattels & lands & tenements and for the use of
the Commonwealth. Yet upon this condition that the said John Long
shall make his personal appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham
County on the first day of the next term thereof then and there to give
evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against Patrick Hearnan
who stands charged with a felony by him committed and not depart
thence without the leave of said Court then this recognizance to be void
otherwise to remain in full force

In the County Court of Rockingham County February 20 1856

Patrick Clarke & Thomas Brown appeared in Court and acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, each in the sum of one hundred dollars to be levied of their respective goods & chattels, lands & tenements and for the use of the Commonwealth. Yet upon this condition that the said Patrick Clarke & Thomas Brown shall make their personal appearance before the Judge of the Circuit Court for this County on the first day of the next term thereof then and there to give evidence before on behalf of Patrick Hanafan who stands charged with a felony by him committed and not to depart thence without the leave of said Court, then this recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force

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L. W. Gamble C. C.

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(Complaint)

Michael Ward upon oath complains, that on the 22^d day of January 1856 in the County of Rockingham Patrick Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan, did feloniously and of their malice kill and murder one Patrick Gorman and the said Michael Ward therefore prays, that the said Patrick Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan may be apprehended and held to answer the said complaint and dealt with in relation thereto as the law may require - Dated this 8th day of February in the year 1858

Michael Ward

Rockingham County, To wit:

This 8th day of February 1858 the said Michael Ward made oath to the truth of the foregoing complaint before me

O. C. Sterling J.P.

(warrant of arrest)

Rockingham County, To wit:

To the Sheriff or any one of his deputies and to all and any one of the Constables of said County.

Whereas Michael Ward of said County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me O. C. Sterling a Justice of said County, that Patrick Hanafan & Thomas Hanafan on the 22^d day of January 1856 in said County, feloniously and of their malice, did kill and murder one Patrick Gorman. These are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth, to command you forthwith to apprehend the said Patrick Hanafan and Thomas Hanafan and bring them before me or some other Justice of the said County to answer the said Complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of February in the year 1858

O. C. Sterling J.P.

Commonwealth

vs

J. Parker

Harriafana

August 1st

1857

1856 Feb'y Thomas

Harriafana discharged

Pat Harriafana sent to

Circuit at to trial

1856 May N.Y. & continued
Oct. term, 1857 May jury
& verdict not guilty and
prisoner discharged.

Commonwealth

vs

Warrant

P. A. J. Harriafana

Ex parte

Feb'y 16th 1857

James Stuart Clerk

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County - Greeting,

Now are hereby commanded to summon, to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court house thereof, on the first day of May term next, Twenty four persons, being freeholders of your County, and qualified in other respects to serve as Jurors, residing remote from the place where the offence is charged to have been committed, of which Patrick Hanafan is accused, viz; in this, "that he did on the 22nd day of January 1856, feloniously and of his malice did kill and murder Patrick Gorman of said County," to recognize on their oaths whether the said Patrick Hanafan, be guilty of the offence aforesaid or not,

And have then there this writ; Witness Arthur St. C. Sprinkel, clerk of our said Court, at the Court house thereof, the 13th day of March 1857, and in the 81st year of the Commonwealth,

A. St. C. Sprinkel

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Executed by summoning the following persons.
 viz. James M. Weaver =

Nicholas Kiger.
 A. J. Johnson.
 Fountain N. Salafeno.
 Joseph Brill.
 Zebulon D. Gilmer.
 George Hendrick.
 John Hoefmohle.
 David Storer. —
 Geo. W. Cutler.
 Joshua Pence.
 Gerard L. Hopkins.

Saloman Beery
 William A. Maupin
 John Harper
 Isaac Showalter
 Joel Flay
 Nerram Coffman
 David Coffman
 Abraham Painter

May 7th 1857. Y. C. Ammon D.C.
 for John R. Koughler S. R. C.

Peter Wise
 Samuel Crabill
 Ephraim Whitmer

May Term 1857 Jacob P. Slusher

May 7th 1857 for John R. Koughler S. R. C.
 for the County D.C.

The Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County - Meeting

You are hereby commanded to summon, to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, on the first day of October term next. Twenty four persons, being freeholders of your County, and qualified in other respects to serve as Jurors, residing remote from the place where the offence is charged to have been committed, of which Patrick Hanafan is accused, viz: in this, "that he did on the 22^d day of January 1856, feloniously and of his malice did kill and murder Patrick Gorman of said County; to recognize on their oaths whether the said Patrick Hanafan, be guilty of the offence aforesaid or not,

And have then there this writ, Witness Arthur S. C. Sprinkel, clerk of our said Court, at the Court house thereof, the 12th day of August 1856, and in the 81st year of the Commonwealth,

A. S. C. Sprinkel

1162 22 May 1856

Occurred on the following

By P. J. Smith & Co. Sept 21/56

David Lineweaver Junr

John S. Heatwole

John S. Heatwole

Joseph Young

Isiah S. Racer

Abraham Paul

Samuel A. Long

John H. Henshaw

David B. Crookston

Hiram Coffman

Represented on the following

by J. H. Rhoads & Co

Samuel Barley

B. F. Lincoln

Reuben Sellers

Jonas Reid

Saml Bowman

Peter Aker

R. N. Harrison

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vs

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Hanahan

Given the following sum

To wit

David Munn - 1

Samuel Chandler - 2

Leop Nicholas - 3

Samuel Miller - 4

John Duncan - 5

Amos Scott - 6

W. S. Bangs - 7

Robert Barker - 8

by T. K. Harris Esq. & Co

Oct 1856

The Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County Greeting You are
herby commanded to Summon, to appear before the Judge of the Circuit
Court of Rockingham County, at the Court house thereof, on the first day
of May Term next, Twenty Four persons being freeholders of your county,
and qualified in other respects to serve as Jurors, residing remote
from the place where the offence is charged to have been committed,
of which Patrick Hanafan is accused, viz: in this, that he did on the
22^d day of January 1856, feloniously and of his malice did kill and
murder Patrick Gorman of said County, to recognize on their oaths whether
the said Patrick Hanafan, be guilty of the offence aforesaid or not,
And have then three this writ Witness Littleton W. Gamble Clerk of
the County Court of Rockingham, at the Court house thereof the 28th
day of March 1856, and in the 80th year of the Commonwealth
S. W. Gamble

Executed in the following
 person - by T. H. Ham-
 lins - To wit -

William Shumalter .1
 Peter Roller .2
 Eliza E. Huffman .3
 William Sausley .4
 Sarah Chandler .5
 John Pence .6
 Edw. Shetkey .7
 William Eiles .8
 Abram Painter .9
 John Landes .10
 Joseph Good .11
 Peter Shumalter .12
 John Sellers .13
 John Harper .14

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Done on the following persons
 by - Preston T. Bunt Wheeler Secy
 for Admrs. &c.

Mrs. Stinespring 1

Christian Brunk 2

Lev W. Hogan 3

Lev Gowl 4

D. H. Gordon 5

Bang D. Bowman 6

Morris Loenbauch 7

Jacob Shanik 8

James C. Heltingel 9

Sam. Drever 10

May Term 1856

Memorandum - The Justices summoned to appear on
this day for the examination of Thomas & Patrick
Hampham ^{Wm S. H. Lewis - John A. Herring - John R. L. Holder -}
^{Renton H. H. Herring - John R. L. Holder -} having met at the Court House - and
A. S. Byrd Sheriff of this County, not being
present - and neither he nor any of his deputies
having returned the Warrant summoning
the examining Court - ~~before~~ the said Justices
made a rule upon the said A. S. Byrd Sheriff
of this County - to show cause why he should not
be fined for contempt of Court - which
rule is as follows - (Here insert the rule) upon
the return of a Rule - the said Sheriff
A. S. Byrd showed for cause why he should
not be fined that his deputy Peter Price
was present in attendance upon the Court -
and ~~after a considerable delay~~ ^{after a considerable delay}
~~and therefore~~ produced the Warrant sum-
moning the Examining Court - which warrant
with the return thereon is in the words and
figures following to-wit - (Here insert the
Warrant & return) The said A. S. Byrd
showed for further cause why he should not be
fined that ~~the deputy~~ the deputies who had
~~recommended~~ some of the Justices were not present
on Court ~~to~~ to make their return - and
in a few minutes the said deputies appeared
upon the Justices & made their return -

Upon the foregoing statement of facts the
Justices imposed a fine of \$20 - upon the
said Sheriff by an order in the following
words - Here insert it - To which action of the
Court the said A. S. Byrd Sheriff of this
County by his Counsel excepts - & prays that
the his Exceptions may be read & ruled & entered and
made a part of the Record - & the same is done

Wm S. H. Lewis
John A. Herring
John R. L. Holder

Wm S. H. Lewis
John A. Herring
John R. L. Holder

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of ^{Augusta} ~~Rockingham~~ County, — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon

J. Marshall Webb

to appear before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-House, on the *1st* day of *February* Court next, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of *the Commonwealth*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court, depending and undetermined between *The Commonwealth and Patrick & Thomas Haneyan*

And this *you* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. And have then there this Writ. Witness, LITTLETON W. GAMBILL, Clerk of our said Court at the Court-House, the *9th* day of *February* 185*6* and in the *80th* year of the Commonwealth. *L. W. Gambill*

A copy Teste L. W. Gambill C. R. C.

Augusta County: To wit

This day J. Marshall
McCue personally came before me a
Justice for the County aforesaid
and made oath to the following state-
ment viz - That there must be some
error in the issuing of the within
Summonses against him - That
so far from having any knowledge
of any circumstance connected
with the offence committed he
has no knowledge directly or in-
directly with the parties charged
and hopes he may not be subjected
to the inconvenience attending the
waiting upon Court, in a matter
about which he is entirely in the
dark - Given under my hand
this 15. Feb 1856

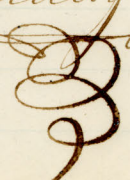
James H. Clarke, J.

Rockingham County to wit:—

Be it remembered, That on the 8th day of February 1856, Thomas Hanafan, Allen L. Bryan and E. A. Shands of the said County, came before me O. C. Sterling a Justice of the said County, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say:— The said Thomas Hanafan in the sum of, One thousand dollars, good and lawful money of the United States, and the said Allen L. Bryan in the sum of Five hundred dollars, and E. A. Shands in the sum of Five hundred dollars, of like good and lawful money, to be respectively made and paid of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said Thomas Hanafan shall make default in performance of the condition underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such, that if the above bound Thomas Hanafan, do and shall personally appear before the County Court of Rockingham on the first day of the next term thereof, then and then to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning a certain felony by him committed, ~~viz~~ that he did on the 22nd day of January 1856 in said County, feloniously and of his malice, aid kill and murder one Patrick Gorman, wherein the said Thomas Hanafan stands charged, and shall not ~~thereat~~ depart thence, without the leave of the said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me,
in the said County, the day and year
first above written.

O. C. Sterling J. P.


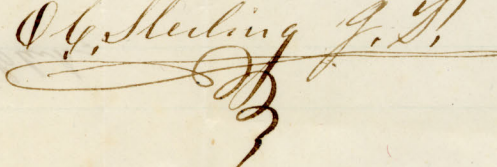


Commonwealth of Virginia
vs. & Recognizance of
Thomas Hanafan Bail.

[Handwritten signature]

Rockingham County to Writs —

To The Clerk of the County Court of Said County
I, O.C. Sterling, a Justice of the Said County,
do hereby certify, that I have ~~this day~~ by my warrant
this day, committed Patrick Hanafan, to the Jail of this
County, that he may be examined, before the County Court
of the Said County for a felony by him committed in this,
that he did, on the 22nd day of January 1856, in the Said County,
feloniously and of his malice, aid kill and murder one
Patrick German. Given under my hand this 8th day of
February 1856.

O.C. Sterling J.P.


Commonwealth

vs & Certificate to Clerk.
Patrick Haneyan


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Rockingham County To W^{it}:-

To The Clerk of the County Court of Said County.

I, O.C. Sterling, a Justice of The Said County, as hereby
certify, that Thomas Mangum, has this day been admitted
to bail by me, with sureties for his appearance before the County
Court of the Said County on the first day of the next Term thereof,
that he may be examined for a felony by him committed, in
this, that he did on the 22nd day of February 1856, in Said County,
feloniously and of his Malice, did kill and murder one
Patrick German. Given under my hand this 8th day
of February 1856.

O.C. Sterling J.P.


Commonwealth

W. & Bulfinch to
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Rockingham County to wit

To the Clerk of the County Court of said County
I Amos Hancock a Justice of the said County
do hereby certify that I have by my warrant
this day committed Patrick & Thomas Hanger
to the jail of this County that they may be
examined before the County Court of the
said County for a felony by them comm-
-itted in that they did on the night of the
22 of Janry 1856 in the said County (beat
particularly maliciously & feloniously
Out & Stale the said Patrick Gorman Giver
with intent to murder, disfigure, disable & kill the said Pat. Gorman)
Gives under my hand This 25 day of Janry 1856

Amos Hancock J.P.
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to the Clerk of the County Court of said County
I do hereby certify that I have by my return
to the said County Court of said County
examined before the County Court of the
said County for a felony by their County
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To the Sheriff of said County

Whereas Patrick Hanpin & Thomas Hanpin
has this day been committed to the jail of
said County by my warrant for a felony
by them committed in this that they did
on the night of the 22 of Jan'y 1856 in the said
County, feloniously beat beat & stab, ^{Patrick Gorman} and
being of opinion that there is sufficient cause
for charging the said Patrick & Thomas
Hanpin with the said offence I com-
mand you in the name of the Commonwealth
of Virginia to summon at least eight of the
justices of the said County to meet at the
courthouse of said County on the 4th day of
February to hold a court for the examination of
the facts with which the said Patrick & Thomas
Hanpin stands charged and for such other
purposes concerning the premises as is by law
required And you are commanded to have
them and there this warrant and return have
you have executed the same here under
my hand and seal this 25th day of Jan'y 1856,

And Hancock, G. P. (Seal)

Rockingham County, To wit:

Michael Ward upon oath complains that on the 22^d day of January 1856 in the County aforesaid, Thomas Hanafan, did unlawfully, maliciously and feloniously do, abet and assist Patrick Hanafan to unlawfully, maliciously and feloniously to cut, stab and wound Patrick Gorman with intent to maim, disfigure, disable and kill him the said Patrick Gorman and the said Michael Ward therefore prays that the said Thomas Hanafan may be apprehended and held to answer the said complaint and dealt with in relation thereto as the law may require dated this 23^d day of January 1856

Michael Ward

Rockingham County, To wit: This 23^d day of Jan'y 1856, the said Michael Ward made oath to the truth of the foregoing complaint before me.

Ans. J. H. Smith J.P.

Rockingham County, To wit:

To all or any of the Constables of said County

Whereas Michael Ward of said County has this day made complaint & information on oath before me Ans. J. H. Smith a Justice of the said County that Thomas Hanafan on the 22^d day of January 1856 in said County, did unlawfully, maliciously and feloniously do, abet and assist Patrick Hanafan to unlawfully, maliciously and feloniously to cut, stab and wound Patrick Gorman with intent to maim, disfigure, disable and kill him the said Patrick Gorman. There are therefore to command you in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia forthwith to apprehend the said Thomas Hanafan and bring him before me or some other Justice of the said County to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 23^d day of January in the year 1856

Ans. J. H. Smith J.P. (Seal)

John Long
Proclary -

Warrant of Arrest

for Thomas Hearnshaw

Executed Jan'y 23
The 1836

James H. Constable

Rockingham County to wit
James Carrel upon oath complains that on
the Night of 22nd of January 1856 in the County
of Rockingham Patrick Hampson did unlawfully
maliciously and feloniously Beat cut and strike
the said Patrick Hampson with intent to maim
disfigure and he the said James Carrel therefore
prays that the said Patrick Hampson may be
apprehended and held to answer the said
complaint and do duty in relation thereto
as the Law may require Dated this 23 day of
Jan 1856
James Carrel
Jury Master

Rockingham County to wit
23 day of Jan 1856 The said James Carrel
Made oath to the truth of the foregoing compl-
aint before me

Amos Hancock, J.P.



Rockingham County to suit
James Jones upon the same. That on
the night of 22nd of January 1855 in the County
of Rockingham Patrick Henshaw was unlawfully
detained and feloniously kept out and that
the said Patrick Henshaw with intent to harm
and injure (himself) the said James Jones transfer
knows that the said Patrick Henshaw may be
apprehended and held to answer the said
complaint and that with in relation thereto
as the law may require dated the 23rd day of
January 1855
Patrick Henshaw
Myself

Rockingham County to suit
23rd day of January 1855 the said James Jones
made oath to the truth of the foregoing contents
and in for me
An Oath of 1855
J.S.

Rockingham County to wit

To all or any one of the Constables of said
County

Whereas James Carroll of said County has
this day made complaint and information on
oath before me And Hancock a justice of the said
County that Patrick Hampton on the night of
the 22 of May 1856 in said County did unlawfully
maliciously and feloniously beat cut and stab
the said Patrick Gorman with intent to maim
disfigure disable and kill him the said Patrick
Gorman These are therefore to command you
in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia
forthwith to apprehend the said Patrick Hampton
and bring him before me or some other justice
of the said County to answer the said complaint
and to be farther dealt with according to Law
given under my hand and seal 23rd Day of May
1856

Summers witness

You the common
witness

John Kelly

Doct Gorden

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And Hancock J.P. (Seal)

arr. D. Parent

Executive July 23rd

1856

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