

Commencement
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Ltn H Westmann

Indictment for permit-
ting a slave under his
control to go at large
and trade as a freeman

A true bill

C. S. Christie for me

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, TO WIT:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SAID
COUNTY.

} THE Jurors of the Commonwealth of Vir-
ginia, in and for the body of the County of
Rockingham, and now attending the said Court, upon their oaths present, that

John H. Wermann on the 1st day of
March in the year 1861 in the said County, unlawfully did
Permit Willis a slave ^{then} under his control to
go at large and trade as a free man against the peace
and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia And the
Jurors aforesaid on this action aforesaid do further present
That the said John H. Wermann on the day and year aforesaid
in the county aforesaid unlawfully did permit one other slave
named Willis then & there under his control
to go at large and give himself out as being a free man
in the said county against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth
of Virginia This indictment is found upon the testimony of William one of our
body sworn in court & sent before the grand jury to give evidence

Court } Papers
vs }
J. H. Martmann
vs Indict

1861, May Court awarded,
a writ of habeas corpus for ten
dollars fine & costs.

Leiter's fees \$ 5,84
Attorney 3,00
costs - \$ 8,84

