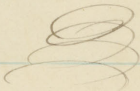


Virginus L. Saunders

May 11, 1881

vs  Plea Told
The Commonwealth

The said Virginus L. Saunders being brought to the bar of this court and having heard the said indictment read, and the matters therein contained says, that he ought not to be put to answer the said indictment and for plea to the said indictment, ~~he~~ says that heretofore to wit, on the 11th day of May 1881, before B. M. Rice S. G. Whitmore and M. Linden, Justices of the Peace, in and for the county of Rockingham, ^{sitting as a court and} having jurisdiction of the alleged offence, ^{he the said defendant} was put upon his trial, upon a warrant, charging him with the same offence ^{alleges in the said indictment} and ^{sitting as a court and} the said Justices, ^{after having heard the evidence in the case} without the consent of the defendant, and against his protest and express request and demand, arbitrarily and without adequate cause refused to render any judgment upon said trial, ^{determining} ~~as to~~ the guilt or innocence of this defendant, but upon the contrary thereof and without authority of law held this said defendant to bail for his appearance before the Grand Jury of said County, and the said defendant says that he has been once in jeopardy upon and for the said ^{charge} and offence, of which he now stands

charge and interest in this pair matter.
men, and that the common by the laws
of the land, he assign them therefore
and him he is ready to work.

Commonwealth

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V. L. Saunders

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Commonwealth

Nov. 22, 1881

Virginia L. Sanders

Be it remembered, that when this cause was called this day for trial, the Commonwealth's Attorney, moved the court ^{to withdraw the application filed to defendant's special} to set aside the order entered in this cause ~~on~~ the 22^d day of November 1881 as the November term 1881 of the court allowing the defendant to file a special plea which is in words and figures following to wit, "Virginia L. Sanders vs The Commonwealth of Virginia - The said Virginia L. Sanders, being brought to - (her plea null)" and to strike out said plea, as insufficient, in law and the court, sustained said motion, and set aside said order and struck out the said plea as insufficient, to which action after the court, the defendant by his counsel excepted and tendered this his first bill of exceptions which he prays may be signed, read and enrolled and the same is done accordingly.

W. Johnston (Clerk)

Commonwealth

Virginia L. Sanders

Be it remembered, that after the action of the court, in this cause, as set forth in the defendant's first bill of exceptions, which

bis it has refused to answer to be read as part
of this bill of exceptions. The defendant tendered
his second special plea in words & figures fol-
lowing to wit, "Magnum L. Sandus vs the
Commonwealth & (here insert special plea
No 2) and moved the court for leave to
file the same. and the commonwealth's attor-
ney objected thereto, upon the ground that
the said plea is insufficient ^{in law} and moved the
court to reject the said plea and to refuse
to allow the same to be filed, upon the ~~said~~
ground aforesaid. whereupon the court, upon the
said plea, and refused to allow the same to
be filed, to which action of the court, the
defendant & counsel excepted and tendered
this his second bill of exceptions, which he
prays may be signed read and enrolled
the same is done accordingly.

Resoluntor (Red)