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Ok, the Jury find the
prisoner guilty, as stated
in the indictment, and fix
his punishment in the Peniten-
tiary for five years.

Gas. F. Huff,
Foreman.



Commonwealth.

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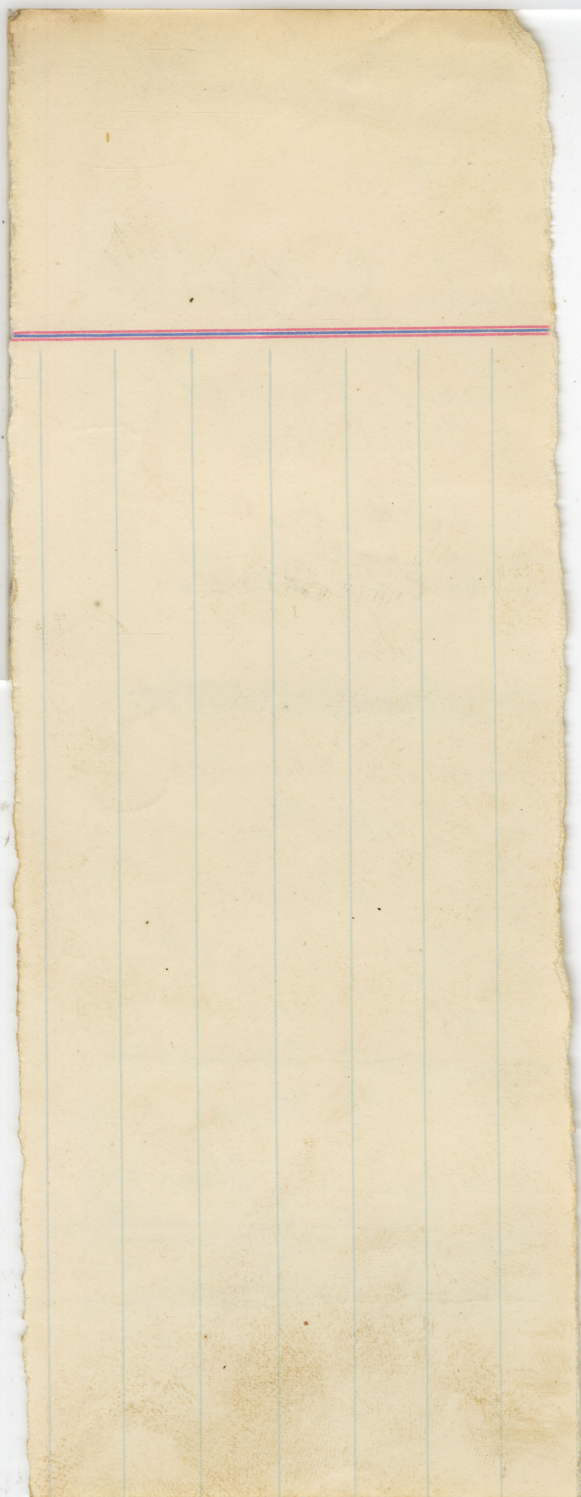
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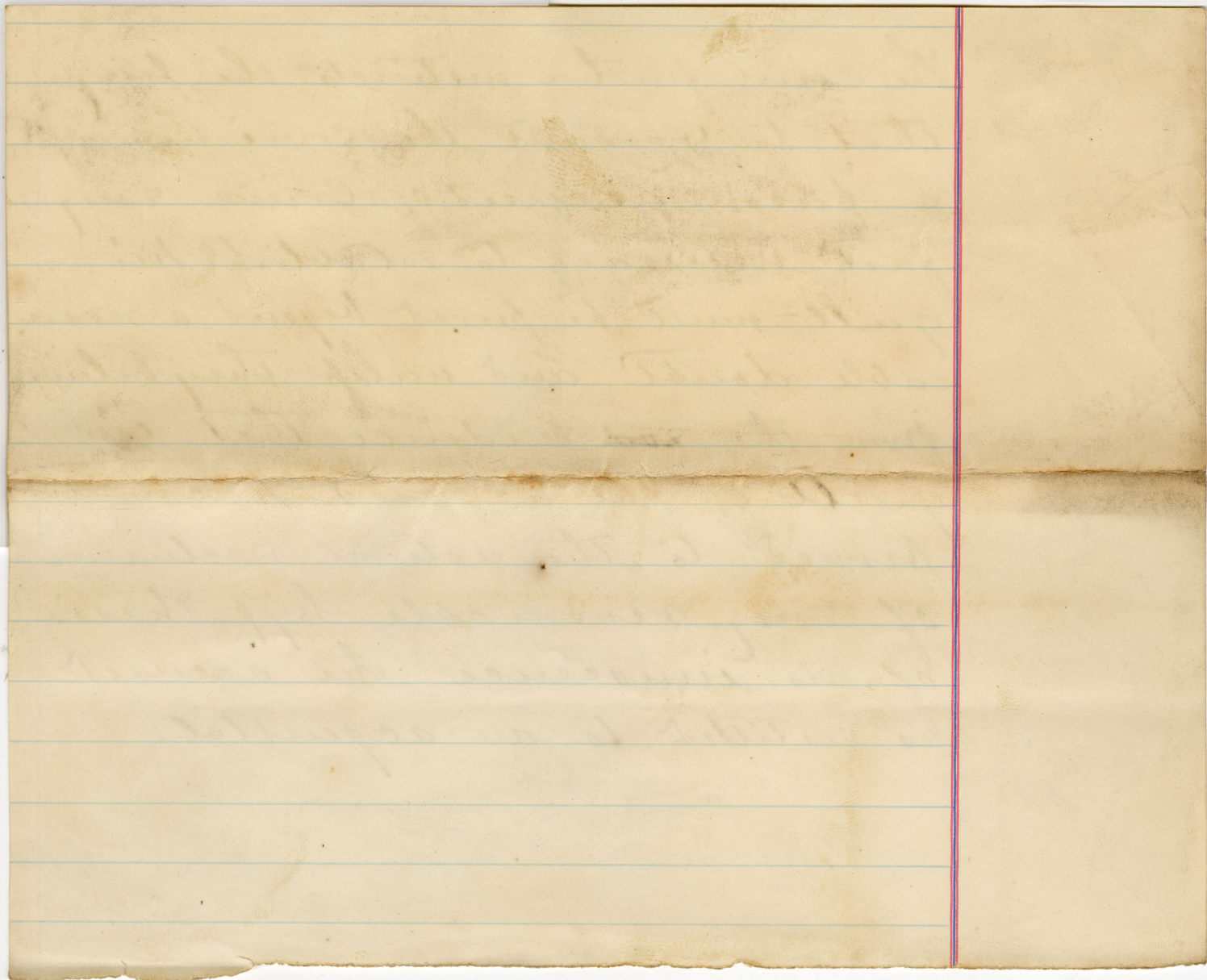
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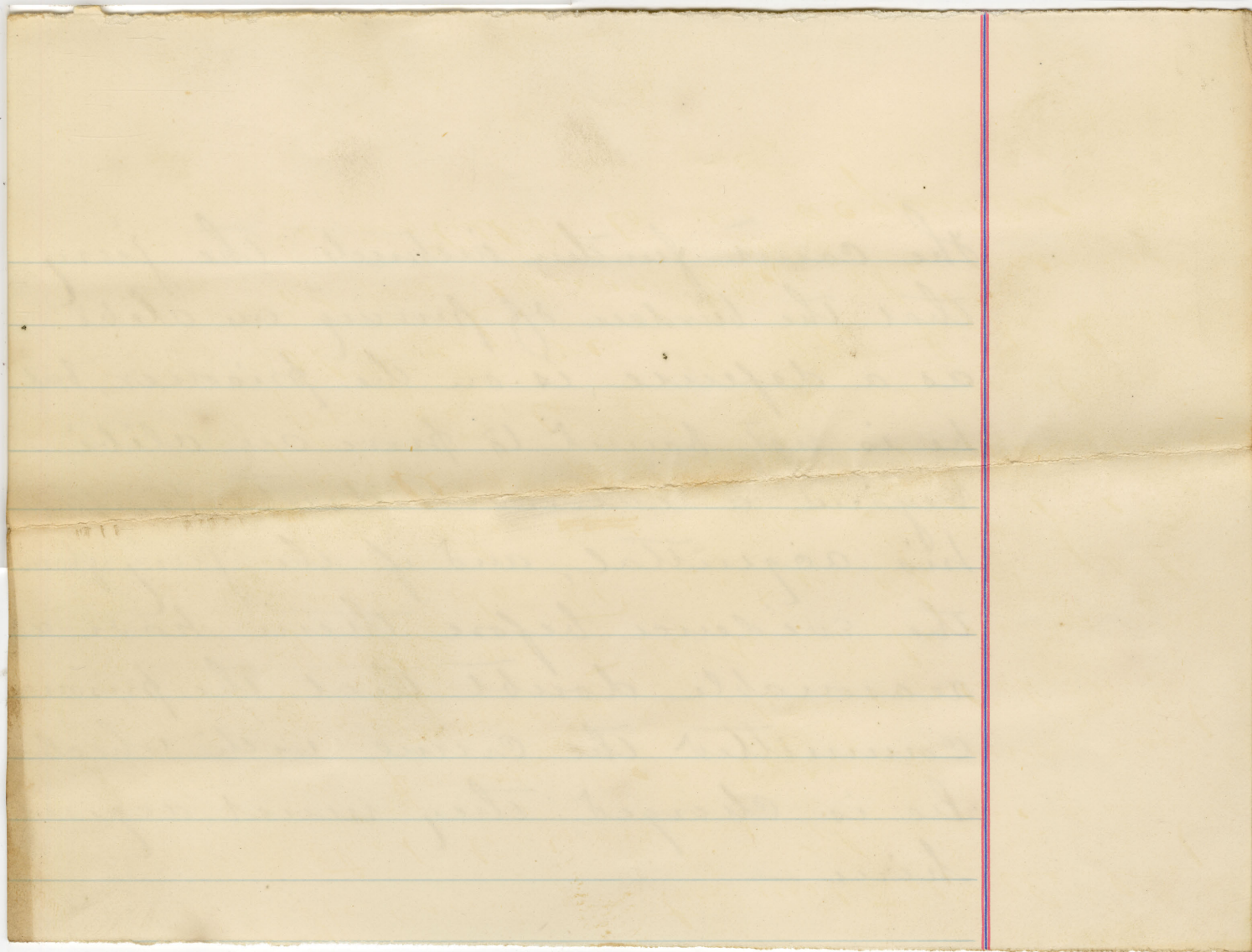
I The jury are instructed ~~that~~
~~they must be convinced~~
that ^{unless} the Commonwealth
~~is bound to prove~~ ^{beyond every reasonable}
^{doubt} that the man
who stole the horse ~~of~~
from the stable of ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{of}
Nicholas on the night
of March 18th 1891 is the
prisoner at the bar, they
must acquit the prisoner

allied on behalf of
the prisoner evidence
sufficient to raise in
their minds a reasonable
doubt about his guilt
then they must find
him not guilty

The Court further instructs the jury that to warrant the conviction of a person accused of a crime, every fact necessary to establish his guilt - must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, and unless they believe from the ~~and~~ evidence that the guilt of the accused has been proved to the actual exclusion of every reasonable hypothesis of his innocence, the accused is entitled to an acquittal.



The court further instructs the jury that the burden of proving an alibi as a defense, is on the prisoner, but he is not bound to prove an alibi beyond a reasonable doubt, to effect his acquittal, and if the jury from the evidence before them have a reasonable doubt that the prisoner committed the crime with which he is charged, they must acquit him —



If you find him not guilty you will say so and no more - If you find him guilty of the larceny of a horse belonging to George M. Nicholas as charged in the indictment you will say so, and then ascertain the term of his confinement in the penitentiary so that such term be not less than three nor more than eighteen years -

Commonwealth

vs {

John J. Offield

Charge

If you find ^{them or either of them} ~~them~~ not guilty - you will say
so and no more - If you find ^{them or either of them} ~~them~~ guilty
of murder in the first degree you will say
so and no more - If you find ^{them or either of them} ~~them~~ not
guilty of murder in the first degree, but
guilty of murder in the second degree, you
will say so and then ascertain the term of
his ^{or their} confinement in the penitentiary so
that such term be not less than five nor
more than eighteen years - If you find
^{them or either of them} ~~them~~ not guilty of murder, in the first or
second degree, but guilty of voluntary man-
slaughter you will say so, and then ascer-
tain the term of his ^{or their} confinement in the
penitentiary so that such term be not less
than one nor more than five years -
If you find ^{them or either of them} ~~them~~ not guilty of any of
the felonies aforesaid but guilty of invol-
untary manslaughter you will say so and
then ascertain the term of his ^{or their} confinement
in the County Jail and the amount of his ^{or their}
fine, or either, so that such fine be not
less than five dollars.

Charge

Rockingham County To wit
To J. M. Hoffman Countable of said County
Whereas James F. Offield was on the
11 day of May 1891 in the said County
duly convicted before me John B. Peale
a Justice of said County of having conceal-
ed weapons on his person in the said
County & within my jurisdiction & by me
adjudged to be ~~guilty~~ & pay the sum of
Twenty dollars \$20.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to the Commonwealth
of Virginia & adjudged also to pay the sum
of Six Dollars & sixty cents \$6.⁶⁰/₁₀₀ the cost of
the prosecution. & the said John B. Peale
Justice as aforesaid having good reason
to believe that the James F. Offield
will depart without paying said
fine so that an execution to be issued
therefor by the Clerk of County Court of
Rockingham Co cannot be levied
These ^{are} therefore to command you to
in the name of the Commonwealth of
Virginia forthwith to apprehend him
the said James F. Offield & commit
his body to the jail of your County
there to remain until he shall have
paid the said fine & cost or be other-
wise discharged according to law
In witness whereof I set my hand & seal
my seal this 11 day May 1891 John B. Peale

Commonwealth
Vs

James F. Offord

State of Virginia

County of Rockingham to wit.

I A. C. Rohr a Justice of the said County do hereby certify that I have this day committed John J. Offield to the Jail of this County that he may be tried in the County Court of said County for a Felony by him committed - in this that he did on the day of March 1891 in said County a certain dark Brown or Bay horse the property of George M. Nicholas of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars - Feloniously steal take and carry away -

Given under my hand this 25th day of April 1891 -

A. C. Rohr J. D.

Commonwealth of Va
Certificate to Clerk.
John J. Spfield

Filed April 28. 1891
J. S. Minedey.
clerk

Virginia County of Rockingham to wit.
To any Constable and the Keeper of the Jail of ^{County} said.
These are to command you the said Constable
in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia
forthwith to convey and deliver into the custody
of the Keeper of said Jail together with this
warrant the body of John J. Offield charged
before me A. C. Rohr a Justice of said County
on the oath of Winfield Siggitt with a Felony
by him committed in this that he did on
the day of March 1891 in said County
a certain dark Brown or Bay Horse the
property of George M. Nicholas ^{of the value of \$125.00} steal take
and carry away - and you the Keeper
of the said Jail are hereby required to receive
the said John J. Offield into your Jail and
custody - and him there safely keep until
he shall be discharged by due course of
law Given under my hand and
seal this 25th day of April 1891 -
A. C. Rohr J. P. Seal

Commonwealth of Va
B. G. Millin
John J. Offield

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