

Rockingham County Court,

To the Sheriff of Caswell County.

Whereas Elijah Turner of the County of Rockingham Labourer was this day committed to the Jail of this County by my warrant; for unlawfully stabbing Benjamin Fishback Labourer in the breast with a knife with intent to maim or disfigure or kill the said Fishback Court, on the 23rd day of March in the year 1831. in the County aforesaid, it appearing to me that the felonious offence where with he stands charged ought to be examined into by the Court of Rockingham therefore on behalf of the Commonwealth I Giles Turley a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Require you that you summon at least eight of the Justices of your said County to meet at the Court House on Friday the first day of April and then and there to hold a Court for the examination of the fact with which the said Elijah Turner stands charged and for such other purposes concerning the premises as is by Law Required and directed and that you have then keep this warrant, given under my

Hand and seal this 24th day of March 1831

Giles Turley
Seal

Harris
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Executed on Michael M. Harris, Peas-
hamer, Robt. Gunn, Abram Smith, Aug
Waterman, Richd. P. Fletcher, David Hunt
and Joseph Glin, acting justices of the
County of Rockingham

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J. Barber S. R. L.

Warrant to
Summon a Juror
of Enquiry

Rockingham County To Wit

Whereas John Bridggs of Rockingham hath this
day given information upon oath to me Giles
Turley a Justice of the Peace of the County of
Rockingham that on the evening of the twenty
third day of March 1831 at or near the summit of
^{said Fishback}
a certain Elijah Turner of said County did
voluntarily Maliciously & of purpose and unlawfully
Main Benjamin Fishback by knocking down &
he being stated with intention in so doing to disable
^{him the said Fishback}
there are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth to
apprehend the said Elijah Turner & to bring him before me
or some other Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham
afforcid to answer the ~~charges~~ and further to be dealt with ac-
cording to Law Given under my hand & seal this 24th day of
March 1831

Giles Turley

Jacob Paul Constable

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Wm. W. W.

Abraham Smith one of the Justices of the Peace of
the County of Rockingham

To the Keeper of the Jail of said County Greeting:
Forasmuch as Elijah Turner late of the County of Rock-
ingham labourer hath before me found suffi-
cient security to appear ^{before} the judge of the Superior Court
of Law of the County of Rockingham, on the 1st day
of the next succeeding Court, to answer such
things as shall then and there on behalf of the
Commonwealth, be objected against him, namely
the felonious offence of unlawfully stabbing Benjamin
Fishback with intention to maim, disabl, disfi-
gure and kill the said Fishback, for which offence
the said Elijah Turner was committed to the said
jail; and the Court held for the examination of the
fact, with which the said Elijah Turner stood
charged, on the 1st day of April last past at the
County aforesaid being of opinion that the said
Elijah Turner ought to be tried for the said offence
in the said Superior Court, and that he was by
law bailable for the same, as appears to me of record.
You are hereby commanded in the name of the
Commonwealth, that if the said Elijah Turner
doth remain in your said jail, for the said cause,
and for now other, then you forbear to detain him
any longer, but that you deliver him there, and
suffer him to go at large, and that upon the pain
that will ensue thereon given under my hand
and seal this 8th day of April 1834

Abraham Smith Esq

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1831

W. G. ...

Rockingham County to wit:

Be it remembered, that the 8th of April 1831
Elijah Turner labourer of the County aforesaid and
Valentine Merritt labourer of the County of Augusta,
came before me Abraham Smith one of the Commonwealths
justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham,
and severally acknowledged themselves to owe, and
be indebted to John Floyd Esq^r Governor or
chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia
and his successors, that is to say the said Elijah
Turner in the sum of One hundred dollars and the
said Valentine Merritt in the sum of One hundred
dollars each, to be respectively levied, of their lands
and tenements, goods, and chattels; yet upon this
Condition, that the said Elijah Turner shall make
default in the performance of the Conditions under-
written.

The Condition of this recognizance is such,
that if the above bound Elijah Turner, shall per-
sonally appear before the judges of the Superior
Court of law, appointed to be holden for this County
on the first day of the next term, then and then to
answer to the said Commonwealth, for and concern-
ing the felonious offence of ^{unlawfully} stabbing Benjamin Fishback
with intention to maim, disable disfigure and kill
the said Ben^g. Fishback; wherein with the said Elijah
Turner stood charged before the Commonwealths Jus-
tices of the peace for the said County of Rockingham
at a Court held for the examination of the said
Elijah Turner on the 1st day of April 1831 last past,

who were of opinion that the said Elijah Turner ought
to be tried for the said offence in the Circuit Court
and that he was by law bailable for the same,
as appears to us of Record, and if the said Elijah
Turner shall also then and there do and receive what
shall by the said Court be ordered & adjudged,
and shall not depart thence without leave of
the Court, then this Recognizance to be void, else
to remain in full force

We knowledged before us

Ab. Smith

Turner to
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Governor