

commonly called a decree to marry
get using as true, for his own benefit, a false paper, or writing, knowing the
same to be false, with intention to injure Edward Rice which is a false paper
or writing is in the words & figures following to wit: "Rice is of the County of West
More and do hereby and do hereby give to join together in the holy state of matrimony
according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church Mr Joseph Deard and Miss
Elizabeth Ann Rice, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant given
under my hand this 12 day of September 1833

any licensed minister of the Gospel

Henry J. Gembels, C. C.

Rockingham County To wit:

To the Sheriff of the said county.

Whereas Joseph Beard of this county (Shoemaker) hath this day been committed to the Jail of this said county by my Warrant for having on the 17th day of this month ^{September 1833} at the house of William Rains, in the county aforesaid, (farmer) feloniously used ~~and~~ ^{and} employed as true, for his own benefit, a certain ~~forged and counterfeit~~ ^{writing}, ~~writing~~, ^{commonly called a duplicate to marry} ~~partly printed~~, to the prejudice of Edward Rice of said county (farmer) knowing the same to be ~~forged and counterfeit~~, ^{injury} in the words and figures following To wit:

Rockingham County, To wit:,,

These are to licence ~~you~~ and permit you to join together in the holy state of matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, Mr Joseph Beard and Miss Martha Ann Rice and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand this 12th day of September 1833

Henry J. Gambill. C. C.

To any Licensed Minister
of the Gospel. ,,

with intent to ^{injure} defraud the said Edward Rice, he the said Joseph Beard then and there knowing the said ^{license or writing} license to be false, forged and counterfeited; and it appearing to me that the felonious offence wherewith the said Joseph Beard stands charged, ought to be examined into by the county court; Therefore, on behalf of the commonwealth, I require you, that you summon at least eight of the Justices of your said county, to meet at the court house thereof on ~~Monday the 14th day of September~~ ^{Tuesday the 15th day of September} ~~at 10 o'clock~~ ^{at 10 o'clock} and then there to hold a court for the examination of the fact with which, the said Joseph Beard stands charged, and for such other purposes concerning the premises, as are by law required and directed, and that you have then and there this warrants. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of September 1833

Horavens

Note the next day appointed is 5th October next

Excellentes in Parlamento locum
Levin Burrows Atm. Et Edm. Dyer
Vice. Mathew Will
Excellentes in Parlamento locum
John & Charles
Mathew Will
Excellentes in Parlamento locum

Corinth
Bears & Warrent
Call Court
Call Court held
the 1st October
Persons sent on
for further Trial