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Commonwealth

12 } Jury

John H. Mace

1 D. A. Blosser

2 Howard N. Biler

3 W. H. Frank

4 Leonil B. Garber

5 J. B. Hinckel

6 C. E. Long

7 C. D. Sellers

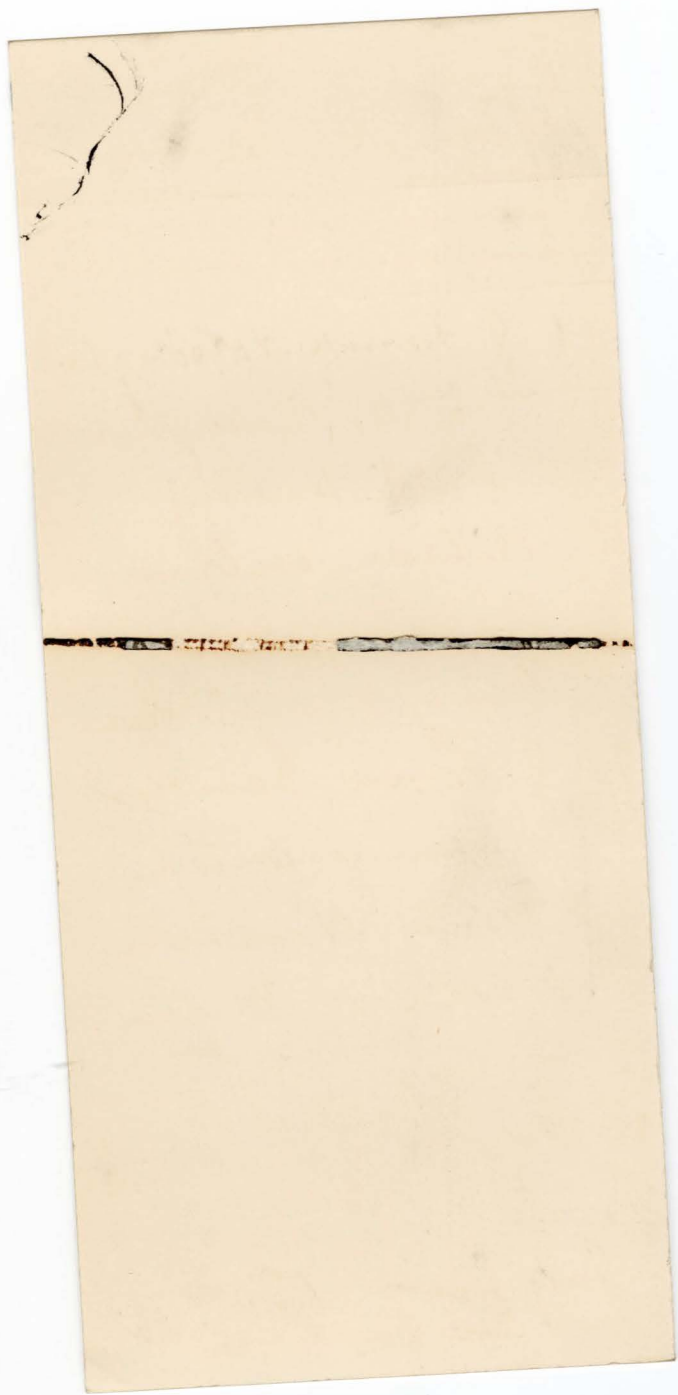
8 John A. Frembo

9 C. L. Goul

10 Geo. W. Adams

11 D. G. Heatwole

12 Leonard C. Cooper



Commonwealth

vs. } February

John H. Mason

~~Received of the Clerk of the Circuit  
Court of Rockingham County, the  
original papers in the above case.~~

- 1 J. Frank Holsinger
- 2 Geo. H. Baughner
- 3 S. S. Ewing
- 4 Wilson Aubray
- 5 ~~Jacob H. Hays~~
- 6 Geo. A. Barman
- 7 J. Frank Sander
- 8 John C. Vestep
- 9 W. E. Hoistow
- 10 Walter H. Miller
- 11 George Baser
- 12 David C. Kiser

July term 1906  
no verdict

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The Commonwealth of Virginia.

Rockingham Co.

To the Constable of Stonehall District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Charles G. Crawford, John  
G. Fulton, Givens Fulton, W. C. Patterson, Daniel E. Ester,  
Jacob Crowe and Frank Myers

to appear before Wm. J. Poindexter, a Justice of said County at

Harrisonburg on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 1906, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of

John H. Mace

in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between

said John H. Mace and Commonwealth of Virginia

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness Wm. J. Poindexter, Justice of the Peace, the 3<sup>rd</sup>

day of April, 1906, and in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Wm. J. Poindexter J. P.

John H. Mace  
admr Depts Spec  
Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Virginia

Seaman  
Charles G. Crawford  
John G. Fulton  
Gives Fulton  
W. C. Patterson  
Daniel Zetler  
Jacob Crowe  
Frank H. Meyer  
all near Mt. Meridian Va:

April 10. 1806

Executed by delivering a  
a true copy of the within  
in person April - 9<sup>th</sup>/06  
(except Chas Crawford)

C. L. Henkel. C.R.E.

C. M. Keazel p. d.

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

Rockingham Co - To the Constable of Stonewall District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John W. Blackburn,  
W. J. Kausberger, R. A. Scott, John Hifflett, C. L.  
Keukel, James Morris, Arthur Murray, John W. Peace and  
Wm. Paynes Wm. J. Poole,  
to appear before \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of said District, at

Harrisonburg on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1906, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of

John H. Mace  
in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between  
said John H. Mace and Council of Virginia

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have  
then and there this Writ.

Witness Wm. J. Poole, Justice of the Peace, the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of April, 1906, and in the 130<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Wm. J. Poole J. P.

John H. Mace  
advs. Depts. Apo  
Comman<sup>th</sup> of Virginia

Union

John W. Blackburn -

W. J. Hausberg -

R. A. Scott -

John H. Hifflett -

C. L. Henkel -

Ernest Morris -

Arthur Murray -

John W. Peace -

Wm. Raynes -

To

April 10, 1906

Executed by delivering a  
true copy<sup>s</sup> of the within in  
persons - Except 2 - John Peace  
(Arthur Murray) - All - 5/10/06  
C. M. Keezel

C. M. Keezel U. S. A.



The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To the ~~Constable~~ <sup>Sheriff</sup> of Rockingham Co District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

D. M. Washington

to appear before Wm. J. Points, a Justice of said District, at  
Harrisonburg on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1906, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of

Comm<sup>th</sup> of No  
in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between  
said Comm<sup>th</sup> and John H. Mason

And this he shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness Wm. J. Points, Justice of the Peace, the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 1906, and in the 130<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Wm. J. Points J. P.

Quarter April 9<sup>th</sup> 1806

J. D. A. L. S. 1806

Committee of the  
ms. } P. H. M.  
John H. Mason

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To the <sup>Sheriff</sup> Constable of Rockingham Co District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Clifton Via, Zach Raines and Reuben Raines

to appear before Wm. J. Poind, a Justice of said District, at Harrisonburg on the 6 day of April, 1906, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of Commonth of Va.

in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between said Commonth and John H. Moore

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness Wm. J. Poind, Justice of the Peace, the 27th day of March, 1906, and in the 30th year of the Commonwealth.

Wm. J. Poind J. P.

Comm<sup>d</sup> of Va

to } Plt. Geo

John H. Ware

Sumner

Clifton Va

Zach Paines

Reuben Paines

Present March 29-1866

for J. H. Ware  
to Henry H. H. H. H. H.

# The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To the ~~Constable~~ <sup>Sheriff</sup> of Richmond District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon  
C. J. Begou, J. A. Martin & J. R. Bourman  
and Daniel Wier and James Miller. *Albert Keenan*  
to appear before Wm. J. Poole, a Justice of said District, at  
Harrisonburg on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1906, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of  
John H. Mace  
in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between  
said Mace and Commonwealth of Va

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness Wm. J. Poole, Justice of the Peace, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1906, and in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.  
Wm. J. Poole J. P.

John H. Mace  
advs { Def & Geo  
Committee of the

Sumner

C. J. Begoon

J. A. Waupesa

J. R. Begoon

Daniel Mica

to Apr. 10, 1906

# The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To the ~~Constable~~ <sup>Sheriff</sup> of Rockingham District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Jonathan Garrison and Ben Knight

to appear before W. J. Pridg, a Justice of said District, at  
Harrisonburg on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1906, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of

John H. Mace  
in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between  
said John H. Mace and Com<sup>th</sup> of Va

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness W. J. Pridg, Justice of the Peace, the 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1906, and in the 130<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

W. J. Pridg J. P.

John H. Mace  
advs { Depts. Ape

Com. of Va

Summon

Frederick Garrison

of  
Ben Knight

of  
April 10/06



The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To the ~~Constable~~ *Sheriff* of *Rockingham Co.* District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Isaac Spitzer near Mt. Meridian*

to appear before *Wm. J. Poindor*, a Justice of said District, at  
*Hemlock* on the *6* day of  
*March*, 190*6*, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of

*Coun. Co. Va.*

in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between  
*said Coun. Co. and John H. Moore*

And this *he* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness *Wm. J. Poindor*, Justice of the Peace, the *27<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, 190*6*, and in the *30<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*Wm. J. Poindor* J. P.

Executed March 29 - 1906

E. J. Bernickhoff D. J.  
for J. H. Switzer J. H. C.

Committee of the

vs. P. H. Spa

John H. Mace

Ammon

Isaac Spitzer

# The Commonwealth of Virginia.

*Sheriff*  
To the ~~Constable~~ of *Rockingham Co.* District---Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *T. R. Messick, Geo. G. Strayer,*  
*Charles Beagan, Harry Beard, Kenney Roadcup and Geo. Dillard,*  
*Martha Ann Jackson, Samuel Lewis.*

to appear before *Wm. J. Perutz*, a Justice of said District, at  
*Harrisonburg* on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*April*, 190*6*, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of

*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
in a certain matter of controversy in said Court depending and undetermined, between  
*said Comin<sup>th</sup> and John H. Mace*

And this *they* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have  
then and there this Writ.

Witness *Wm. J. Perutz*, Justice of the Peace, the *7<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *April*, 190*6*, and in the *12<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*Wm. J. Perutz* J. P.

Committee of the

W. S. P. H. Socy

John H. Moore

Sumner

Harry Beard ✓

Reuben Roadcop ✓

Geo. D. Howell ✓

4<sup>th</sup> April 10. 1896

Also

J. R. Menick ✓

Geo. A. Attridge ✓

Charles Begoon ✓

Martha Ann Jackson ✓

Samuel Lewis ✓

Examined April 9 1896 upon the within  
named person as by leaving a copy at  
their usual place of abode  
for J. A. Switzer S. R. C.

Council vs. Mass

Plt. interests

J. R. Messick ✓ 1 day 12 m.

Geo. E. Hoze ✓ 1 day 12 m.

Charles Begoon ✓ 1 day

Martha Ann Jackson ✓ 1 day 12 m.

General Leber's ✓ 1 day 13 m.

Isaac Spitzer ✓ 1 day 20 m. Augustale

✓ Clifton Lee ✓ 1 day 15 m.

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Reuben Barnes

Harry Beant 1 day 12 m. x

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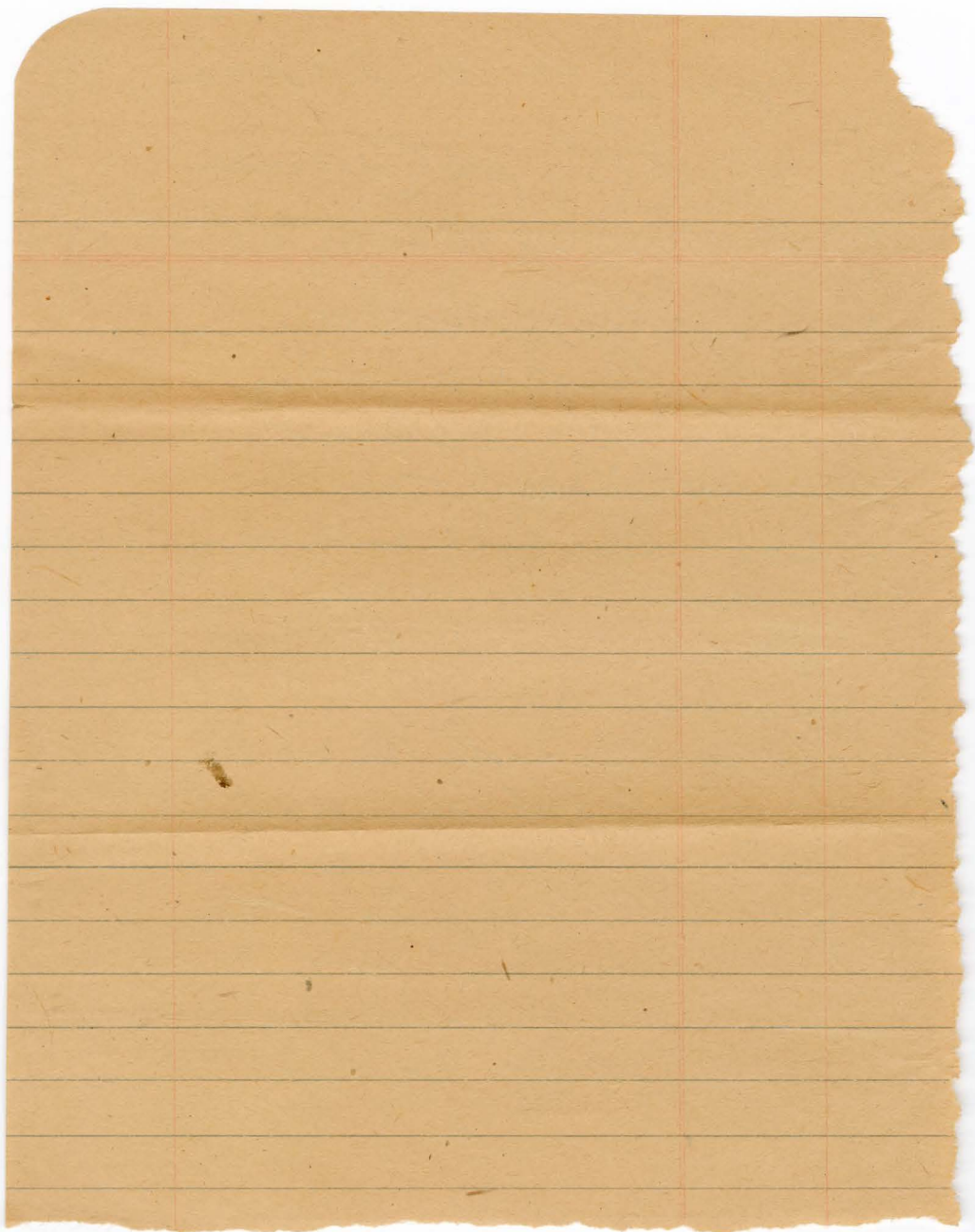
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D. M. Washington ✓ 1 day

H. W. Sincovson ✓

Willie Merrick - 1 day 12 m.

John G. Miller 1 day 12 m.



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Ruben Roadcap

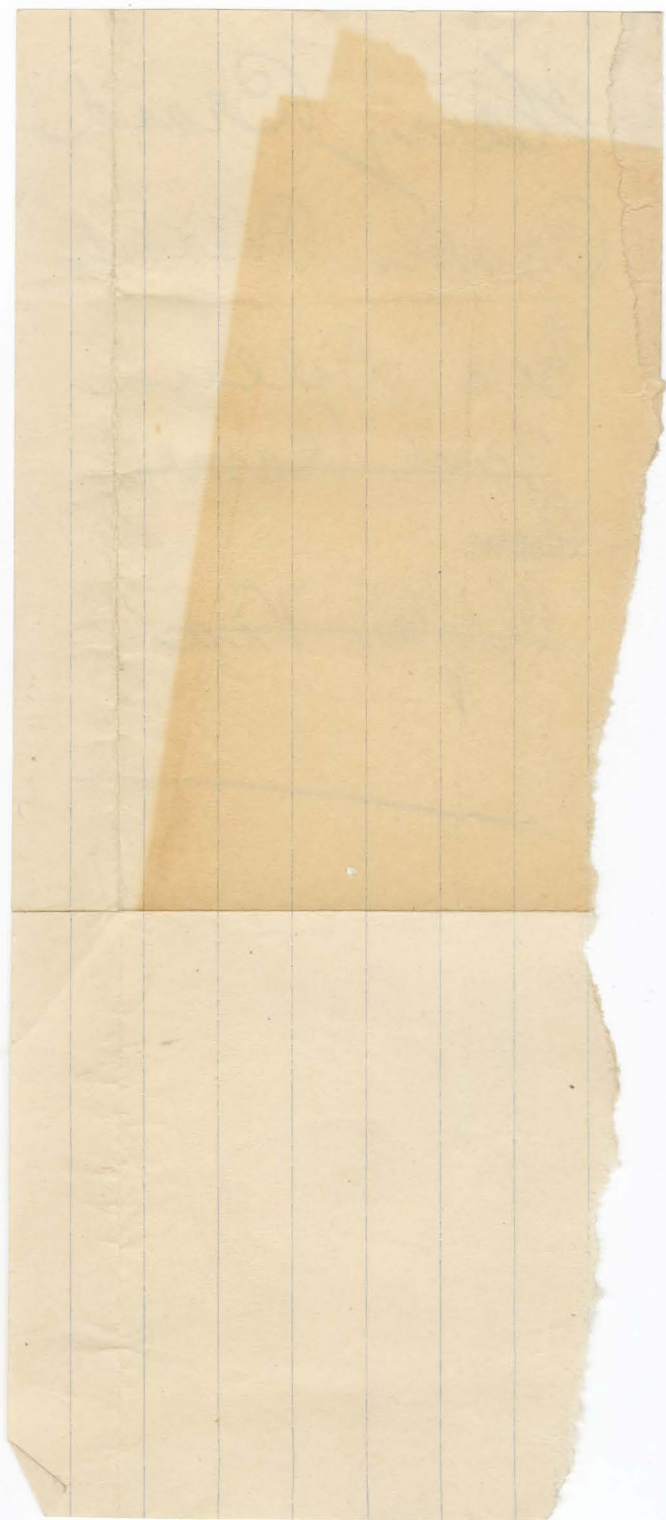
Geo Sillard

~~Zach Raine~~

~~Sam~~

~~Clifton Via~~

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J. H. Moore and Council

Depts witnesses

Charles G. Crawford

John G. Fuller

Evans Fuller

W. C. Patterson

David Eubank

Jacob Groves

Frank Myers

J. W. Blackburn

W. J. Karschberg

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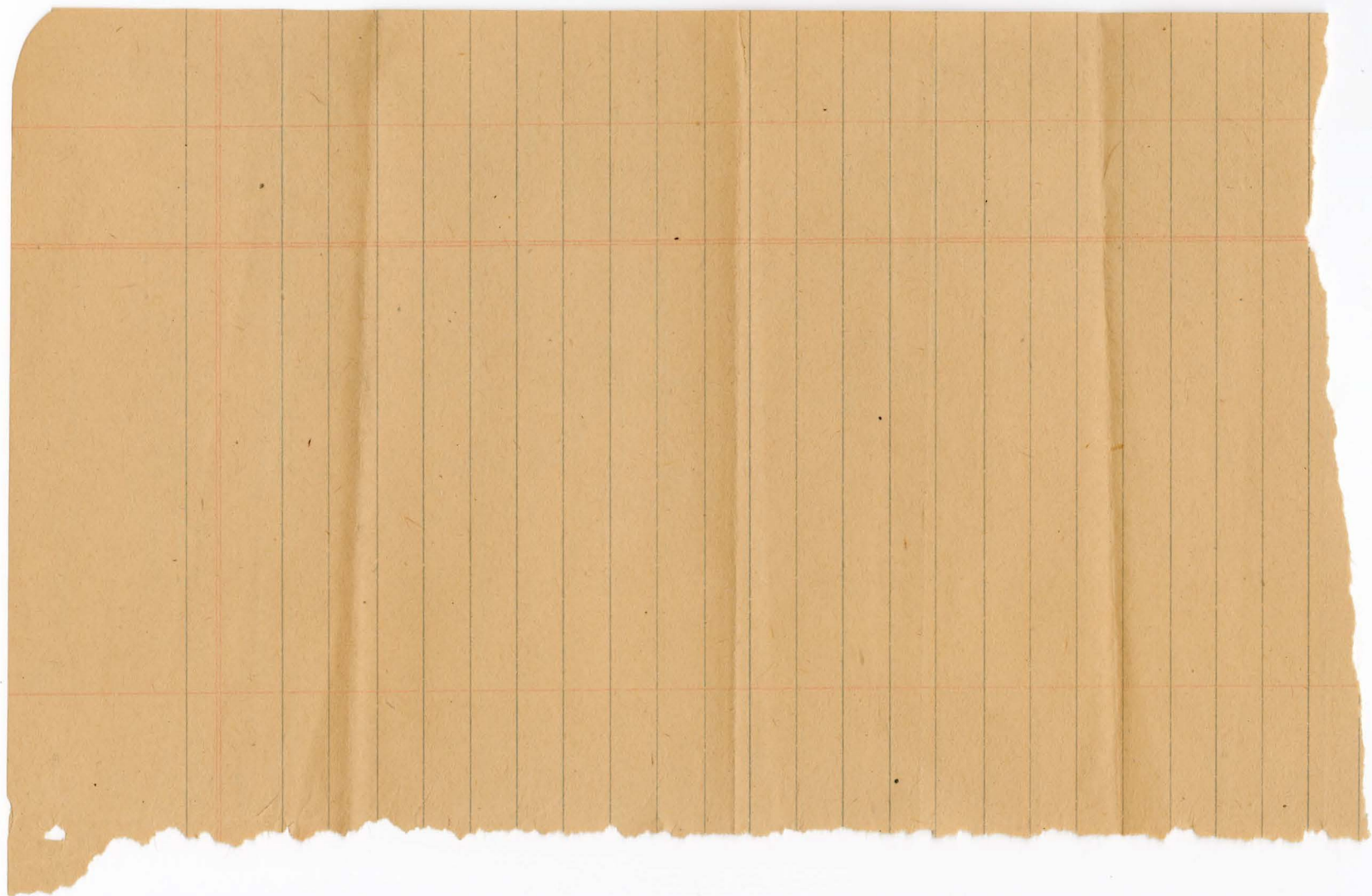
R. M. Harmon

E. S. Shealy

T. P. Rhodes

C. P. Beyon

J. A. Marjory



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

TO-WIT:

To *the Sheriff*, ~~a Constable~~ of said County:

WHEREAS, *J. R. Messick* of the said county, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, *Wm. J. Poindor* a Justice of the said county, that

*John H. Mace* of the said county, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of *January* 1906, in the said county, did

*unlawfully and feloniously take, steal and carry away two head of cattle, to-wit: one red steer, and one white spotted heifer, of the value of \$45.00, said two head of cattle being then the property of said J. R. Messick and Miss E. J. Strayer*

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me, or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said \_\_\_\_\_

*John H. Mace* to answer the said complaint, and to be farther dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon

*J. R. Messick, Geo. G. Strayer, Charles Begorn, Martha Ann Jackson and Samuel Lewis of Rockingham and Isaac Spitzer of Augusta*

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this *27th* day of *March* in the year 1906.

*Wm. J. Poindor* J. P. [SEAL.]

April 6, 1906 - Dept. of Appeals and Committee  
until April 10, 1906  
Wm. J. Boyd J. J. Boyd

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant.

John H. Mace

Executed the within warrant  
by arresting and delivering the  
body of John H. Mace  
before Pendleton Bryant  
a Justice of Rockingham County  
and by summoning the within  
named witnesses in person, this

3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1906  
E. J. Caschhoff D. S. for  
J. O. Switzer S. R. Co.,  
Constable of Rockingham County.

On the 29th day of March 1906 the respondent the within  
named John H. Mace was brought before me and on his return  
acknowledged for his appearance before Justice W. J. Boyd on the 6th  
day of April 1906, in the sum of \$200.00 with C. M. Tanager  
as his surety  
Pendleton Bryant  
Justice Comr.

Commitment to Answer Indictment.

[Code, §§3969-70, amended, Acts 1895-6, p. 935; Hurst's Guide & Manual, pp. 492, 504-6; Mayo's Guide, (67-8—old ed.), 52-3.]

VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Rockingham, TO-WIT:

To the Sheriff, ~~Constable~~ of said County, and to the  
Keeper of the Jail thereof:

These are, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you, the said sergeant,  
forthwith to convey and deliver into the custody of the keeper of said jail, together with this war-  
rant, the body of John H. Ware, charged be-  
fore me, W. J. Poindexter, a justice of  
the peace of said county, on oath of J. R. Messick & others with a felony  
by him committed, in this, that he, the said John H. Ware, on the

day of January, 1906 in said county, did unlawfully and  
feloniously take, steal and carry away two head of cattle to-wit: one red  
steer and one white spotted heifer of the value of \$45.00 said two  
head of cattle being then the property of J. R. Messick and  
Miss E. J. Strayer.

and you, the keeper of the said jail, are hereby required to receive the said  
John H. Ware into your jail and custody, that he may be  
tried for the said offence before the county court of said county, and him there safely keep, until he  
shall be discharged by due course of law. Given under my hand and seal, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 1906

W. J. Poindexter, J. P. [L. S.]

(A justice cannot bail, in case of felony,—i. e., an offence “punishable with death or confinement in the penitentiary”, unless  
“only a light suspicion of guilt falls on the accused”—see Code, sec. 3960, amended, Acts 1895-6, p. 365. For form of recognizance  
of accused for his appearance before the county court, see Hurst's Guide & Manual, p. 111, No. 4. For commitment or recognizance  
for further appearance before the justice, &c., see Code, sec's 3963-5, and Hurst's Guide & Manual, 113-14, Nos. 7, 8, and 9. For  
recognizance of witnesses for appearance before grand jury, see Code, sec. 3969, amended, Acts 1895-6, p. 935, and Hurst's Guide  
& Manual, p. 112, No. 6. As indictments for felony may, and oftentimes are, made at sessions of the grand jury, specially called,  
without notice, justices do not usually recognize witnesses.)

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County

The Deponent John H. Moore having applied to me for service he was allowed to examine any indictments or the same against any of the named persons with the sum of \$100.00 having paid as to their sufficiency -

Witness my hand on said Commission of said Court this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1906

Per Charles B. Bigham Said Court

Court of Va  
vs. Commitment

John H. Moore

Filed Apr 11/06  
at Lee County  
Va

COMMONWEALTH

V.

JOHN H. MACE.

*It is suggested to the court, that the jury*

~~The defendant will move the Court upon the conclusion of the Commonwealth's testimony to instruct the Jury to find a verdict for the defendant, upon the ground that it has not been proven by the Commonwealth that the said defendant has converted the steer and heifer in controversy here, to the use of himself or another, or secreted the same with such purpose. And that no conviction could be had upon the Commonwealth's testimony.~~

*submit evidence*

Authorities:-

(1) The Statute of Virginia,- anyone who converts to use of himself or another, or secrets the same with such purpose or embezzles any property is liable for larceny thereof. Sec. 3716 of the Code of Va.

(2) Definition of embezzlement, see 15 Cyc. of Law page 495. To constitute embezzlement must have fraudulently converted money, etc., to his own or some one else's use or secreted it with intent to convert it.

(3) In Wadley's case, 98 Va. 810, it is further declared that to constitute ~~an~~ embezzlement, "there must be a fraudulent intent to deprive the owner of his property."

And under this authority, the defendant asks the Court to instruct the Jury that no conviction can be had upon the Commonwealth's testimony.

COMMONWEALTH

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Certificate of Commitment for Trial.

[Code, §§3970-71.]

VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Rockingham, TO-WIT:  
Circuit  
To the Clerk of the ~~County~~ Court of said County:

I, W. J. Poindexter, a justice of said county, do hereby cer-

tify that I have this day committed John H. Mace  
to the jail of said county, that he may be tried before the Circuit court of said county, for a  
felony by him committed, in this, that he, on the ..... day of January,

1906, in the said county, did unlawfully and feloniously take,  
steal and carry away two head of cattle, to wit: one red steer,  
and one white spotted heifer, of the value of \$5.00. Said two  
head of cattle being then the property of J. R. Merrick and  
Miss E. J. Strayer

Given under my hand and seal, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1906.

W. J. Poindexter, J. P. [L. S.]

Commt of Va

vs: } Certificate of Commitment

John H. Mace

Filed apl 27/06

Wm Mandy  
Clerk

Costs

Justice

3.00

Sheriff -  
Witnesses

G. R. Messick .66

Geo. S. Strayer .66

Charles Begoon .50

M. A. Jackson .66

S. H. Lewis .74

Isaac Spitzer 2.10

Clifford M. W. .90

Zach. Raines .74

Harry Beard .66

D. M. Washington .50

Willie Messick .66

John F. Miller .66 7.42

Total

Commonwealth  
vs. Paper 10th  
John V. Mace

Witnesses for defence

✓ Chas. G. Crawford  
✓ John G. Dutton  
✓ ~~John~~ Givens Dutton  
✓ W. C. Patterson  
✓ Daniel Entler  
✓ Jacob Grove  
✓ Frank Myers

Augusta  
County.  
Near Mt. Meridian

✓ Geo. W. Blackburn  
✓ W. J. Harnsberger  
✓ R. A. Scott  
✓ John Shifflett  
✓ G. L. Kephel  
✓ Earnest Morris  
✓ Arthur Murray  
✓ John W. Pence  
✓ Mr. Payne

Rockingham  
Near Port Republic  
and Grattier

Rocky  
Melrose E. S. Shuts  
E. S. Shuts D. P. Rhodes  
near Gonda.

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The jury are instructed that if they believe from the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the steer and heifer in question in this case are the property of Thos. R. Messic and Miss E. J. Strayer and that they were delivered by Thos. R. Messic along with other cattle to the prisoner in the spring of 1905, to be grazed and cared for by him during that season on grazing lands belonging to or under the control of the prisoner, and that the prisoner knowing said steer and heifer to be part and parcel of the cattle that were delivered to him by Messic for grazing as aforesaid, wrongfully and fraudulently retained said steer and heifer in his possession after the return of the remainder of said lot of cattle to the owners, with the fraudulent intent to deprive the owners permanently of the same, and to appropriate them to his own use, and make them his own property, then they are instructed that such appropriation by the accused is larceny, and they must find him guilty; and the jury are further instructed that in order to find the prisoner guilty under the indictment it is not necessary that they should believe him to be guilty of the larceny of both the steer and the heifer, but if from the evidence in the case, they believe beyond a reasonable doubt that he is guilty of the larceny as aforesaid of either the steer or the heifer they must find the prisoner guilty.

The jury are instructed that if they believe from the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the steer and heifer in question in this case are the property of Thos. R. Messie and Miss R. J. Strayer and that they were delivered by Thos. R. Messie along with other cattle to the prisoner in the spring of 1906, to be grazed and cared for by him during that season on grazing lands belonging to or under the control of the prisoner, and that the prisoner, during said season,

and heifer to be part and parcel of the cattle that were delivered to him by Messie for grazing as aforesaid, wrongfully and fraudulently retained said steer and heifer in his possession after the return of the remainder of said lot of cattle to the owners, with the intent to deprive the owners permanently of the same, and to appropriate them to his own use, and make them his own property, then they are instructed that such appropriation by the accused is larceny, and they must find him guilty; and the jury are further instructed that in order to find the prisoner guilty under the indictment it

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The jury are instructed that if they believe from the evidence that the steer and heifer in controversy in this case are not the property of Jhos. R. Messick and Miss E. J. Strayer, as charged in the indictment, they must find the prisoner not guilty.

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The jury are further instructed that if they believe from the evidence that the prisoner did not believe the steer and heifer in question in this case were part and parcel of the bunch of cattle delivered to him by said Messic in the Spring of 1905, to be grazed on the land belonging to the prisoner or under his control, or that the prisoner did not have any fraudulent intent to deprive the owners of their property, they must find him not guilty.

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The jury are further instructed that, unless they believe that the accused has converted to his own use or the use of another the steer and heifer in controversy <sup>or either of them</sup> <sup>Kept or concealed</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>from himself</sup> ~~or~~ the same with the purpose of converting to his own use, they must find him not guilty.

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property of John W. Messeloff and Miss E. J. Strayer, as charged in  
the indictment, they must find the prisoner not guilty.

The jury are instructed that if they believe from the evidence



If you find the prisoner not-guilty - you will say so and no more -

If you find the prisoner guilty of larceny of the stolen and seized of J. R. Messick as charged in the indictment - you will say so and ascertain his punishment - which shall be confinement in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years, ~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> confinement in jail not exceeding twelve months and fined not exceeding \$500 -

Augusta County

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Augusta County

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**Commonwealth of Virginia,**

COUNTY OF Rockingham, TO-WIT:  
IN THE ~~COUNTY~~ <sup>Circuit</sup> COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of

Rockingham, and now attending the said Court at its  
May term, in the year 1906, upon their oaths present that  
John S. Mace

on the 10 day of January, in the year 1906, in the said County,

Two head of cattle, to-wit: one red steer and one white spotted  
heifer of the value of \$45.00, the cattle and property of T. R.  
Messick and Miss E. J. Strayer, feloniously did steal, take, and  
carry away.

against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon the evidence of Geo Strayer, J R Messick, Martha Jane Jackson, Willie Messick,  
Isaac Spitzer, S. H. Lewis, D. M. Washington, John F. Miller, E. J. Carckhoff,  
G. J. Begoon

witness & sworn in open

Court and sent to the Grand Jury to give evidence.

, Clerk.

Commonwealth

INDICTMENT FOR A

*John*

*John H. Moore*

A TRUE BILL.

*W. H. Wood*

Foreman.

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