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There has now been a new venire summoned for the trial of these<sup>is</sup> cases.

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The Court: In the Court's opinion, it is immaterial whether the Court's action in overruling the demurrer and sustaining the motion to strike certain parts of the original indictment was void or voidable. If said action was void, it was without any effect at all. If it was voidable, defendants' counsel moved for a mistrial on the ground that it was an illegal act, prejudicial to the defendants, and was, therefore, void, and when the Court sustained the defendants' motion it then became of no force and effect. It is the Court's opinion, after he sustained the motion to declare a mistrial, that everything, starting with the hearing of the demurrer to the original indictment, from thereon, is annulled, and the situation of the case at this time is that we are proceeding on the original indictment, the arraignment of the two defendants thereon, and their plea of not guilty. Therefore, the Court overrules the said several motions of the defendants by counsel.

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The Court: It is true that the Virginia statute authorizing indictments in certain specified cases for conspiracy does not include the offense of malicious assault. However, at common law it is an offense to conspire to commit any illegal act. It is the Court's opinion that the present indictment is a felony indictment, charging the commission of a malicious assault, and the conspiracy, if any is charged in the indictment, is merged into the felony, and that the indictment is not bad as charging two offenses. Therefore, the demurrer is overruled. It is the Court's opinion that any language in the indictment referring to a conspiracy, for reasons stated above, does not charge a separate and distinct offense, but is a matter of inducement or a part of the felony actually charged in the indictment. Therefore, the motion to strike is overruled.

Mr.Hammer: To which counsel for the defendants except, for the reasons heretofore assigned.

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3 We object to the charge to the jury for the reason that the charge does not embrace therein the elements of conspiracy; although the charge of conspiracy may be merged in an indictment for felony, on proof and conviction, after the grand jury has returned an indictment, charging conspiracy and a felony, it is the position of the accused that this jury could find them guilty of a conspiracy to commit felony, without convicting them of a felony charge; therefore, the element of conspiracy should be embraced in the charge to the jury.

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The Court: (The Court has already ruled that anything referring to a conspiracy in this indictment is merged into the actual allegation that the accused committed a felonious assault and that the indictment charges only the felony.) Therefore, the objection to the charge is overruled. //

Mr. Hammer: The defendants, by counsel, object to the ruling of the Court for the reason aforesaid.

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relating to a conspiracy in this indictment is merged into the  
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Mr. Bennett: The defendant, by counsel, object to the  
reading of the Court for the reason aforesaid.

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Motions (in said case of Commonwealth vs. Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett) in Judge's Office Friday afternoon, June 18, 1948, just a little while after going into said Office, after court had been adjourned until evening.

Mr. Hammer: Your Honor, please, we desire to renew our motion in this case to declare a mistrial for the reasons heretofore assigned in the opening of this case. We also desire, Your Honor, please, to renew our motion to declare a mistrial in this case, as, under the verbal instruction of the Court in regard to the evidence of Perry Bailey, that it was a singling instruction to the jury, the effect of which was to warn the jury that his evidence should be viewed with undue caution. We also at this time desire to renew our motion to strike the evidence in the case as to Floyd Shifflett, for the reason that there was no evidence that Floyd Shifflett was guilty of unlawful or malicious shooting or of assault and battery. We likewise desire to renew our motion to strike the evidence in the case in regard to Lawrence Dean, for the reasons heretofore assigned and to be assigned more fully in writing.

The Court: Gentlemen, all these motions have been heretofore considered, and the Court adheres to his previous ruling, and overrules all of said motions. *exception*

Motion (in said case of Commonwealth vs. Lawrence  
Dean and Floyd Griffith) in Judge's Office Friday  
afternoon, June 18, 1943, just a little while after  
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The Court: Gentlemen, all these motions have been heretofore con-  
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The Court's rescinding of ruling on certain former motions,  
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in the Judge's Office, Friday evening, June 18, 1948, just  
before the re-convening of Court for the evening session.

The Court: Gentlemen, counsel, when we came back to  
Chambers for the purpose of considering the instructions, and after  
some of the instructions had been offered to the Court, counsel for the  
defendants renewed certain motions and made certain other motions in  
connection with this trial, which the Court at that time overruled.  
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now, in the presence of both the accused and before having ever returned  
to the court room from Chambers, rescind any ruling he may have made  
on said motions, and does now offer to the said defendants the right  
and option to renew said motions.

Mr. Hammer: Without waiving any right, -which I understand the law or  
counsel cannot waive any rights of the accused, nor can the accused  
themselves waive said rights, -however, in view of the Court's ruling, we  
at this time renew said motions as heretofore dictated.

The Court: All of these motions, now being made in the pres-  
ence of both defendants, have been made and considered, before, during  
the trial of this case, and for the reasons then stated from time to  
time, all of said motions are overruled.

Mr. Hammer: To the ruling of the Court, the defendants by counsel  
except.

The Court's reasoning of ruling on certain former motions, and the renewal of said motions, and overruling of same by the Court,

in the Judge's Office, Friday evening, June 19, 1942, just before the re-convening of Court for the evening session.

The Court: Gentlemen, counsel, when we came back to Chambers for the purpose of considering the instructions, and after some of the instructions had been offered to the Court, counsel for the defendants renewed certain motions and made certain other motions in connection with this trial, which the Court at that time overruled. It has been suggested to the Court that the defendants were not personally present when these motions were renewed and made, and the Court being uncertain as to whether they were, or were not, the Court both now, in the presence of both the accused and before having ever returned to the Court room from Chambers, pending any ruling he may have made on said motions, and does not offer to the said defendants the right

and option to renew said motions.

Mr. Hammer: Without waiving any rights, which I understand the law or counsel cannot waive any rights of the accused, nor can the accused themselves waive said rights, however, in view of the Court's ruling, as of this time renew said motions as heretofore dictated.

The Court: All of these motions, now being made in the presence of both defendants, have been made and considered, before, during the trial of this case, and for the reasons then stated from time to time, all of said motions are overruled.

Mr. Hammer: In the ruling of the Court, the defendants by counsel

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June 17, 1948.

Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment for a felony (felonious assault)  
Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett

This day came the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett, came pursuant to their recognizance and by their attorneys, Charles A. Hammer, Jr., and Sam P. Conrad. And counsel for both the accused having here-

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<sup>of the</sup> ~~before~~, in the absence of both <sup>A</sup> accused, demurred to the indictment and moved to quash the same on the ground that it included charges of two offenses--one a misdemeanor and the other a felony--and the Court having heretofore informally overruled the said demurrer and motion to quash in the absence of both <sup>of said</sup> <sup>A</sup> accused, and counsel for both the accused having also heretofore moved to strike out the allegations in the indictment as to conspiracy, and the Court in the absence of both <sup>of said</sup> <sup>A</sup> accused having sustained said motion, and counsel this day having appeared and renewed said motions and both accused having appeared before the bar of this Court this day, and the aforesaid demurrer and motions having been renewed and counsel having also this day made a motion for change of venire on the ground that some of the jurors sat on the trial of the accused, Lawrence Dean, for another ~~offense~~ tried at this term of Court; the Court, after consideration of said demurrer and motions both overruled said demurrer and motion to quash and the motion for a change of venire and sustained the motion to strike from the indictment the portions thereof charging a conspiracy, and thereupon both <sup>of the</sup> <sup>A</sup> accused were arraigned on the ~~original~~ <sup>the portions charging</sup> indictment as amended by striking ~~out~~ each in person <sup>pleaded</sup> not guilty to the same.

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the accused, Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett, came pursuant to

their recognizance and by their attorneys, Charles A. Hamner, Jr.,

and Sam P. Conrad. And counsel for both the accused having here-

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And from persons summoned by the sheriff under a writ of venire facias, twenty persons were examined by the court and found duly qualified and free from exception; whereupon a list containing the names of said twenty persons was handed to the attorney for the commonwealth and counsel for the accused, who each alternately struck therefrom the names of four persons, the remaining twelve, namely: W. T. Leavel, Ashby Fitzwater, C. B. Reubush, M. G. Newman, A. R. Scott, Roy S. Heatwole, Claude Berry, G. Roscoe Knicely, J. B. Moyers, Joe Kagey, Turner Sandy, and C. E. Lokey, selected as aforesaid to constitute the jury, were sworn to well and truly try and true deliverance make between the commonwealth and the prisoners at the bar and a true verdict render according to the law and the evidence, and

*both of the said the accused by counsel moved*  
And thereupon <sup>the</sup> motion that the Court declare a mistrial on the ground that the Court passed informally on demurrer above referred to and the motion to strike certain parts of the indictment above referred to when neither of accused <sup>was</sup> present in person, <sup>and thereupon the</sup> Court sustained said motion and declared a mistrial and discharged the jury from attendance on this case. And it appearing to the Court that there are insufficient jurors present to try both the accused, the Court,

acting under Section 4896, selected from the jury list as provided by Sections 5988 and 5990 the following twenty-four jurors to try said case,

namely: J. A. Hollen, Harry C. Long, Robert F. Garber, Chas. W. Wampler, Jr., A. S. Kiser, Isaac C. Shifflett, Raymond Weaver, Roy L. Frank, J. F. Byerly, Beery H. May, J. O. Beard, John D. Moore, Dee C. Smucker, L. C. Hutton, Joe R. Rhodes, John P. Zirkle, H. Westbrook Hawkins, John H. Rolston, Paige P. Price, Hubert B. Layman, Garold Myers, D. C. Stickney, Harold E. Shomo, and C. William Frank.

*The following motions were made during the afternoon of this day in this case in the Chamber in the presence of both the*

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Whereupon, the court ~~was~~ ruled that the previous action of the court upon the demurrer and motion to strike part of the indictment was void or voidable and that all such previous rulings were nullified by the action of the court in declaring a mistrial, and that the case now stands on the original indictment, the arraignment of the two defendants thereon and their respective pleas of not guilty, to quash the indictment and dismiss the venire and that the said motion/should be, and is accordingly, hereby overruled.

assault and bodily injury upon H. E. Taylor, with intent him the said H. E. Taylor to maim, disfigure, disable, or kill, and in pursuance of said conspiracy and confederation", (and moved that that portion of the indictment be stricken,) which demurrer and motion aforesaid the court overruled, to which action ~~making~~ of the court in overruling said demurrer and motion, the defendants, by counsel, excepted.

And the defendants, by counsel, ~~further~~ object to the charge to the jury" for the reason that the charge does not embrace therein the elements of conspiracy; although the charge of conspiracy may be merged in an indictment for felony, on proof and conviction, after the grand jury has returned an indictment, charging conspiracy and a felony, and ~~that~~ it is the position of the accused that this jury/could find them guilty of a conspiracy to commit felony without convicting them of a felony charge; therefore,



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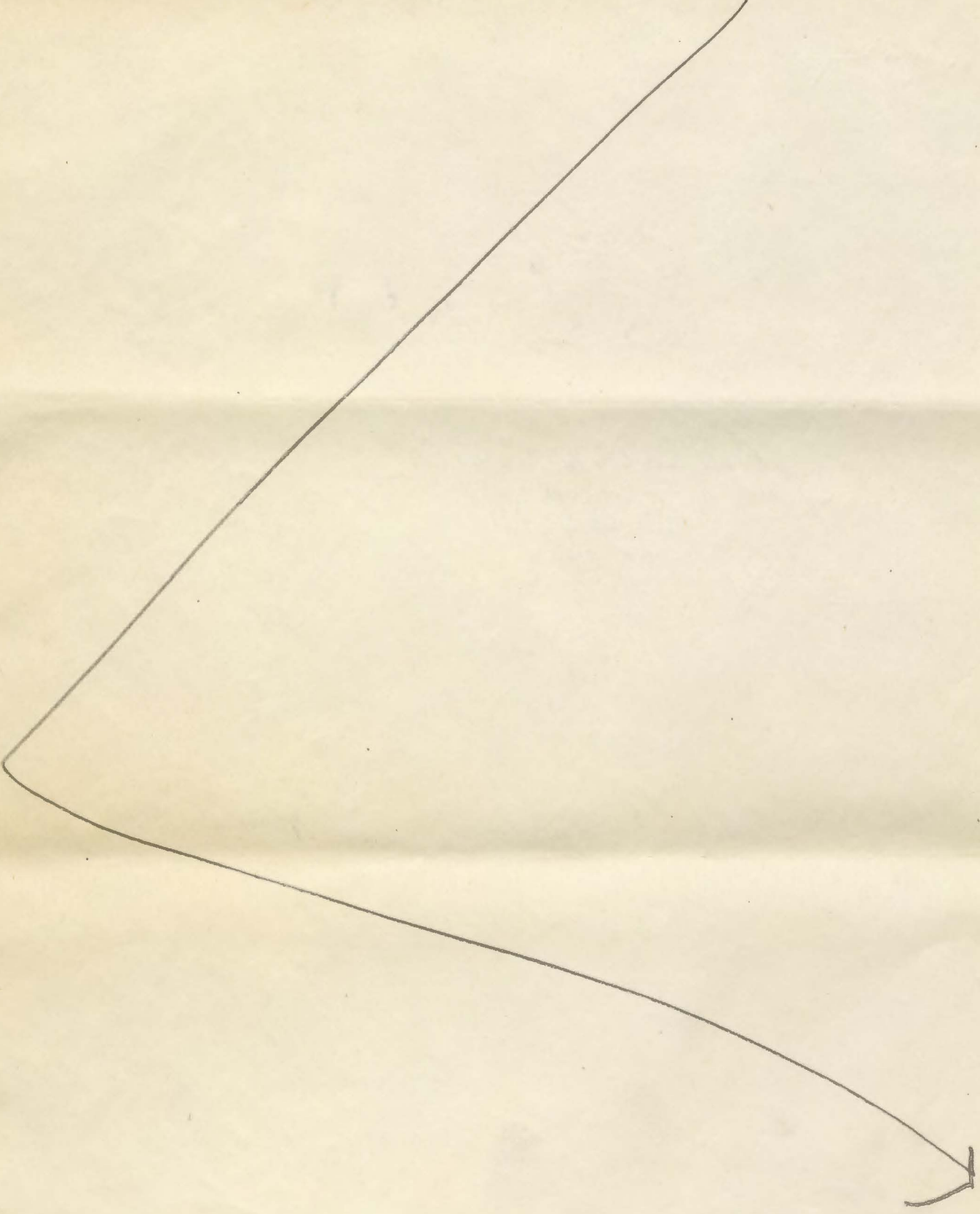
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the element of conspiracy should be embraced in the charge to the jury; and <sup>thereupon</sup> ~~thereupon~~, (the court having already ruled that ~~anything referring to a conspiracy in this indictment is merged into the actual allegation that the accused committed a felonious assault and that the indictment charges only the felony~~) the court ~~doth~~ overrule said objections to the charge, to which action of the court the defendants, by counsel, excepted.





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court with overrule said objections to the charge, to which action  
of the court the defendant, by counsel, excepted.

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And from the venire <sup>this day</sup> summoned as aforesaid  for the trial of this case, only sixteen (16) of the persons in said venire having responded and being found duly qualified and free from exception, thereupon, the attorney for the commonwealth, with the consent of the court, waived the striking of his four names from the said panel, and the defendants, by their attorneys, struck therefrom the names of four persons therefrom, the remaining twelve, namely: J. A. Hollen, Robert F. Garber, A. S. Kiers, Isaac C. Shifflett, Roy L. Frank, J. F. Byerly, Beery H. May, J. O. Beard, Jno. P. Zirkle, H. Westbrook Hawkins, Harold E. Shomo, and L. C. Hutton, selected as aforesaid to constitute the jury, were sworn to well and truly try and true deliverance make between the commonwealth and the prisoners at the bar and a true verdict render according to the law and the evidence, and having heard a portion of the evidence, were adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock.

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 and from the venire summoned this day for the trial

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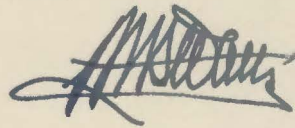
VIRGINIA:

*In the Supreme Court of Appeals held at the Court-Library Building  
in the City of Richmond on Wednesday, the 17th day of November, 1948.*

Upon the petition of Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett a writ of error and supersedeas is awarded them to a judgment rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county on the 23rd day of June, 1948, in a prosecution by the Commonwealth against the said petitioners for a felony; but said supersedeas is not to operate to discharge the petitioners from custody, if in custody, or to release their bond if out on bail.

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Teste:



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Order of Supreme Court

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- 1 W.F. Leavel
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  - 3 Le B. Reeburk
  - 4 Mr. G. Newnam
  - 5 Mr. A. Scott
  - 6 Roy S. Heatwole
  - 7 Claude Kery
  - 8 G. Harold Quincy
  - 9 J. B. Moyer
  - 10 Joe Hagen
  - 11 Farmer Sandy
  - 12 Le E. Lohy
- 2 July

- 1 J. A. Hollen
- 2 Robert F. Barber
- 3 A. S. Niren
- 4 Isaac L. Shufflett
- 5 Roy L. Frank
- 6 J. F. Myers
- 7 Mary H. May
- 8 J. O. Beard
- 9 Geo. P. Zirkle
- 10 H. Westbrook Hambrick
- 11 Harold E. Shroud
- 12 L. L. Hutton

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COMMONWEALTH

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VS.

Felony (fa)

LAWRENCE DEAN

and

FLOYD SHIFFLETT

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June 17 -

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~~annexed indictment~~  
~~annexed 6/17/49 - N.B.~~

2nd trial Oct 10-16-49  
argument set aside 10/17/49

Sheriff Fees \$5.00



Grand Trial Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 49

- 1 Ira Campbell
- 2 F. Collins
- 3 Arnold B. Smith
- 4 J. H. Fisher
- 5 Harry W. Estep
- 6 A. B. Whissen
- 7 F. B. <sup>Thompson</sup> ~~Fisher~~
- 8 Lewis B. Lester
- 9 Roy Lee Mesnick
- 10 A. H. Carr
- 11 W. B. Probst
- 12 Q. W. Jordan

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843

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This day came the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett, came pursuant to their recognizance and by their attorneys, Charles A. Hammer, Jr., and Sam P. Conrad; and

Counsel for both the accused having heretofore, in the absence of both accused, demurred to the indictment and moved to quash the same on the ground that it included charges of two offenses--one a misdemeanor and the other a felony--and the Court having heretofore informally overruled the said demurrer and motion to quash in the absence of both accused, and counsel for both the accused having also heretofore moved to strike out the allegations in the indictment as to conspiracy, and the Court in the absence of both accused having sustained said motion, and counsel this day having appeared and renewed said motions and both accused having appeared before the bar of this Court this day, and the aforesaid demurrer and motions having been renewed and counsel having also this day made a motion for change of venire on the ground that some of the jurors sat on the trial of the accused, Lawrence Dean, for another offense tried at this term of Court; the Court, after consideration of said demurrer and motions both overruled said demurrer and motion to quash and the motion for a change of venire and sustained the motion to strike from the indictment the portions thereof charging a conspiracy, and thereupon both accused were arraigned on the ~~original~~ indictment as amended by striking <sup>the portions charging a conspiracy</sup> and each in person <sup>thereupon</sup> pled not guilty <sup>to the same</sup>

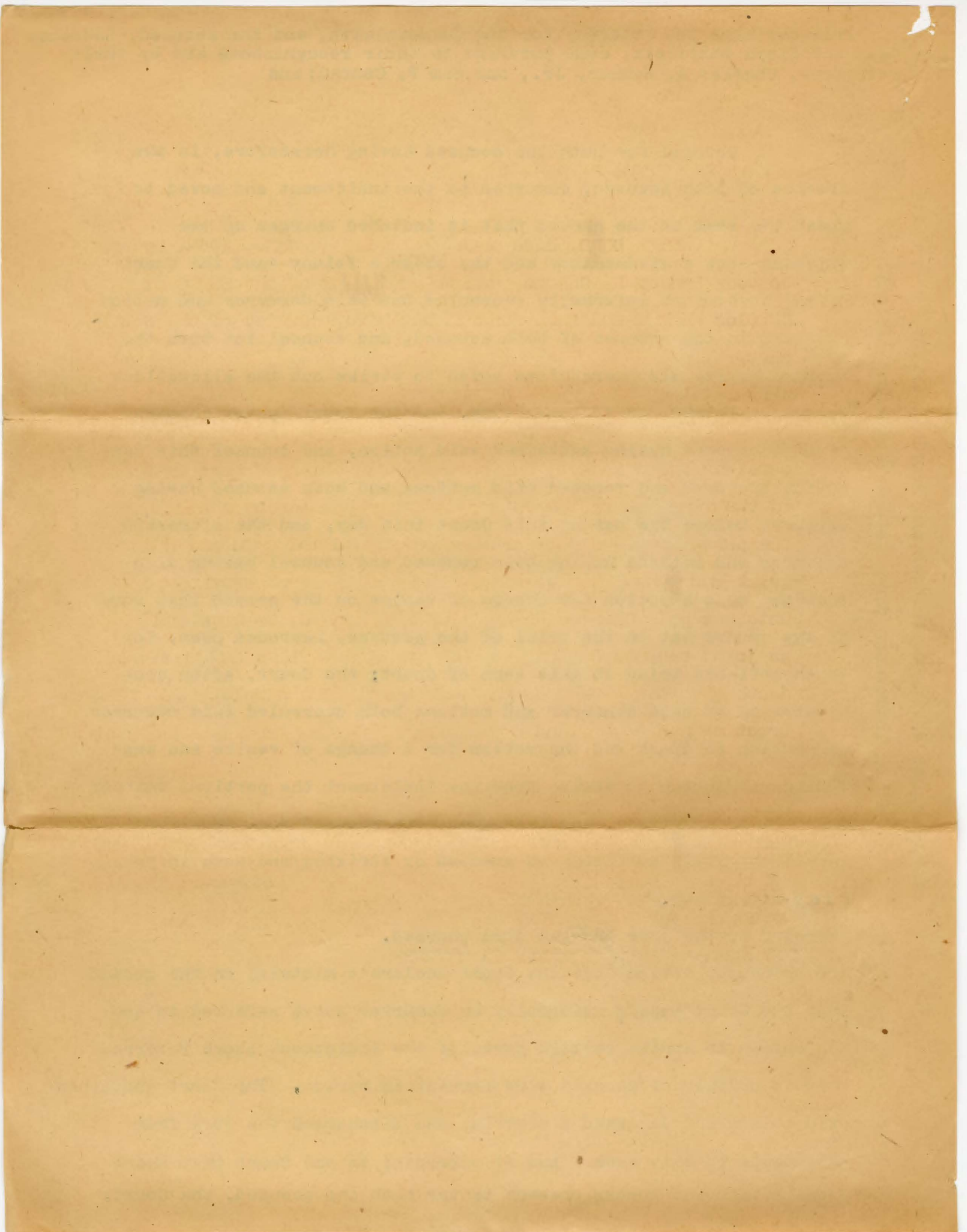
Swearing of the jury ~~and~~ <sup>on</sup> the jury charged. *(1) see attached sheet*

\* And thereupon <sup>on</sup> motion <sup>of factum by counsel</sup> that the Court declare a mistrial on the ground that the Court passed informally on demurrer above referred to and the motion to strike certain parts of the indictment above referred to when neither of accused were present in person, The Court sustained said motion and declared a mistrial and discharged the jury from attendance on this case. And it appearing to the Court that there are insufficient jurors present to try both the accused, the Court,

Commonwealth vs. Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett

On an indictment for a felony (felonious assault)

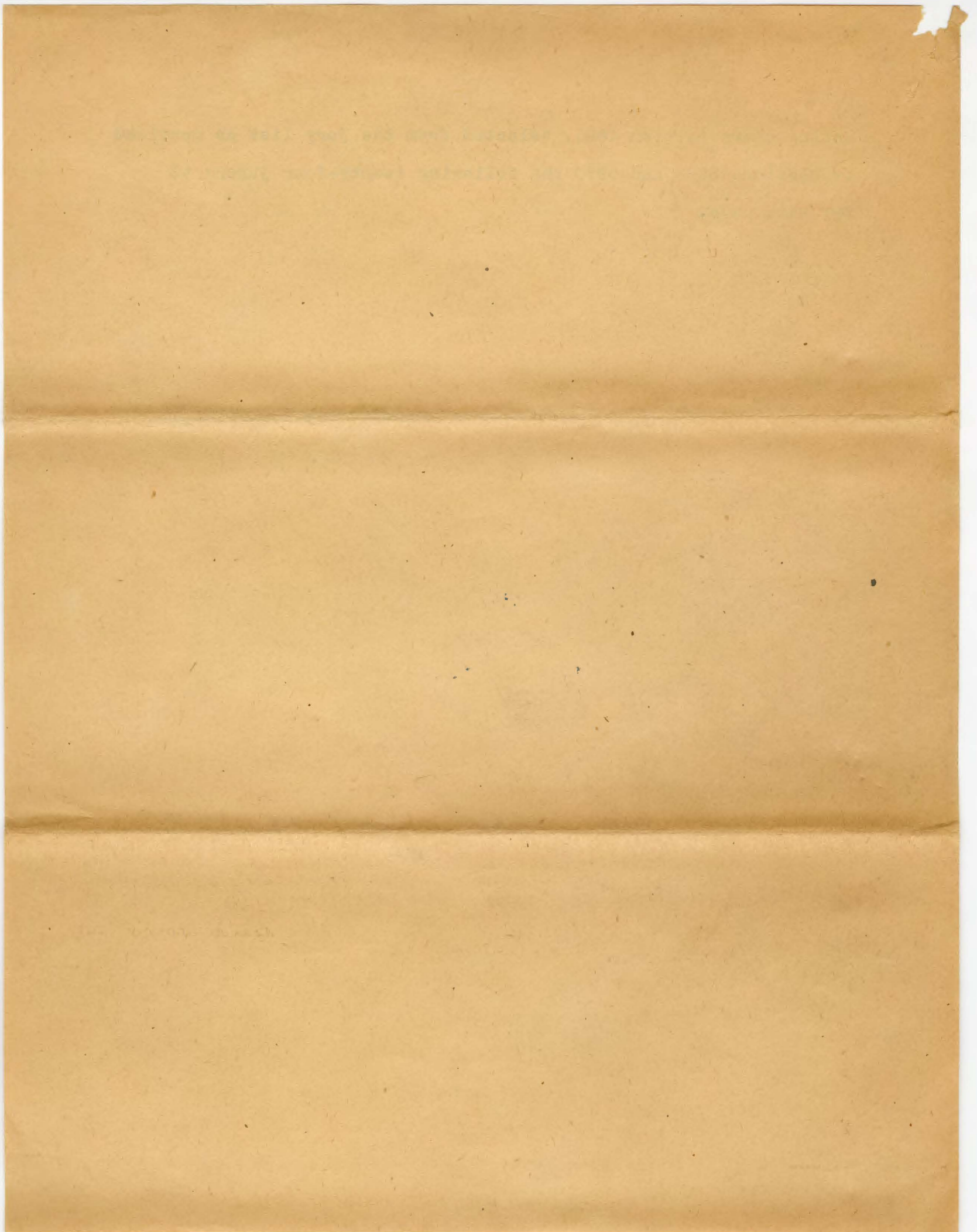




acting under Section 4896, selected from the jury list as provided  
by Sections 5988 and 5990 the following twenty-four jurors to  
try said case.

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Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment for a felony (felonious assault)  
Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett

This day came again the attorney for the commonwealth, and  
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the ~~defendants~~, Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett, came pursuant to  
their recognizance and by their attorneys, Charles A. Hammer, Jr.,  
and the jury impaneled and sworn for the trial of this case came  
and Sam P. Conrad; and having completed the hearing of the evidence,  
the jury was discharged until seven o'clock p. m. And thereupon, the  
court, the attorney for the commonwealth, ~~and the~~ attorneys for the accused,  
~~and both of the accused~~ retired into chambers, and ~~the~~ counsel  
for both of said accused  
~~renewed~~ renewed the following motions: ~~and~~  
to declare a mistrial for reasons heretofore assigned in the opening  
of this case; to declare a mistrial in this case as, under the  
verbal instruction of the Court in regard to the evidence of  
Perry Bailey, that it was a singling instruction to the jury,  
the effect of which was to warn the jury that his evidence should  
be viewed with undue caution; to strike the evidence in the case  
as to Floyd Shifflett, for the reason that there was no evidence  
that Floyd Shifflett was guilty of unlawful or malicious shooting  
or of assault and battery; to strike the evidence in this case in  
regard to Lawrence Dean, for the reasons heretofore assigned and  
to be assigned more fully in writing. Whereupon, the court,  
having heretofore considered said motions, adhered to <sup>its</sup> ~~said~~ previous  
ruling and doth now overrule all of said motions; to which action  
of the court, the said defendants, by counsel, excepted. And  
before the re-convening of court at seven o'clock p. m., the  
judge of this court, together with the attorney for the common-  
wealth, attorneys for the accused, and both of the accused inper-  
son, retired into chambers, and it having been suggested to the  
court that neither of the accused was present in chambers when  
certain motions were ~~made~~ renewed and certain other motions  
were made by counsel for the defendants, thereupon, the court  
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regard to Lawrence Dean, for the reasons heretofore assigned and

to be assigned more fully in writing. Whereupon, the court,

having heretofore considered said motions, adhered to said motions

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certain motions were renewed and certain other motions

were made by counsel for the defendants, thereupon, the court

in the presence of both of the accused, before having returned

into said the court room, resigned any ruling made on the

aforesaid motions and offered to the said defendants the right and option to renew said motions. And the said defendants, without waiving any rights, renewed said motions as heretofore made; and all of said motions, now having been made in the presence of both of the accused, and having been <sup>heretofore</sup> considered by the court, the court doth now overrule ~~and said~~ all of said motions, to which action of the court the defendants, by counsel, excepted. And the court having re-convened, thereupon, came again the attorney for the commonwealth, both of the accused, pursuant to their recognizance and by their attorneys, Charles A. Hammer, Jr., and Sam P. Conrad; and the jury impanelled and sworn as aforesaid for the trial of this case came pursuant to adjournment, ~~and~~ And having received the instructions of the court and having heard the argument of counsel, the jurors ~~where~~ thereupon retired to their room to consider their verdict, and after some time they came again into court and returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Lawrence Dean, guilty of wounding H. E. Taylor with malicious intent, as charged in the indictment, and fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for two years. We, the jury, find the defendant, Floyd Shifflett, guilty as charged in the indictment, of aiding and abetting the defendant, Lawrence Dean, and fix his punishment by confinement in the Penitentiary for fifteen months. H. E. Shomo, Foreman." And thereupon, both of the accused, by counsel, moved the court to set aside said verdict and grant a new trial on the ground that the verdict is contrary to the law and the evidence and for other reasons to be hereafter assigned in writing and filed in this case.



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jury thereupon retired to their room to consider their  
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returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the delin-  
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malicious intent, as charged in the indictment, and fix his  
punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for two years.  
We, the jury, find the defendant, Floyd Shillett, guilty as  
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*Handwritten red scribbles and signatures.*

JULIAN K. HICKMAN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
HOSTETTER BUILDING  
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

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September 10, 1948

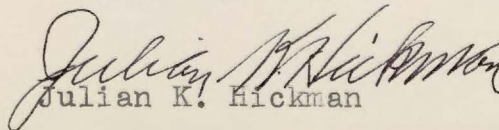
Honorable George D. Conrad  
Commonwealth's Attorney  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Re: Commonwealth of Virginia  
vs.  
Lawrence Dean and Floyd  
Shifflett

Dear Mr. Conrad:

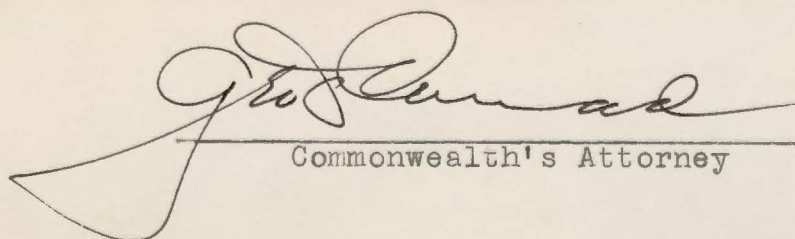
This is to advise that we will on this date apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Rockingham County, Virginia, for a transcript of the record in the above captioned case.

Yours very truly,

  
Julian K. Hickman

JKH/pbp

Legal and timely service of the foregoing notice is hereby accepted.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney



WILLIAM M. HAYDEN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK CITY

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*Filed 6/23/48*

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VS.

FLOYD SHIFFLETT

This day came the defendant, Floyd Shifflett, in person and by counsel, and assigned the following as the grounds of his motion to set aside the verdict of the jury returned on June 18, 1948, finding him guilty of malicious assault, and fixing his punishment at confinement in the State Penitentiary for a period of fifteen months:

- (1) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law.
- (2) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the evidence.
- (3) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence.
- (4) That the Court erred in admitting certain evidence offered by the Commonwealth and in refusing to admit certain evidence offered by the defendant.
- (5) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to quash the indictment.
- (6) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the evidence at the conclusion of the Commonwealth's case.
- (7) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the evidence after all the evidence had been introduced and to declare a mistrial.
- (8) That the Court erred in granting certain instructions offered by the Commonwealth over the objection of the defendant.
- (9) That the Court erred in refusing certain instructions offered by the defendant.
- (10) That the Court erred in singling out this defendant as being an aider and abettor and in singling out Lawrence Dean as being the principal.



Filed 4/15/44

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

vs.

FLOYD BRIDGEMAN

This day came the defendant, Floyd Bridgeman, to person and by counsel,

and assigned the following as the grounds of his motion to set aside the verdict of the jury returned on June 18, 1943, finding his guilty of said crime aforesaid, and fixing his punishment at confinement in the State Pen-

itentiary for a period of fifteen months:

- (1) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law.
- (2) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the evidence.
- (3) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence.
- (4) That the Court erred in admitting certain evidence offered by the defendant.
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- (7) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the evidence after all the evidence had been introduced and to declare a mistrial.
- (8) That the Court erred in granting certain instructions offered by the Commonwealth over the objection of the defendant.
- (9) That the Court erred in refusing certain instructions offered by the defendant.

(10) That the Court erred in signing out this defendant as being an alien and abettor and in signing out Lawrence Dunn as being the principal.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

*Filed 6/23/48*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VS.

LAWRENCE DEAN

This day came the defendant, Lawrence Dean, in person and by counsel, and assigned the following as the grounds of his motion to set aside the verdict of the jury returned on June 18, 1948, finding him guilty of malicious assault, and fixing his punishment at confinement in the State Penitentiary for a period of two years:

- (1) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law.
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- (3) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence.
- (4) That the Court erred in admitting certain evidence offered by the Commonwealth and in refusing to admit certain evidence offered by the defendant.
- (5) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to quash the indictment.
- (6) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the evidence at the conclusion of the Commonwealth's case.
- (7) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the evidence after all the evidence had been introduced and to declare a mistrial.
- (8) That the Court erred in granting certain instructions offered by the Commonwealth over the objection of the defendant.
- (9) That the Court erred in refusing certain instructions offered by the defendant.
- (10) That the Court erred in singling out Floyd Shifflett as being an aider and abettor and in singling out this defendant as being the principal.



3/15/1908

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRICH COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

vs.

LAWRENCE LEAH

This day came the defendant, Lawrence Leah, in person and by counsel, and assigned the following as the grounds of his motion to set aside the verdict of the jury returned on June 18, 1908, finding his guilty of wilful assault, and fixing his punishment at confinement in the State Penitentiary for a period of two years:

- (1) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law.
- (2) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the evidence.
- (3) That the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence.
- (4) That the Court erred in admitting certain evidence offered by the Commonwealth and in refusing to admit certain evidence offered by the defendant.
- (5) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the indictment.
- (6) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the witness at the conclusion of the Commonwealth's case.
- (7) That the Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion to strike the evidence after all the evidence had been introduced and to declare a mistrial.
- (8) That the Court erred in granting certain instructions offered by the Commonwealth over the objection of the defendant.
- (9) That the Court erred in refusing certain instructions offered by the defendant.

(10) That the Court erred in striking out Floyd Bennett as being an alien and operator and in striking out this defendant as being the principal.

August 29, 1948

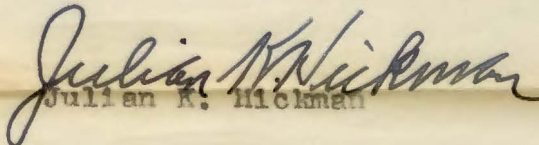
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Attorney for the Commonwealth  
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Re: Commonwealth of Virginia  
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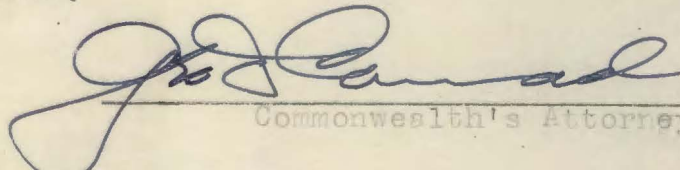
This is to notify you that on September 1, 1948, at 10:00 A. M., the undersigned, as attorney for the two above named defendants, shall present to Honorable William V. Ford, Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, in the Court room at Harrisonburg, Virginia, Certificates of Exception in the above captioned case.

Yours very truly,

  
Julian K. Hickman

JKH/pbp

Legal and timely service of the foregoing notice  
is hereby accepted.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney

to Com. Atty.  
Certificates of Exception  
Notice for Presenting of



August 23, 1948

Honorable George D. Conrad  
Attorney for the Commonwealth  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Re: Commonwealth of Virginia  
vs.  
Lawrence Dean and  
Floyd Shifflett

Notice for Presenting of  
Certificates of Exception,  
to Com. Atty.

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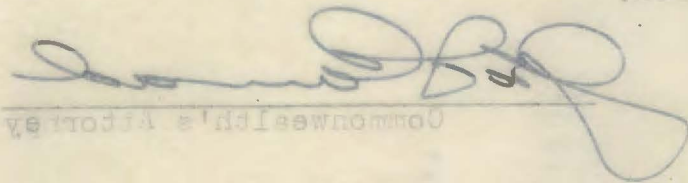
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Yours very truly,

  
William K. Richmond

JMR/bpp

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George D. Conrad  
Commonwealth's Attorney

INSTRUCTION NO. *J. 1*

The Court instructs the jury that the accused Dean and Shifflett are on trial only for the offence alleged against them in the indictment, and the jury are instructed that they are not at liberty to consider evidence of other law violations in considering the guilt or innocence of the accused in this case.

*but may only be bound in connection with their responsibility as witness & as to their intent*

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*Refused*  
*H. J. S.*



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INSTRUCTION NO. 8.

The Court instructs the jury that the accused Dean

and Shillett are on trial only for the offence alleged  
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of the accused in this case.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

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*Refused*  
*WTH*

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INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

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and Shifflett are on trial only for the offense alleged  
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of the accused in this case.

*Robert J. [unclear]*  
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INSTRUCTION NO. A

The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence in this case that H. E. Taylor was the aggressor and made an attack on Floyd Shifflett and the defendant, Lawrence Dean, in attempting to break up any fight<sup>or scuffle</sup> between Taylor and Shifflett, tried to separate the two, whereupon Taylor struck the said Lawrence Dean, and that the said Lawrence Dean reasonably apprehended bodily harm, that then he had the right to use such force as he reasonably deemed necessary to protect himself.

*Revised*

*H. E. T.*



The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence in this case that H. E. Taylor was the aggressor and made an attack on Floyd Shillett and the defendant, Lawrence Dean, in attempting to break up any fight between Taylor and Shillett, tried to separate the two, whenever Taylor struck the said Lawrence Dean, and that the said Lawrence Dean reasonably apprehended bodily harm, that then he had the right to use such force as he reasonably deemed necessary to protect himself.

*or scuffle*

*Lawrence Dean*  
*H. E. Taylor*

INSTRUCTION NO. X.

The Court instructs the jury that a reasonable doubt is one that excludes every reasonable hypothesis except that of guilt.

Refused  
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Court of Appeals  
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INSTRUCTION NO. 4

The Court instructs the jury that if they believe from the evidence in this case that H.E. Taylor was the aggressor and that Floyd Shifflett reasonably apprehended bodily harm, that he had the right to use such force as was necessary to protect himself, and if you believe that the said Shifflett used only such force as he reasonably deemed necessary to protect himself, then you should find him not guilty,

*unless the jury believe beyond a reasonable doubt that thereafter Floyd Shifflett aided and abetted ~~Floyd~~ Lawrence Dean in assaulting H.E. Taylor.*

*Refused  
no evidence  
WA*



INSTRUCTION NO. 14

The Court instructs the jury that if they believe from the evidence in this case that H.E. Taylor was the aggressor and that Floyd Shifflett reasonably apprehended bodily harm, that he had the right to use such force as was necessary to protect himself, and if you believe that the said Shifflett used only such force as he reasonably deemed necessary to protect himself then you should find him not guilty. unless the jury believe beyond a reasonable doubt that the aggressor was not Shifflett and that Taylor was in a position to use force.

H.E. Taylor.

Approved  
 J. W. [Signature]

We, the jury, find the defendant  
Lawrence Dean, guilty of wounding  
H. E. Taylor with malicious intent,  
as charged in the indictment, and  
fix his punishment by confinement  
in the penitentiary for two years.

We, the jury, find the defendant  
Floyd Shifflett, as charged in the indictment, guilty of aiding  
and abetting the defendant, Lawrence  
Dean, and fix his punishment  
by confinement in the penitentiary  
for fifteen months.

H. E. Shomo  
Foreman



Plutarch



And each of the accused having indicated that he would apply to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for a writ of error to the judgment of this court, and it being suggested to the court that they might not be financially able to have the record herein copied, the court suspended execution of said sentence until July 8, at which time, if it is made to appear that the record is being copied, said accused, or either of them, may apply to this court to have the suspension extended. And the attorney for the commonwealth having made a motion for additional security on the bail of said defendants, thereupon, Ernest C. Shifflett and Blanche B. Stanley, being examined and sworn according to law, and having thereupon justified as to their sufficiency, the said Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett, with the said Ernest C. Shifflett and Blanche B. Stanley as their surety, entered into and acknowledged bond payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the penalty of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars, (\$2500.00), and conditioned and payable according to law for their personal ~~and~~ and to such other time or times to which this case may be con- appearance before this court on the 8th day of July next, and not to depart thence without leave of court, and be bound under this recognizance until this charge is finally disposed of or is declared void by order of a competent court.

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on the bill of said delinquents, Thompson, Ernest G. Shiffert  
and Blaine B. Stanley, being examined and sworn according to  
law, and saying Thompson testified as to their delinquency,  
the said sentence upon said Floyd Shiffert, with the said Ernest  
G. Shiffert and Blaine B. Stanley as their surety, entered into  
and acknowledged said appeal to the Commonwealth of Virginia, to  
the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars, (2500.00), and costs  
incurred and payable according to law for their delinquency  
and to such other time or times as when this case may be  
reopened before this court on the return of their next, and not  
to have it lapse without leave of court, and so come under this  
record, and that this appeal is finally disposed of as is herein  
void by order of a competent court.



J. A. Hollen  
Dmit F. Garter

~~Lelia W. Wampler Jr.~~

a. S. Niser

~~Isaac de Sleffelt~~

Ray F. Fraub

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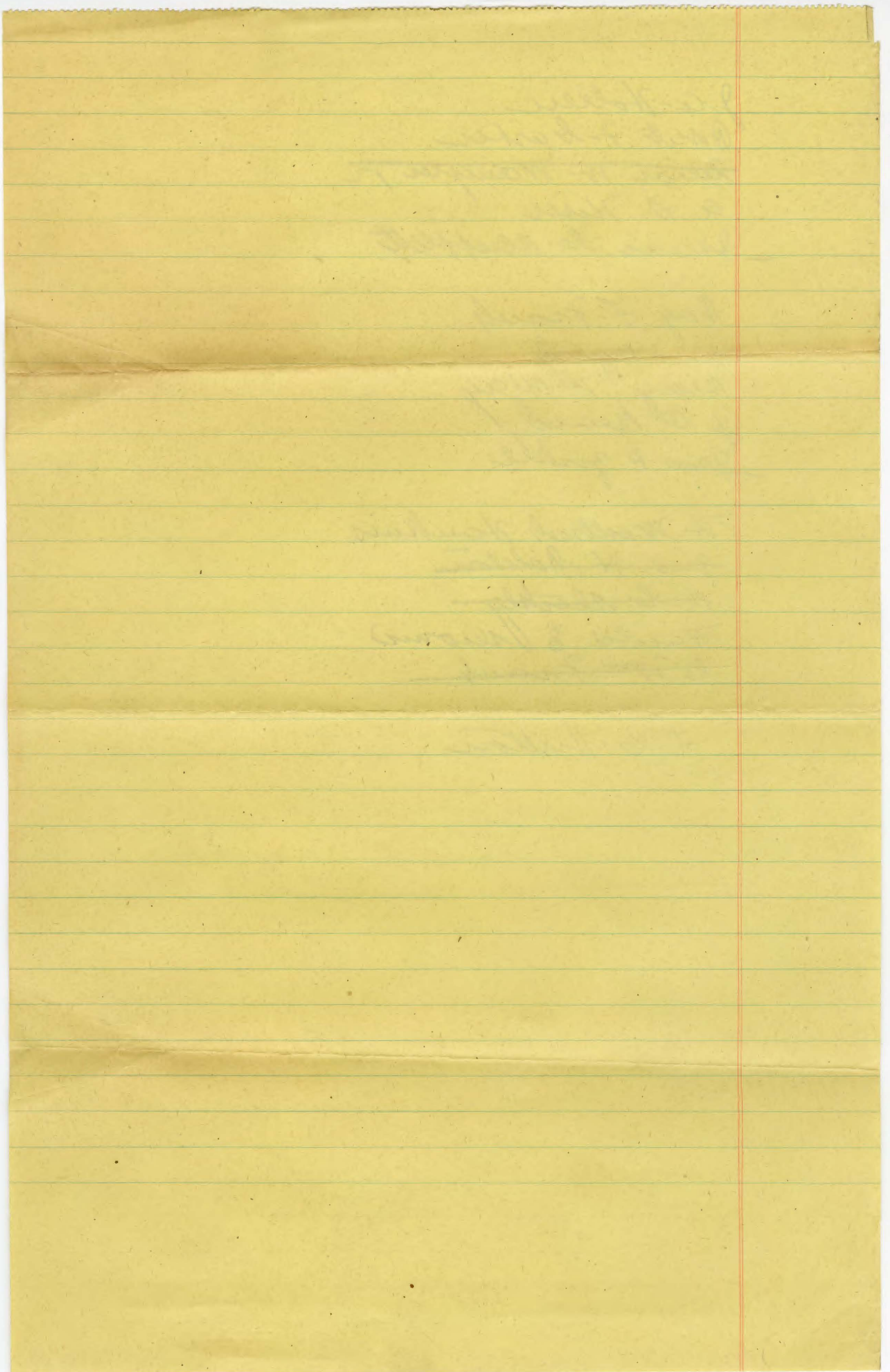
~~H. C. Slackly~~

Harold E. Gleason

~~C. W. Fraub~~

L. C. Hutton





March 18, 1949

Re: Lawrence Dean and Floyd  
Shifflett v. Commonwealth  
Record No. 3513

Mr. M. B. Watts, Clerk  
Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia  
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Watts:

As requested in your letter of yesterday, I am sending you herewith by registered mail "Commonwealth's Exhibit 1" and "Exhibit 1 of Defendant" in the above case.

Mr. J. K. Hickman, attorney for the defendants, selected these from the record.

Yours very truly,

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

JRS:mb  
Encs. 2.



March 18, 1949

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SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS  
OF VIRGINIA

M. B. WATTS  
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Richmond 10  
March 17, 1949

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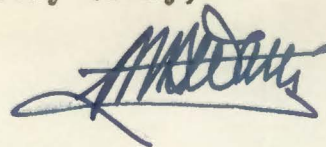
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Harrisonburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Switzer:

In the case of Commonwealth v. Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett (now in this court under the style of Dean and Shifflett v. Commonwealth), it appears from the judge's certificate at the end of the transcript that there were certain original exhibits which were directed to be certified to this court. I cannot find that these exhibits have ever been received.

Will you kindly look into the matter and if you have them, forward them to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,



MBW:lch

Clerk





Com ✓ Deon ✓  
Shufflett

6/17/48

- 1 W. G. Leard
- 2 Wiley Fitzgibbon
- 3 Le. B. Reubush
- 4 M. G. Newman
- ~~W. B. Bailey~~

~~Edward Short~~

- 5 A. R. Scott
- 6 Roy A. Theall
- ~~J. Rish Coffman~~
- 7 Claude Berry

- 8 S. Pascoe Knicker
- ~~Lury S. Brown~~

- 9 J. B. Meyers
- 10 Joe Hagey
- ~~W. E. J. Hunt~~

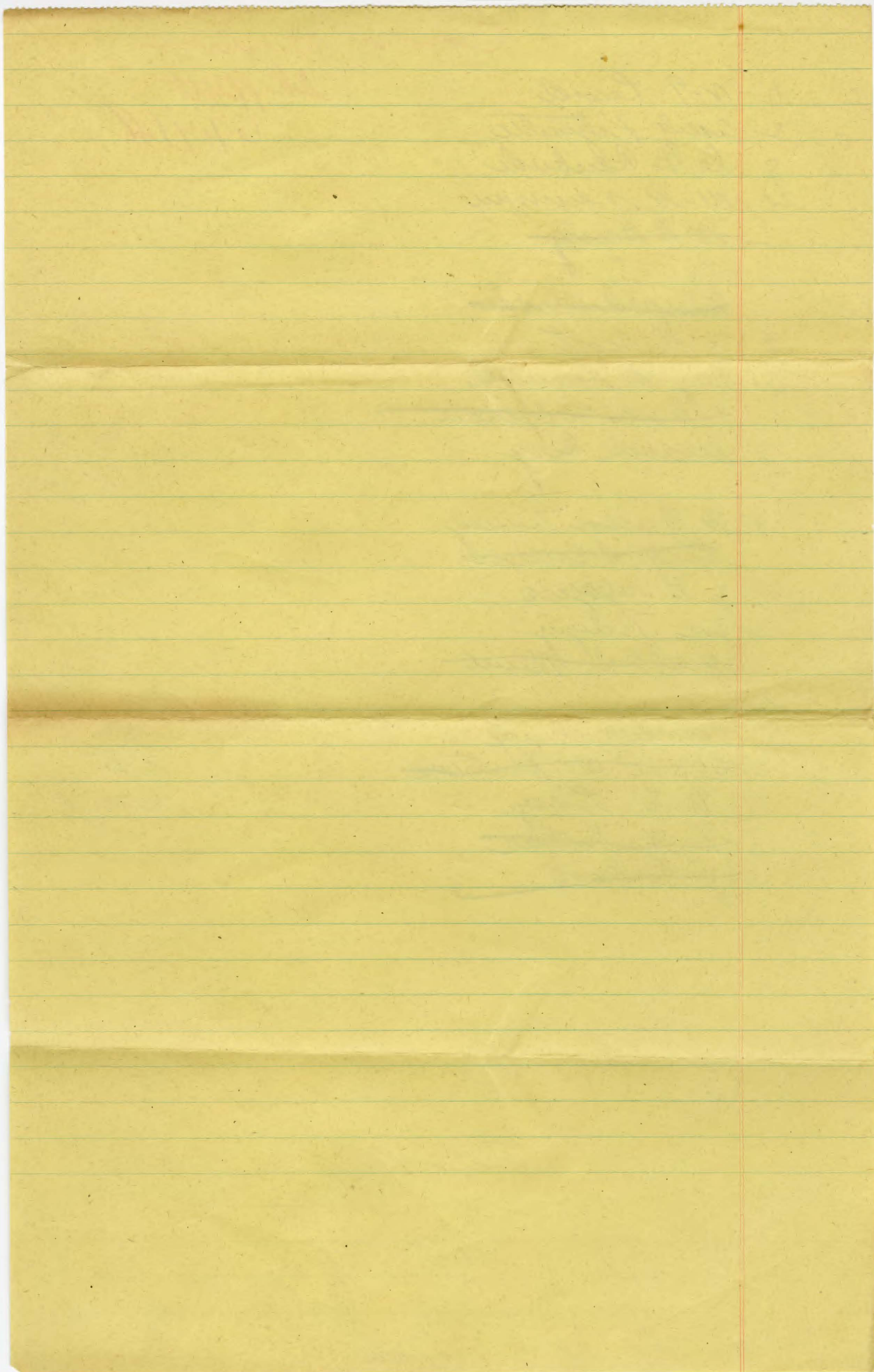
- 11 G. W. Scandy
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- ~~F. H. Holler~~
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In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

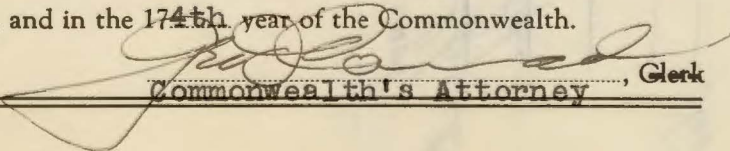
You are hereby commanded to summon Dr. N. M. Canter, Dr. Hollen Helbert,  
John Roach, Tom Bailey and John Duff

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on the 10th day of October 19 49,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against  
LAWRENCE DEAN and FLOYD SHIFFLETT

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

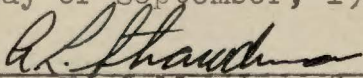
Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 30th  
day of September, 19 49, and in the 174th year of the Commonwealth.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

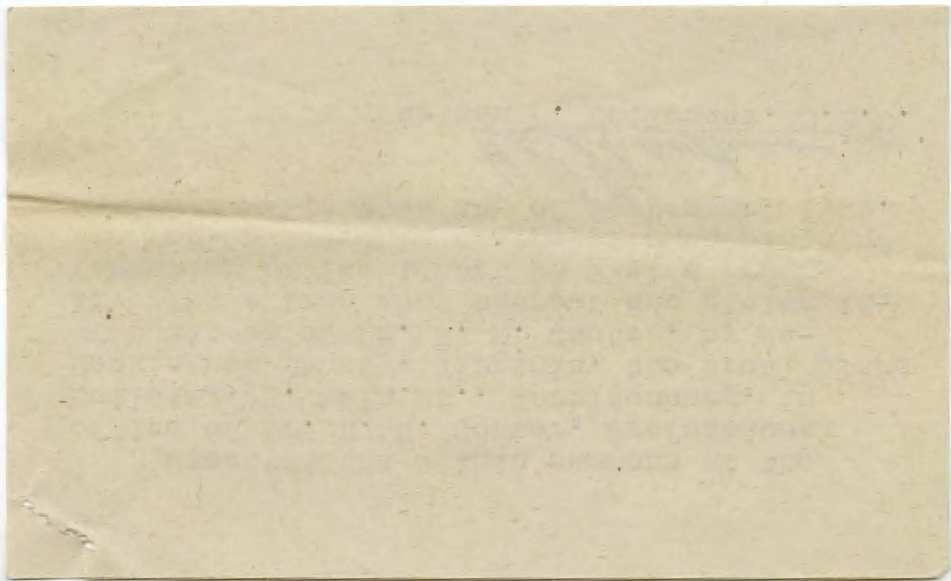




Executed the within summons at the office of Dr. N. M. Canter, Professional Building, S. Main St., Harrisonburg, in Rockingham County, Virginia, the usual place of business of Dr. N. M. Canter, by delivering a true copy thereof and giving information of its import to Thelma Brunk, the person found in charge of such place of business, this 30th day of September, 1949.

  
for Sam H. Callender, Dep. S.R.C.





**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Clem S. Whitesel, Jim*

*Shifflett Benny Gooden & Russell*

*Shifflett*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct.* 19. *49* to testify and the truth to  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

*Lawrence Dean & Floyd Shifflett*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *8<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *Oct.* 19. *49*, and in the *74<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk  
*Ray M. Bowen, D. C.*



usual place of abode \_\_\_\_\_ his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof.

*James H. Callender & Co*

place of abode, Executed \_\_\_\_\_ true copy of this \_\_\_\_\_  
in person, at said \_\_\_\_\_  
*Russell Shifflett*

place of abode, Executed \_\_\_\_\_ by delivering a \_\_\_\_\_

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*Shifflett*

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*Russell Shifflett*

at his usual

*Julian K. Hickman,*  
*P. S.*

*Shifflett for Paid*  
*\$160*

*1949*  
*Oct. 10*

Executed *10-8-49* by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to *James Shifflett*

*James Gooden, Clerk of*  
*Whitfield*

\_\_\_\_\_ in person. *E. D. Reed, Myself for*  
*James H. Callender & Co*

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**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Harry Lam, Blench*

*Stanley, Charles Sly, + Perry Bailey,*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 19*49* to testify and the truth to  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

*Lawrence Dean + Floyd Shiplett*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *4<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *October* 19*49*, and in the *74<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

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in person  
E. D. Keck Dep for  
Jaw H. Callahan SR

Charles Key

Blanch Stanley apt

Lawrence Dean &  
Gladys Shifflett  
A-5-49  
BY DELIVERING A TRUE COPY  
Shifflett Pl.  
#160

1949  
Oct. 10

Not finding ~~Harry Law~~ at his usual place of abode, Executed 10-5-49 by delivering a

true copy of this ~~summons~~ Mrs Harry Law's wife In person, at said Harry Law's

usual place of abode Mrs Harry Law, being a member of his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof

E. D. Keck Dep for  
Jaw H. Callahan SR

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Charles Slye, Harry Lam,*  
*Lawrence Shifflett, Guy Manger &*  
*Perry Bailey*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *17th* day of *June* 19*48* to testify and the truth to  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

*Lawrence Dean & Floyd Shifflett*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *15th*  
day of *June* 19*48*, and in the *17th* year of the Commonwealth.  
*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk



Lawrence Dean &  
Mloyd Shufflett

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S.P. Conrad, p.d.

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1948  
June 17

Acquired \_\_\_\_\_ by delivering a true copy

of the within summon to James Dean

Ermy Bailey, Sheriff  
Managers

\*each in person.

E. D. Reed, Wp for  
James M. Colledge, Wp

to her.

Not finding Lawrence Shifflett at his usual

place of abode, Executed 6-15-48 by delivering a

true copy of this Summons to Mrs Lawrence Shifflett  
his wife in person, at said Lawrence Shifflett

usual place of abode Mrs Lawrence Shifflett a member of  
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof  
to her,

E. D. Reed. dep for  
Sauv St Callender P.M.



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Not finding

Charles Slye

at his usual

place of abode, Executed

6-15-48

by delivering a

true copy of this

Summons to Mrs Charles Slye

his wife

in person, at said

Charles Slye

usual place of abode

Mrs Charles Slye

, being a member of

his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof to her.

E. P. Reed. Wp for

Jam. H. Callender. J.H.



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The undersigned  
do hereby certify  
that the above  
is a true and  
correct copy  
of the original  
as the same  
exists in the  
files of the  
Department  
of the Interior  
at Washington  
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**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

**To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:**

You are hereby commanded to summon John Crawford

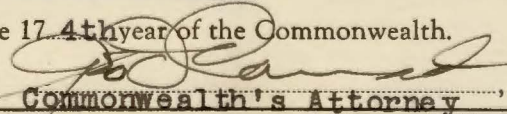
to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on the 10th day of October 1949,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

LAWRENCE DEAN and FLOYD SHIFFLETT

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~and misdemeanor~~

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court~~, at the Court House, the 28th  
day of September, 1949, and in the 17.4th year of the Commonwealth.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk



COM.

V. ) Subpoena

LAWRENCE DEAN and FLOYD  
SHIFFLETT

To October 10, 1949 at  
10:00 a.m.

*Sheriff Fees \$ 40*

EXECUTED 9-29-49 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons  
TO John Crawford  
IN PERSON.

E. L. Reed, My for  
Sam H. Callender P.C.

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Dr. N. M. Canter, Dr. H. Helbert,  
and H. E. Taylor

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the 17th day of June 1948,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against Lawrence Dean and  
Floyd Shifflett

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdeemeanor~~

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, ~~the~~ ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 9th  
day of June, 1948, and in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*Robert Switzer*  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk



Executed 6-16-48 by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to Dr. Canter, Dr.

Helbert and H. E. Taylor

each in person. Tom Bailey a.B.C. Swd

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Witness Subpoena

LAWRENCE DEAN and  
FLOYD SHIFFLETT

To June 17, 1948 at  
9:30 a.m.

Witnesses:

- 1. Dr. Canter
- 2. Dr. Helbert
- 3. H. E. Taylor

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**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John Roach, John Duff and Tom Bailey

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the 17th day of June 19 48,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against Lawrence Dean and  
Floyd Shifflett

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 9th  
day of June, 1948, and in the 16<sup>172nd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*John Conrad*  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk



EXECUTED 6-15-48 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons  
TO John Duff  
IN PERSON.

Tom Bailey a/c d/s

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Witness Subpoena

LAWRENCE DEAN and  
FLOYD SHIFFLETT

To June 17, 1948 at  
9:30 a.m.

Witnesses:

1. John Roach
2. John Duff
3. Tom Bailey

EXECUTED 6/16/48 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons  
TO Tom Bailey  
IN PERSON.

B. L. Miller Dep for  
Sam H. Collier d/s R.R.

Shifflett fees \$1.20

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

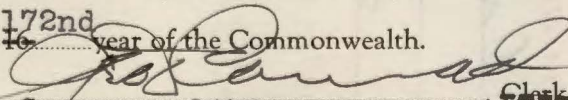
You are hereby commanded to summon C. W. Saunders, Jr., V. O. Smith  
and John Crawford

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the 17th day of June, 1948,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against Lawrence Dean and  
Floyd Shifflett

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdeemeanor~~.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court,~~ at the Court House, the 9th  
day of June, 1948, and in the 172nd year of the Commonwealth.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk



-arrested 6-14-48 by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to C. W. Saunders, Jr.,  
V. O. Smith and John Crawford

Tom Bailey a BC Swr

delivered in person.

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Witness Subpoena

LAWRENCE DEAN and  
FLOYD SHIFFLETT

To June 17, 1948 at  
9:30 a.m.

Witnesses:

1. C. W. Saunders, Jr.
2. V. O. Smith
3. John Crawford

Sheriff Fee \$1.20

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

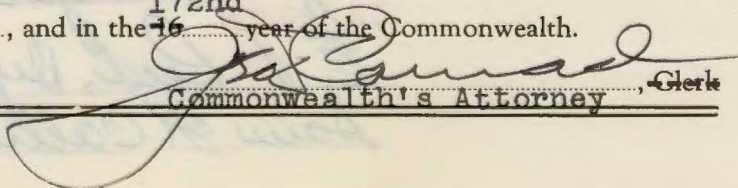
You are hereby commanded to summon **Joe Sugaroo**

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the **20th** day of **May** 19 **48**,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against **Lawrence Dean**

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court~~, at the Court House, the **18th**  
**172nd**  
day of **May**, 19 **48**, and in the **16** year of the Commonwealth.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Witness Subpoena

LAWRENCE DEAN

To May 20, 1948 at  
9:30 a.m.

Witness:

Joe Sugaroo

EXECUTED 5-18-48 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons

TO Joe Sugaroo  
IN PERSON.

E. P. Reed, Dep for  
Saw H. Callender S.P.



**Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

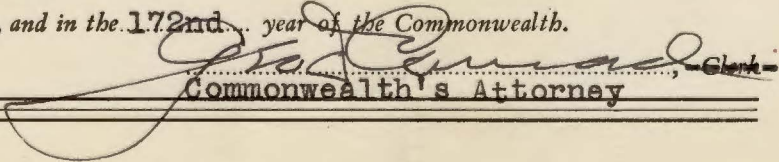
You are hereby commanded to summon John Crawford and Harless E. Taylor

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the 17th day of May 19 48,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY in the  
case of Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett

who stands charged with a felony ~~misdemeanor~~.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court~~, at the Court House, the 8th  
day of May 19 48, and in the 172nd year of the Commonwealth.

  
**Commonwealth's Attorney**

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) <sup>GRAND JURY</sup>  
~~Grand Jury~~ Summons

LAWRENCE DEAN AND  
FLOYD SHIFFLETT

To May 17, 1948 at  
9:30 a.m.

EXECUTED 5-9-48 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN  
TO John Crawford and H.E.  
INFERSON.

Jayles via a BC Office, Richmond  
Tom Bailey a BC clerk

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

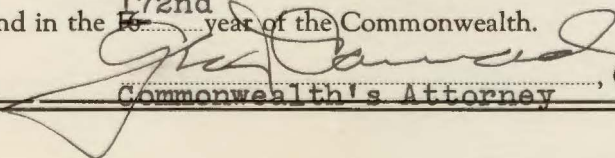
You are hereby commanded to summon Millard Davis

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the 17th day of June 1948,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against Lawrence Dean  
and Floyd Shifflett

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~

And this you shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER~~, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 17th  
day of June, 19 48, and in the 172nd year of the Commonwealth.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk



COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Witness Subpoena

LAWRENCE DEAN and FLOYD  
SHIFFLETT

To June 17, 1948 at  
9:30 a.m.

*Shifflett per 40*

**EXECUTED 6-17-48 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN *Summons*  
TO *Willard Davis*  
IN PERSON,**

*Tom Bailey*  
*A. B. C. Jr.*

selected  
 List of persons ~~drawn~~ from the regular jury list as  
 forthwith  
 provided by law, to be summoned/to serve as jurors upon the  
 trial of Lawrence Dean and Floyd Shifflett, charged with felony,  
 set for trial this 17th day of June, 1948:

✓ J. A. Hollen	4+1 ✓	A.	✓ Dee C. Smucker	P.
Harry C. Long	✓	A.	✓ L. C. Hutton	P.
✓ Robert F. Garber	✓	A.	Joe R. Rhodes <i>in Baltimore</i>	P.
✓ Chas. W. Wampler, Jr.	930W 57 ✓	A.	✓ John P. Zirkle	P.
✓ A. S. Kiser		C.	✓ H. Westbrook Hawkins 52	H. ✓
✓ Isaac C. Shifflett		C.	✓ John H. Rolston 1727	H. ✓
<i>Strickland</i> Raymond Weaver		C.	Paige P. Price 16	H.
✓ Roy L. Frank		C.	Hubert B. Layman 469R	H.
✓ J. F. Byerly		L.	Garold Myers 158 <i>Bank</i> 952-9	H. <i>vacant</i>
✓ Beery H. May		L.	✓ D. C. Stickleby 422 37-L	H. ✓
✓ J. O. Beard		L.	✓ Harold E. Shomo 7289	H. ✓
John D. Moore		P.	✓ C. William Frank 1318	H. ✓

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Drawn this 17th day of June, 1948.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

Drawn in my presence.

\_\_\_\_\_, Judge.

selected

List of persons drawn from the regular jury list as  
 provided by law, to be summoned to serve as jurors upon the  
 trial of Lawrence Dean and Floyd Elliott, charged with felony,  
 set for trial this 17th day of June, 1948:

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|-------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| ✓ J. A. Hollan          | A. | ✓ Dec C. Gaucher       | P. |
| ✓ Henry C. Long         | A. | ✓ J. C. Hutton         | P. |
| ✓ Robert F. Garber      | A. | ✓ Joe H. Rhodes        | P. |
| ✓ Chas. W. Wampler, Jr. | A. | ✓ John P. Kirkle       | P. |
| ✓ A. S. Kiser           | C. | ✓ R. Westbrook Hawkins | P. |
| ✓ Isaac C. Elliott      | C. | ✓ John H. Holston      | P. |
| ✓ Raymond Weaver        | C. | ✓ Paige P. Price       | P. |
| ✓ Roy L. Frank          | C. | ✓ Hubert B. Layman     | P. |
| ✓ J. P. Beverly         | L. | ✓ Harold Meyer         | P. |
| ✓ Betty H. Kay          | L. | ✓ D. C. Estokley       | P. |
| ✓ J. O. Beard           | L. | ✓ Harold E. Shomo      | P. |
| ✓ John D. Moore         | P. | ✓ C. William Frank     | P. |

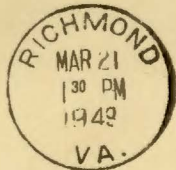
Drawn this 17th day of June, 1948.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

Drawn in my presence.

\_\_\_\_\_, Judge.





PART OF THE TEAM  
FOR SECURITY  
ARMY DAY, APRIL



Mr. J. Robert Switzer, Clerk  
Circuit Court of Rockingham County  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

Richmond March 21, 1949

DEAR SIR:

I am in receipt of two original exhibits  
in the case of—

Dean & Shifflett vs. Commonwealth

Which will have proper attention.

  
Clerk.