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being first sworn appraise the Estate of William White deceased and make report to next Court.

Court adjourned until tomorrow 8 oclock.

Arthur Campbell

At a Court held at the Court House of Washington County for the Examination of Edward Bond on suspicion of his feloniously murdered Thomas Jones February 25th, 1777

Present Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, William Edmondson, John Kinkead, John Anderson, James Montgomery & George Blackburn, Gent.

The Prisoner being set at the Bar and it being demanded of him whither he was guilty or not guilty of the felony aforesaid answered he was in no wise guilty whereupon divers witnesses being sworn and Examined and the prisoner heard in his defence it is the oppinion of the Court that he be acquitted.

Arthur Campbell

At a Court held at the Court House of Washington County the 26th Day of February 1777 for the Examination of Edward Bond on suspicion of his feloniously having stole a small Bay Horse the property of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the Value of Fifteen pounds.

Present Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, William Edmondson, John Kinkead, John Anderson, James Montgomery and George Blackburn Gent.

The Prisoner being set at the Bar and it being demanded of him whether he was guilty of the felony aforesaid or not he said he was in no wise guilty.

Whereupon divers Witnesses were sworn and examined against him touching the said Felony and the Prisoner being heard in his defence. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said Edward Bond for the offence aforesaid ought to be tried at the next General Court to be held at the Capitol in the City of Williamsburgh in April next and thereupon he is remanded to Geol.

Arthur Campbell

At a Court continued and held for Washington County February 26, 1777

Present Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, William

Edmondson, John Kinkead, John Anderson, James Montgomery & George Blackburn, Gent. John Coulter one of the Gentlemen named in the Commission of the Peace for this County this day in Court took the Oath of a Justice of the Peace and a Justice of the County Court in Chancery.

John Andersons Mark for his Hogs which is a cross and a slit in the Left Ear is Recorded.

Henry Ramseys Mark for his Cattle & Hogs which is a Cross on the right Ear is Recorded.

On Motion of Rebecka Therswell (Creswell) certificate is granted her for obtaining Administration on the Estate of Henry Therswell (Creswell) deceased giving Security. Whereupon she together with Samuel Newell & Joseph Black her Securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Three Hundred pounds with condition as the Law directs for the faithful administration of the said Decedants Estate.

Ordered that Andrew Colvill, George Blackburn, John Vance, James Piper & Samuel Evans or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of Henry Therswell deceased and make return to Court.

Ordered that James Kincannon be surveyor of the Road in the Room of Andrew Kincannon.

John Finly makeing it appear to the satisfaction of the Court of Washington County that he upon the twentieth Day of July 1776 received a wound in the Thigh in the Battle fought with the Cherokees near the great Island and it now appears to the said Court that he in consequence of said wound is rendered unable to gain a living by his Labour as formerly, therefore his case is recommended to the consideration of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ordered that William Montgomery be surveyor of the Wataga Road from the forks to Wm. Berrys being part of the district formerly allotted to Thomas Berry.

Ordered that William Edmondson, John Campbell, R. O. Joseph Martin, John Shelby Sn. James Montgomery, Robert Buchanan Sn. Aaron Lewis, John Dunkin, Gilbert Christian, James Shelby, James Dysart, Thomas Mastin, John Campbell, John Kinkead, John Anderson, William Bowen, George Adams, Robert Craig, Andrew Colvill and James Robertson Gent. be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as fit and proper

persons for Captains of the Militia in the County of Washington.

Ordered that David Beatie, Alexander Wylie, James Maxwell, John Snody, Samuel Hays, John Coulter, David Ward, Roger Topp, Thomas Price, John Anderson, George Freeland, George Maxwell, James Fulkison, William Blackburn, John Berry, Andrew Kincannon, Charlie Campbell, Charles Allison, John Frazier & Joseph Black Gent. be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as fit and proper persons for Lieutenants of the Militia of the County of Washington.

Ordered that Thomas Whitten, Riece Bowen, Solomon Litten, Henry Dickinson, Abraham McCleland, William Rosebrough, John Loony, Josiah Ramsy, James Elliott, William Young, John Davis, William Casey, John Wilson, John Lowry, James Shaw, William Neal, James Crabtree, Arthur Bowen, Robert Davis and Alexander Barnett Gent. be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as fit and proper persons for Ensigns of the Militia of the County of Washington.

Ordered that the Court adjourn untill Court in Course.

Arthur Campbell

At a Court continued and held for Washington County

April 29, 1777

Present William Campbell, John Campbell, John Coulter, John Snody & George Blackburn Gent.

Daniel Smith & Thomas Mastin, two of the Gentlemen named in the Commission of the Peace for this County, took the Oath of Office.

Daniel Smith produced his Excellency the Governors Commission appointing him Major of the Militia of the County of Washington and took the Oath of Office.

Ordered that John Graham serve constable in the Room of Robert Brown.

Daniel Smith, John Coulter & Thomas Mastin Gent. named in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer this day in Court took the Oath prescribed by Law.

Robert Preston Gent. produced a Commission from the Masters of William and Mary College appointing him surveyor of Washington County. And it is the oppinion of the Court