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Lazarus GULLEY Orphan of Mead GULLEY decd. being of Proper age Came into Court and Chose for his Guardian Robert GULLEY Jun. who refused to take upon himself Said Guardianship.

Mead GULLEY Orphan of Mead GULLEY decd. being of Proper age Came into Court and Chose for his Guardian Demsey GREEN who Came into Court and entered into bond in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money with Benjamin HILL and Lewis **BRYAN** his Securities.

Betsy GULLEY Orphan of Mead GULLEY decd. being of Proper age Came into Court and Chose for her Guardian David EVANS who Came into Court and entered into bond in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money with George GULLEY & Benjamin HILL his Securities.

The State vs William **BRYAN**: Malachi HINTON bail Came into Court and Surrendered the Principle in discharge of of himself when he was ordered in Custody of the Sheriff.

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Ordered that Sally DILLIARD a base born Child of Polly DILLIARD be bound apprentice to Edmund HOWELL until She arrives to the age of Eighteen Years she being about eight years old at this time to be taught the business of Spinning & c. Whereupon Indentures were executed.

Needham DAVIS Coroner of this County Came into Court and Resigned his Office.

It having been made appear to this Court that Philip PEARCE did enter in the Entry takers office of this County Twenty three acres of Land as Pr. No. 252 & Forty Seven acres as Pr. No. 253 and likewise John VINSON Seventy five acres as Pr. No. 282 and that no warrants have ever issued on the aforesaid Entrys, Ordered therefore that the Clerk issue Warrants for the Same agreeable to Law, 5%3§§§3) that Nathaniel JONES be appointed overseer of the Road in Room and district of Jonathan AUSTINE.

Ordered that Philip JOHNSON be appointed overseer of the Road in Room & district of James CARRELL.

Ordered that William CARRELL James STEVENSON & Jeremiah HAISLIP hereafter work on the Road of which Samuel **BRYAN** is overseer.

Ordered that John COATS be overseer of the Road in Room and district of Edwin SMITH Esq. and that John HOLT be aged to his district.

Ordered that the Road which Aaron SMITH is overseer of be divided into two districts that Said SMITH Continue overseer of that Part thereof To wit: Beginning at Swift Creek Bridge & from thence to Turners Road and that the Same hand as heretofore work under him egept the hands herein after directed to work under Reuben SANDERS. That Reuben SANDERS be appointed overseer of that Part of the Same (to- wit) Beginning at Swift Creek Brigg from thence to Wake County line and that the following hands work under him (to wit) his own hands Henry JOHNSON Senr. hands, Drury JOHNSON Henry JOHNSON Jr. Alexander PENNY & hands & Isaac PENNY

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Was Exhibited a Petition of Sundry Persons Praying that Tignal PUGH may have leave

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to turn the Road leading by or Near his House for the better Convenience of his Plantation and not so injure the Public. Ordered therefore that the Sheriff Summon a Jury of good & lawful Men to lay out & turn on Oath Said Road in manner aforesaid and that they Report their Proceedings to the Next Court to be held for this County.

Reuben CARTER & Wife vs. The Real Estate of Micajah PRICE: On a Writ of Dower, The Jury hereon Reported their Proceedings which are ordered. to be Recorded. Ordered that the following Deeds be Registered (To wit)

Lewis **BRYAN** to James **BRYAN** which was duly acknowledged by Said Lewis **BRYAN**.

Jesse PAGE to John PAGE which was duly acknowledged by Said Jesse PAGE.

James FISH to John PAGE which was duly Proven by the Oath of Thomas PAGE.

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Hilliard DEES to Isaac POWELL which was duly Proven by the Oath of Robert GULLEY Jr. Esq.

Jenkins FARMER to Isaac POWELL which was duly proven by the Oath of Reuben SANDERS as to the hand writing of Matthias HANDY the Subscribing evidence there to & c.

Richard WILLOUGHBY to Kedar WILLOUGHBY which was duly Proven by the Oath of Alexander AVERYT Jr.

Ordered that the following Powers of attorney be Registered (to wit)

Samuel SMITH to Mary DURHAM which was duly Proven by the Oath of Samuel DURHAM.

Thomas Eaton WARD to Mary DURHAM which was duly Proven by the Oath of Samuel DURHAM.

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Returned into Court by Benjamin FARMER Guardian an account of Sales the Lands of Elijah FARMER decd. amounting to the Sum of £279..3..1. Current Money which was ordered to be Recorded.

State vs. Matthew WOODARD: Lewis **BRYAN** Bail in this Suit for the Defendant Surrendered the Principal in discharge of himself when he was ordered in Custody of the Sheriff.

The Executors of Caleb PENNY vs. Charles COPELAND: Appl. which was tried this Term Verdict & motion for a New Trial by Defendant and granted. (see Tuesday of this Term.)

Matthew WOODARD who was charged to be the Father of a base born Child by Febe **BRYAN** Single woman of this County Came into Court and entered into Bond in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money with Lewis **BRYAN** & James **BRYAN** his his Securities to indemnify the Parish of this County. 50/ Fine pd. R. SANDERS. 25/ pd. By R. S. to Febe **BRYAN** the informer as Pr. rect.?

Returned on Oath by Reuben SANDERS Executor an Inventory & List of Debts due the Estate of Matthias HANDY Esquire decd. which were ordered to be Recorded. Ordered that Willis WATSON Esq. be allowed the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Current Money for taking Care of the Bridge across Neuse River at Smithfield for Twelve Months last past. No. 77 issued.

Ordered that the Sheriff Summon the following Persons to attend as Jurors at the Next Court to be held for this County (to wit)

Blake <b>BRYAN</b>	David BELL	Obed JOHNSON
Young BRIDGERS	Aventon AVERA	Harris TOMLINSON
Joseph <b>INGRAM</b>	Stephen POWELL	William GUY
William SPIVY	Jesse TINER	Barnaby BULLS
Daniel AVERYT	David SAULS	Alexander PENNY
Clement <b>BRYAN</b>	John COATS	John SMITH Jr.
Drury JOHNSON	Jessee BRETT	Abel JOHNSON
Sherod WOOTTEN	William WOOTTEN	Isom ONIEL
John <b>STANSILL</b>	Jonathan <b>STANSELL</b>	Moses ONIEL
William RIVERS	William DODD Senr.	Jacob BROOKS

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Arthur TALTON

Burwell

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Burwell JONES  
Samuel NORSWORTHY

William TALTON  
John ELLIS

Philip RAIFORD

Ordered that the Sheriff Summon the following Persons to attend the next Superior Court to be held for the district of Newbern (To wit)

Farnifold GREEN  
Ellick SANDERS

William WILLIAMS

Willis WATSON Esq.

Administration on the Estate of Wyatt WALL decd. is granted to Needham DAVIS who Came into Court and entered into bond in the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current Money with William DODD Sen. & Benjamin STEVENS his Securities and Qualified agreeable to Law. Ordered that Letters issue and that Said Administrator have leave to Sell the Perishable Part of Said decd. Estate agreeable to Law.

Ordered that Willis WATSON Esq. be appointed to Superintend and take Care of the Bridge a Cross Neuse River at Smithfield for the ensuing year for which he is

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to be allowed a Reasonable Compensation to be Paid by the County. Ordered that Robert GULLEY Jr. Esq. John STEVENS Jr. and Ellick SANDERS be appointed a Committee to Settle and adjust the accounts of the Orphans of John ALLEN decd. with Willis WATSON Esq. Guardian to Said orphans and report to next Court.

Ordered that Robert GULLEY Sen. Esq. Joseph RICHARDSON Esq. & Jonathan WALTON be appointed a Committee to Settle and adjust the accounts of the Estate of John VINSON orphan of Aaron VINSON decd. with Freeman KILLINGSWORTH Jr. Guardian and Report to Next Court. (2/ due)

Ordered that Robert GULLEY Jr? Esq. Joseph RICHARDSON Esqrs. & Jonathan WALTON be appointed a Committee to Settle and adjust the accounts of the Estate of John SNIPES decd. with the Admrs. Thereof and Report to next Court.

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Ordered that John SEARCY be allowed the Sum of Twenty five Shillings Current Money for attending as Constable on the Grand Jury three day this Term. No. 78 issued.

Ordered that William HINNANT Jun. be appointed Constable in Capt. William HOCUTS district for the Space of One year from this date who Came into Court and entered into Bond in the Sum of Two Hundred & fifty pounds current Money with William HINNANT Esq. & Lewis BRYAN his Securities and Qualified agreeable to Law.

James BRYAN to whom was charged to be the Father of a base born Child by Mary HINNANT Single woman of this County Came into Court and entered into bond in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money with Lewis BRYAN & William HINNANT Jun. his Securities to indemnify the County. (25/ five? paid R. S.)

This day Came Elijah ROSSER before this Court and made Oath that Some time past he had in his possession of his own Property Two Certain Notes of hand signed & Sealed by Joseph John FISH and payable to Isaac STEVENS which amounted to One Hundred dollars each which were due on the first day of February 1802 that he the Said ROSSER had lost or mislaid (so that) the Same so that Said Note cannot be by him found or produced.

Robert GULLEY                      John BRYAN Jr.                      W. WATSON

(note: there is one other signature with these names but it is impossible to read may be Rd. RIVERS.)

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State of North Carolina  
Johnston County

At a County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County aforesaid at the Court House in Smithfield on the Twenty Seventh day of February being the fourth Monday in the Month in the Twenty Eighth Year of American Independence And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and four.

When were Present the Worshipful

John BRYAN Jr.                      John RUSSELL                      John VINSON  
William HINNANT                      Willis WATSON                      John JONES

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Esquires Justices. Court Opened in due form.

The Sheriff returned the venire facias from which the following Persons were drawn to attend as Grand Jurors this Term (to wit)

Joseph **INGRAM**, Foreman  
William SPIVY  
Harris TOMLINSON  
William RIVERS  
Jonathan **STANSILL**  
John COATS  
Isom ONIEL

Moses ONIEL  
William TALTON  
Abel JOHNSON  
William WOOTTEN  
Arthur TALTON  
David BELL

who were impaneled Sworn & Charged by John D. HAWKINS Esq. when John SEARCY Constable was Sworn to attend Said Jury.

Ordered that David SAULS, Sherod WOOTTEN & Clement **BRYAN** be discharged from attending on the Jury this Term.

Henry SEAWELL Esquire Attorney to Prosecute in behalf of of the State Came into Court and Resigned whereupon John D. HAWKINS Esq. was unanimously elected in his room.

Thomas BARROW & Wife vs Hardy PARKER: Peter SLAUGHTER bail in this Suit for the

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