

Prince William County Court, Dumfries, Va. January 6th, 1823
Box #1, Folder 5, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.

Dumfries Va. February 22nd 1823
To James Pleasants Esq.
Governor of Virginia
Richmond

Prince William County Court, January 6th 1823.

Ordered that the Magistrates of this County be summoned to the first day of the next Court to recommend proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates to supply Vacancies which have occurred in the Commission of the Peace in this County.

Teste Phil D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

I William P. Cundiff, deputy sheriff for Philip Alexander, Sheriff of Prince William County, do hereby certify, that according to an order of the County Court of Prince William bearing date January 6th 1823 directing the Magistrates of the said County to be summoned to the 1st day of February court following for the purpose of recommending Proper Persons to be Commissioned as Magistrates to supply vacancies which have occurred in the Commission of the Peace in the said County. And in pursuance of another order of the said Court dated 6th January 1823 directing the Magistrates of the said County to be summoned to the 1st day of February Court following for the purpose of recommending Proper Persons to be Commissioned as Officers to supply Vacancies which have occurred in the 36th Regt Virginia Militia. I summoned the following Magistrates of the said County to attend on the 1st day of February court aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid Vizt. Robert H. Hooe, Edmund Brooke, W. J. Washington, Charles Ming, Jesse Ewell, Griffin Stith, Gerard Alexander, Charles Hunton, Robert Hamilton, Richard Foote and James Gwatkin,

Wm. P. Cundiff D.S. for
Philip Alexander

Agreeably to the orders above mentioned the following Magistrates of Prince William were summoned to the 1st day of February Court 1823 for the purpose above mentioned Vizt. William Barnes, Thomas T. Page, John Fox, William Smith, Thomas Chapman, Michael Cleary, William M. Craig, George W. Jackson, James Gallagher, James W. Macrae, Charles Ewell

John Tansill D.S. for
Phil Alexander

Prince William County Court, February 3rd 1823

Present, Charles Ewell, William Barnes, William Smith, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Gerard Alexander, Charles Hunton, George W. Jackson, Robert Hamilton, James Gallagher, Richard Foote, & James Gwatkin gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the following gentlemen, be nominated to the Executive to be commissioned as Magistrates to supply vacancies which have occurred in this county Vizt. James Foster in the room of Robert H. Little removed and Thomas Beale Hamilton in the room of John Linton deceased.

Teste Phil D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

A List of the Magistrates in the County of Prince William, February 3rd 1823

Robert H. Hooe	Charles Ewell	William Barnes
Thomas T. Page	Edmund Brooke	W. J. Washington
John Fox	Charles Ming	Wm. Smith
Thomas Chapman	John Hooe	Jesse Ewell
Griffin Stith	Michael Cleary	Wm. M. Craig
Gerard Alexander	Charles Hunton	Geo. W. Jackson
Robt. Hamilton	James Gallagher	James W. Macrae
Richard Foote	James Gwatkin	

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. March 29, 1823
Box #1, Folder 8, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.
Escaped Prisoner from Brentsville Jail

Sir,

I have to inform your Excellency that on the night of the 28th inst. Enoch Calvert a prisoner confessed in the Jail of Prince William County (who had been sent on by an examining Court to be tried for Highway Robbery) made his escape there from, and is now going at large: Calvert is about 5 feet 10 inches high, sparse made and bow legged, red hair, light coloured eyes, and a florid complexion.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

Abraham Millan, Jailer

(The letter was mailed at Brentsville Va. – April 3rd 1823 – 12 ½ cents postage)

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. April 9th 1823
Box #2, Folder 1, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.

By the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia – A Proclamation

Whereas it has been represented to the Executive by the Jailer of Prince William County, that a certain Enoch Calvert, who had been secured to the Jail of said County for further trial, by an Examining Court thereof on a charge of highway robbery, did on the night of the 28th Ult. make his escape from the said Jail and is now going at large: I here therefore thought proper, with the advice of the Council of State, hereby to offer a reward of one hundred & fifty dollars to any person or persons who shall apprehend and convey to the Jail of Prince William County the said Enoch Calvert: And I do moreover require all officers civil and military, and exhort the good people of the Commonwealth to use their best endeavors to apprehend the said Calvert, that he may be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand as Governor, and
under the seal of the Commonwealth
at Richmond, this 9th day of April 1823.

James Pleasants

Enoch Calvert is about 5 feet 10 inches high, sparse made & bow-legged, red hair, light coloured eyes and florid complexion.

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. June 20th 1823
Box #2, Folder 1, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.
Sheriff Nominations

To James Pleasants Jr. Esq. Governor of Virginia, Richmond. Ordered that Philip Alexander, John Fox and Charles Ming gentlemen be nominated to the Executive as proper persons either of whom may be commissioned as sheriff of this county.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl Cur

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. August 15th 1823
Box #2, Folder 1, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.
Recommendations

Prince William County Court June 4th 1823,

Present, Charles Ewell, John Fox, Charles Ming, George W. Jackson, & James Foster, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the Magistrates of this County be summoned to the 1st day of August Court next, to recommend proper persons to be Commissioned as Magistrates to supply vacancies which have occurred in the commission of the for said county.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

Sheriffs Returns “Executed upon William Barnes, James W. F. Macrae, William Smith, James Gallagher, William M. Craig, Thomas Chapman, Charles Ewell, & John Fox.

John W. Williams D.S.
for Philip Alexander

Executed on John Hooe, Robert Hooe, E. Brooke, Jesse Ewell, Robert Hamilton, Griffin Stith, Gerard Alexander, James Gwatkins, James Foster, Charles Ming, & Richard Foote.

James Fewell D. S.
for Philip Alexander

Executed on Washington J. Washington, Charles Hunton,

William P. Cundiff D.S.
for Philip Alexander

Executed on Michael Cleary, George W. Jackson, William Barnes and James Gwatkins.

Jno Tansill D.S.
for Phil. Alexander

Prince William County Court August 4th 1823

Present, Charles Ewell, William Barnes, Edmund Brooke, Charles Ming, John Fox, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Charles Hunton, Robert Hamilton, George W. Jackson, Gerard Alexander Jr., James W. F. Macrae, and James Gwatkin gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the following Gentlemen be recommended to the Executive as Proper Persons to be added to the Commission of the Peace to supply vacancies in this county Vizt: John Hutchison in the room of Robert H. Little removed, Lawrence G. Alexander in the room of Thomas T. Page deceased, Thomas Nelson Jr. in the room of Zachariah Ward deceased, and Redmon Foster in the room of Thomas B. Hamilton who refuses to qualify.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

A list of Justices of the Peace in the County of Prince William: Robert H. Hooe, Charles Ewell, William Barnes, Edmund Brooke, W. J. Washington, John Fox, Charles Ming, William Smith, Thomas Chapman, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Griffin Stith, Michael Cleary, William M. Craig, Gerard Alexander, Charles Hunton, George W. Jackson, Robert Hamilton, James Gallagher, James W. Macrae, Richard Foote, James Gwatkin, James Foster & Philip Alexander who is now Sheriff of the County.

Teste P. D. Dawe

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. September 12th 1823

Box #3, Folder 3, Accession # 42046

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.

Inspector of Tobacco

To James Pleasants Esq., Governor of Virginia, Richmond

Prince William County Court, August 2nd 1825 Ordered that Luke Cannon and Joseph Gilbert be recommended to the Executive as proper persons to be commissioned Inspectors of Tobacco at Quantico Warehouse

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl Cur

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. April 5th 1824

Box #4, Folder 8, Accession # 42046

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.

Justice Recommendations

Prince William County Court, April 5th 1824 – Present, John Fox, Richard Foote, James Gwatkin and James Foster, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the Magistrates of this County be summoned to the first day of May Court next to recommend proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates in this County to supply vacancies which have occurred in the commission of the peace, and be recommended proper persons to be commissioned as officers in the 36th Regiment Virginia Militia to supply vacancies which have occurred in said Regiment.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

Sheriffs returns, “Executed on Griffin Stith, James Foster, Redmon Foster, Robert Hamilton, W. J. Washington, Charles Hunton, Richard Foote, John Hooe, Lawrence Alexander, James Gwatkins, Edmond Brooke, John Hutchison, Charles Ming, Jesse Ewell, & Richard Foote.

James Fewell D.S.

for Phil Alexander

Executed upon William M. Craig, Thomas Nelson Jr., Charles Ewell, William Smith and James Gallagher.
Jno W. Williams D.S.

For Philip Alexander

Executed on John Fox, James Gwatkin, William M. Craig, Thos. Chapman, George W. Jackson, William Smith, James Gallagher, Charles Ewell, Michael Cleary.

Matthias Cole D.S.

for P. Alexander

At a Court held for Prince William County, May 3rd 1824. Present, Edmund Brooke, John Fox, Charles Ming, Griffin Stith, Jesse Ewell, Charles Hunton, John Hooe, Robert Hamilton, Richard Foote, John Hutchison, Thomas Nelson, James Gwatkin, Lawrence G. Alexander & Redmon Foster, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the following gentlemen be nominated to the Executive as proper persons to be commissioned occurred in the commission of the peace – Viz: Joseph R. Gilbert in the room of James W. Macrae who is disqualified by accepting an appointment under the Government of the United States – Charles S. Carter in the room of Robert H. Hooe resigned and Seaton W. Norris in the room of Gerard Alexander removed.

Teste Phil D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

A list of Justices in the County of Prince William – Charles Ewell, Edmund Brooke, W. J. Washington, John Fox, Charles Ming, William Smith, Thomas Chapman, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Griffin Stith, Michael Cleary, William M. Craig, Charles Hunton, George W. Jackson, Robert Hamilton, James Foster, John Hutchison, Lawrence G. Alexander, Thomas Nelson Jr., & Redmon Foster.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. July 2nd 1825
Box #4, Folder 10, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.
Sheriff Nominations

To James Pleasants Jr. Esq. Governor of Virginia, Richmond. Ordered that Charles Ewell, John Fox, and Charles Ming gentlemen, be nominated to the Executive as proper persons either of whom may be commissioned as sheriff of this county.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl Cur

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. September 24th 1824
Box #5, Folder 7, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.
Inspector of Tobacco

To James Pleasants Esq., Governor of Virginia, Richmond

Prince William County Court, August 2nd 1825 Ordered that Luke Cannon and Joseph Gilbert be recommended to the Executive as proper persons to be commissioned Inspectors of Tobacco at Quantico Warehouse

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl Cur

Brentsville, Va. November 24th 1823 (date on letter has 1823 but should be 1824 ?)
Box #6, Folder 3, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.
Commonwealth vs Burgess

Dear Sir,

I have just returned home and learn with astonishment and regret that the record and petition in the case of the Commonwealth vs Burgess has not reached the General Court, and that court has adjourned .

The very precautions which I had used to secure the safe transmission of this paper to Richmond, have defeated my object. I had originally intended to commit the paper to the mail boy, but I was induced by the repeated objections of Judge Dade, not to trust a matter of such momentous importance to a mode of conveyance in itself precarious and uncertain. According with this suggestion and that which myself as well as others considered most prudent & entrusted the record and petition to the care of a gentlemen in Dumfries who was about to go to Fredericksburg who informed me that Mr. P. Harrison would go to Richmond in the course of that week (which was the 1st of the Session of the Superior Court) would take it down. I wrote by him a letter to Mr. H. enclosing the paper in question, requesting him to take charge of it; and moreover, if he should not go to Richmond immediately, that he would put it in the hands of some gentleman going in the stage, or else send it by mail immediately. On Thursday of that week I saw Judge Dade in Dumfries who informed me that there had been no court & that he would be obliged to go down. The next day I went to Fredericksburg and discovered that Mr. H. had not sent the papers. He informed me that he had met with no opportunity of sending it down; that, from the circumstance of the court not having met on the previous ---day, it would certainly sit the _____ week or the first or second day of which he would go down, and would take the paper and bring it before the General Court.

You will thus perceive that I have used all diligence to transmit this paper, that anyone would have thought necessary under the circumstances. I could not go to Richmond myself that was not to be expected, as I have not received and do not expect to obtain any compensation for the services which I have rendered; or may render, in behalf of the unfortunate wretch who employed me to defend him.

I a case like this I do not doubt that the Execution will upon application respite sentence of death passed by the court below, until the petitioner of the prisoner for a writ of error can be acted upon by the General Court, at its next session. I have therefore referred a petition to the Executive for a respite, which I enclose. Please take it to Richmond with you and present it to the Executive, and explain the circumstances alluded to the Governor & Council.

I am not absolutely certain that the General Court has adjourned from the information I have read. But have supposition should cause me to prepare for the event I might be again disappointed. With assurances of my regard I am in hast,

Yours with respect
George W. Macrae

Dumfries, Prince William County, 27 November 1824
Box #6, Folder 3, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.
Commonwealth vs Burgess
To the Executive of Virginia

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that he has been condemned to death by the Superior Court of Law of Prince William County for the alleged perpetration of the crime of Murder in the first degree; that before the said court he moved for an arrest of judgment in said case because of Sundry Errors in the proceedings therein, and also for a new trial on the ground that the facts and circumstances proved in evidence did not constitute the crime of murder; That the said court overruled his said motion, but spread the matters whereon it was founded upon the record, and your petitioner obtained a copy of said record, and prepared a petition to the General Court for a writ of Error which he employed every endeavour that his situation would admit to transmit, in time, to the last mentioned court; but he is informed, that owing to the uncertainty of the period at which a General Court would be formed and a disappointment and delay by a private conveyance his said petition for a writ of Error did not reach Richmond until after the adjournment of the said Court. That it is his absolute right to apply for said writ of Error, and it would be contrary to Law, Justice and humanity to deny him the exercise of that right; and it would be equivalent to a total abnegation of his right; to allow him under the circumstances stated to be put to death, without having an opportunity of laying his case before the highest criminal tribunal of his country: that your petition may, or may not, be entitled to a writ of Error, it is the opinion of respectable counsel that he is; but that is a question which the General Court alone is competent to determine, the only inquiry for the Executive being whether a fellow citizen may not, without the interposition sought be put to death contrary to the law of the land, and whether he has not been placed in this jeopardy by an accident which he could not anticipate or prevent. Wherefore your petitioner humbly & earnestly prays that sentence of death in his case may be respited, until the General Court can act upon it.

Joseph Burgess

Dumfries, Prince William County, November 14th 1824
Box #6, Folder 3, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.
Commonwealth vs Burgess

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I transmit to you, by the politeness of Mr. Lawson, a transcript of the Record of the proceedings and judgment had in the case of the Commonwealth vs Burgess, in the Superior Court of Prince William County – Having been informed by Mr. L. that you are about to go to Richmond. I take the liberty of requesting that you will take charge of the above mentioned transcript and place it in the hands of one of the members of the General Court, in order that the application for a writ of error to reverse the judgment of the court below, which is superadded thereto may be considered and attend upon at some convenient period during its present session.

Being desirous of preparing a written argument on this case, for the purpose of exhibiting it to the General Court through the same medium with the transcript of the Record and not having had a convenient opportunist of doing so heretofore. I shall be glad if you will intimate to the judge to whom you may deliver the transcript of the record, that it is the wish of the Council for the Applicant that the consideration of his petition may be postponed to as late a period of the session of the Court as may be convenient, in order that his council may have time and opportunity to prepare an argument and transmit it to Richmond to be submitted to the consideration of the court along with the application for a writ of Error.

I presume that frequent opportunities will be afforded of doing this before the end of the first week of the session of the court, through the medium of the stage communication between Fredericksburg to Richmond – About that time therefore the argument may be expected. Should it not be received the court must act upon the marked transcript and petition, unless some member of the bar in Richmond, impelled by motions of humanity (and these alone have prompted me to this course) will act the part of the good Samaritan in behalf of the unfortunate wretch who now lies in our county prison sinking under the horrors of approaching destruction.

It is with great difference sir that I pursue the course which I have adopted in behalf of the prisoner: but when I consider that I am one of his counsel, and much more when I believe that his is a case of homicide which probably ought not to be capitally punished agreeably to the meaning and intention of the _____. I cannot hesitate to encounter the responsibility and trouble which attend the proceeding, however sensibly I may feel their might and inconvenience.

Not having had an opportunity of consulting with Col. Cannon my associate in this case, owing to our mutual absence ___ county, is the reason why I have not ___ an argument to be presented with the petition. My ___ for a safe conveyance of the transcripts and _____ me to send them to you now without the argument.

Please tender my respects to Mr. H. and accept the assurances of the esteem ___.

Yours very respectfully

Geo. W. Macrae

November 29th 1824

Box #6, Folder 3, Accession # 42046

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.

Commonwealth vs Burgess

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from Judge Dade, who (after expressing his chagrin that there should have been a disappointment in the formation of a General Court) request that I will submit to the Governor & Council the propriety of repleiving a man who has been sentenced, to be hung by the Superior Court of Law for Prince William until after the next session of the General Court.

The name of the Criminal is Joseph Burgess & his execution is fixed for the 10th December. He says that the man excepted to an opinion of the Court, and that he intended to apply for a writ of Error.

In case the reprieve should be granted, he requests that one copy of the order should be addressed to Warder Williams, deputy sheriff, to be directed to Dumfries, and that another be sent to Mordecai Sinclair, Clerk & William R. Chapman another deputy, to be delivered to the Post Office, Brentsville, Prince William.

Wm. Brockenbrough

November 29th 1824

Dumfries, Prince William County, June 11th 1825

Box #6, Folder 3, Accession # 42046

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.

Commonwealth vs Burgess

To the Honourable the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

Knowing that the ear of mercy is ever open to those who bring themselves properly within its hearing a will unnecessary for one whose claim to that mercy has better foundations than the feelings of humanity to take up your important time with any other remarks than those immediately appertaining to the case he now seeks to bring your consideration.

At the October session of the Superior Court of Prince William County, Joseph Burgess was arraigned at the Bar of that Court upon the charge of Murder in the first degree. The Council for the Prisoner (one of whom I was) believing that the evidence did not make out the crime of which the jury had found him guilty and discovering also some defect in the indictment – memo for a new trial and filed errors in arrest of judgment – the court disagreeing with the counsel a ___(?) the ___ and effect of these questions that had been raised for its consideration, proceeded to pass sentence of death upon the Prisoner, protracting the execution of that sentence until the tenth day of December 1824, with the venue of allowing the counsel for the Prisoner sufficient time to bring a petition for a writ of Error the question of Law that arose upon his trial before the General Court. A record of the case was there by order of the court made out, but owing to an unexpected delay on the part of the gentleman to whose care the record was entrusted, it did not reach Richmond during the Session of the Court. And a ___ the record had reached Richmond could not have acted upon in any other way than by framing a similar petition to your Honourable body, as there was no court for the transaction of any business of the motion of the case just spoken (off?)

Your petitioner knowing that the life of a citizen is involved would be doing injustice to your Honourable Body to support that under these circumstances you would hesitate about granting that which is humbly prayed for, a Respite until thirty days after the session of the General Court.

Thereby allowing to the court sufficient time to consider of the question which will then be brought under its consideration and affording the unfortunate mater who is now under sentence of death an opportunity of _____ in time (if the court should think proper to grant it) a writ of Error.

Leaving it with that tribunal to decide whose known prerogative is mercy your petitioner will conclude this petition with a prayer for the peace and happiness of this Commonwealth.

N. Tyler

for Joseph Burgess

To Alexander Botts, Richmond

Dear Sir,

Although unacquainted with you I have taken the liberty of addressing this letter to you, as you are one of the persons to whom the annexed petition is addressed and as you were originally from the county one of whom inhabitants is the man under sentence of death. I have therefore thought it best to direct this letter to you and to request that it would be immediately attended to as we have no time to lose the twelfth day of December being the day fixed for his execution. Should the Governor and Counsel think proper to grant the respite you will confer a favour by directing the envelope in which the respite may be mailed to me at Brentsville, Prince William County.

I have just received information of fact that the record did not reach Richmond in time for Judge Holmes and have written this in a great hurry you must therefore _____ (not legible)

I am with great respect your Obt. Servant.

Nath. Tyler

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. August 2nd 1825

Box #7, Folder 4, Accession # 42046

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.

Inspector of Tobacco

To James Pleasants Esq., Governor of Virginia, Richmond

Prince William County Court, August 2nd 1825 Ordered that Joseph Gilbert & John W. Williams be recommended to the Executive as Inspectors of Tobacco at Quantico Warehouse. Luke Cannon and Francis Cannon are recommended to the executive as additional inspectors of tobacco at Quantico Warehouse.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl Cur

Dumfries, Prince William County, June 11th 1825

Box #7, Folder 7, Accession # 42046

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.

Commonwealth vs Burgess

Sir,

Permit the occasion to warrant the liberty which I shall take in making you this communication, and soliciting an enquiry which, under other circumstances, might be deemed perhaps impertinent, if not disrespectful.

The transmission of the record of the proceedings in the case of the Commonwealth vs Joseph Burgess, tried in the last October Superior Court of this county, was entrusted to a gentleman of the bar residing in Fredericksburg, who was so kind as to offer to take charge of the papers and present them before the General Court which was then about to sit. The court did not sit, and you are aware that, on that ground, the Executive indulge the prisoner with a respite next July.

I had presumed that the record had been lodged with the proper officer, but upon enquiry of the above mentioned gentleman, he informs me that he merely lodged the papers with the Executive, and suggests that they may still be in the hands of the clerk of the Executive Council.

Although I seriously doubt that the papers have in this reached their proper destination, yet pardon me sir, that the responsibility and consequent solicitude which I feel, as one of the counsel of the prisoner, tempt me to obtrude upon you the enquiry whether the record above mentioned has been lodged with the proper officer of the general court, and further to make the request that you will cause information to be given me immediately, directed to Dumfries, Prince William County in relation to this matter.

I have the honor to be Sir, with the highest consideration.

Your obedient servant

George W. Macrae

(the following written on back of this letter) Burgess is under sentence of death but was respite until 2nd Friday of July next. Thomas condemned to 2 years penitentiary – No respite to same time.

Brentsville, Va. June 24th 1825
Box #7, Folder 7, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Esq.
List of Magistrates

Prince William County Court, May 2nd 1825, Present, Charles Ming, John Hooe, Charles Hunton, and John Hutchison, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the Magistrates of this county be summoned to the first day of the next court to recommend proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates to supply vacancies which have occurred in the commission of the peace for this county and to recommend such other justices as the court may deem necessary.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl. Cur.

Sheriffs Return – “Executed on John Hutchison, Philip Alexander, Lawrence G. Alexander, John Hooe, Redmon Foster, James Foster, Charles Hunton, Charles Ming, Robert Hamilton, Jesse Ewell, Griffin Stith, Washington J. Washington, L. Carter & Foote.

Wm. R. Chapman D.S.
for Charles Ewell

Sheriffs Return – “Executed on Gwatkin, Jackson, Cleary, Craig & Fox.

Mathias Cole D.S.
for Charles Ewell

“Executed on Smith, Gilbert, Gallagher, Nelson, and a copy left at the house of Thomas Chapman.

Jno W. Williams D.S.
for Charles Ewell

Prince William County Court June 6th 1825

Present, Philip Alexander, Charles Ming, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Griffin Stith, Charles Hunton, George W. Jackson, James Foster, Lawrence G. Alexander, Thomas Nelson Jr., John Hutchison, James Gwatkin and Redmon Foster, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the following gentlemen be nominated to the Executive as proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates to supply vacancies which have occurred in the commission of the peace in this county, vizt Stuart G. Thornton in the room of Edmund Brooke removed and James B. T. Thornton in the room of Seton W. Norris removed.

Teste P. D. Dawe

A list of Magistrates in Prince William County June 6th 1825: W. J. Washington, Philip Alexander, John Fox, Charles Ming, William Smith, Thomas Chapman, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Griffin Stith, Michael Cleary, William M. Craig, Charles Hunton, George W. Jackson, Robert Hamilton, James Gallagher, Richard Foote, James Gwatkins, James Foster, John Hutchison, Lawrence G. Alexander, Thomas Nelson Jr., Redmon Foster, Joseph R. Gilbert & Charles S. Carter.

Teste P. D. Dawe

Prince William County Court, Brentsville, Va. November 18th 1825
Box #8, Folder 4, Accession # 42046
Virginia Governors Executive Papers – James Pleasants Jr. Esq.
Sheriff Nominations 2 term

To James Pleasants Jr. Esq. Governor of Virginia, Richmond. Ordered that Charles Ewell, Charles Ming and William Smith gentlemen, be nominated to the Executive as proper persons either of whom may be commissioned as sheriff of this county.

Teste P. D. Dawe Cl Cur