

bly (as the Laws and Minutes of the House I'm sure will shew us when they arrive) he undoubtedly will not attend to complaints against him till he hears what he has to say in his own vindication — but of this no more as I expect to see you so soon & have the pleasure of seeing you in Town. This must also serve for an excuse for my not sending you the Laws by this opportunity however if it will afford you satisfaction you shall carry the book home with you — The book I spoke of borrowing for your perusal is too bulky and cumbersome for transportation I have not therefore spoke of it. You see Sir by my taking no pains in writing to you that I treat you like my best Friend, you have my thoughts just as they occurred and every word I assure you, is warm from my heart. My best wishes are for the welfare of you and your Family, and you may rest assured that no man more ardently wishes the real good, peace, happiness and prosperity of this County or would do more to serve it according to his abilities than Dear Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant

RALPH McNAIR.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM TRYON ESQ^{rs} CAPT. GENERAL GOVERNOR & COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN AND OVER THE PROVINCE OF N^c. CAROLINA

The Petition of We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Orange County True & Faithfull Subjects to His most sacred Majesty King George the Third Humbly sheweth

That Whereas We your Petitioners have for a long time imagined that We have been imposed and exacted upon by Sheriffs and other Persons not only in taxing their Fees or Suits receiving Sums on Executions but also in collecting the Public Levys and have seen many enormities (as We apprehended them) committed under colour of their Offices some few specimens of such grievances We herewith send to be laid at your Excell^{ys} feet for your inspection and this we are emboldened to do from the Assurances given us by your private Secretary M^r Edwards that you would graciously hear our Complaints that you would redress as far as in your Power our grievances, where found real and where only imaginary kindly excuse the Trouble in compassion to our ignorance — This goodness Sir, we acknowledge We have not only forfeited all title to, but also rendered ourselves liable to severe and heavy punish-

ment by our late illegal & unwarrantable conduct in holding unlawful Assemblies to consult means of redress within ourselves in taking away goods distrained by the Sheriffs, to satisfy the Public demands, and in attempting by forcible means the release of certain Prisoners, taken by virtue of the Chief Justices Warrant —

For which offences (infinitely more criminal than we apprehended or imagined and which we now see would certainly be productive of the most dangerous consequences) We your Excell^{ys} Petitioners thoroughly convinced of our Errors and heartily sorry for our past conduct yet conscious to ourselves, of our loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, of our firm attachm^t to the Blessings of the British Constitution Our readiness to submit to the Laws of our Country, in paying the public dues for the support of Government when known, and our most cordial and warmest wishes for the Ease, Peace, Quiet and happiness of your Excellency's Administration throw ourselves on your Excellency's clemency having nothing to offer in excuse for our errors or in mitigation of our past offences but only that the partys aggrieved were generally ignorant men, and at the same time in such necessitous Circumstances that their utmost industry could scarce afford a wretched subsistence to their Families, much less enable them to engage in uncertain Law Suits, with the rich and powerful, (tho' injured) for we have often seen with Astonishment and concern, the cause of Justice unsuccessful in Courts of Law, this we then interpreted as some great defect in Justice, which we now understand was owing to errors in proceedings Thus Sir, has want of knowledge and misapprehension been the cause of all our late unwarrantable behaviour and in many instances the cause and foundation of our Complaints. We therefore your humble Petitioners in the most suppliant manner submit ourselves to your Excellency's mercy and forgiveness and our grievances to such your compassionate consideration as to you in your great wisdom and goodness shall seem meet. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c. &c. &c.

[B. P. R. O. A. & W. I. N. C. No. 216.]

Whereas by a late Act of Assembly the Sheriffs of the several countys in this Province are obliged to attend at five different places

in their county at least two days at each place at some time between the first day of January and the first day of March in order to receive the public County and Parish Taxes. I hereby inform the County of Orange that I intend to comply with my duty in attending according to Law at times and places hereafter to be advertized & that every man who fails paying their dues at those times and places is by the same Law obliged to pay me 2.8 extraordinary which sum I shall demand without respect of Persons whereof every one concerned is desired to take notice, and should any Person imagine that it is sufficient if they have their money ready when I or my Deputy comes for it; I advise them to be provided with two shillings and eight pence for the visit from their humble servant

TYREE HARRIS Sher

	£	s.	d.
Aid Act 1754 Page 22.....	0	1	0
Aid Act 1760 " 192.....	0	1	0
Aid Act 1761 " 222.....	0	2	0
An Act paying Att: Gen: and Chief Justice in 1761, p. 224,	0	3	6
Halifax Gaol 1764.....	0	0	8
Sheriff of Orange 1765, Page 393.....	0	1	6
Parish Tax.....	0	1	8
County Tax.....	0	1	4
For sinking £21,350 granted to His Maj. by an Act passed in the year 1748.....	0	1	0
For sinking £40,000 granted to His Majesty by an Act passed in the year 1754.....	0	1	0
For sinking £20,000 granted to His Maj ^y by an Act passed in the year 1761.....	0	2	0
For the Printer for printing Laws, Journ ^{ls} of the House of Assembly &c by Act in '66.....	0	0	4
For building a Province House by Act passed in the year 1766.....	0	0	8
For paying Ch. Justice & Att: Gen ^{ls} Salaries, for pay ^s the Mem ^{rs} of His Maj ^y Council & the Mem ^{rs} of the Assembly for their attendance, the Clerks of the Council & Assem- bly & other contingent charges of Govern ^t by Act pass ^d in the year 1748.....	0	2	0

	£	s.	d.
To the Parish.....	0	3	0
To the County Tax.....	0	0	8
	£0	10	8

The Tax in Orange for the year 1768.

EDM^d FANNING.

11th Nov^r 1766. Then received of W^m Adams eleven pounds, eleven shillings & nine pence in full satisfaction for the debt and Fees on the execⁿ of Elwicks Exe^r against Daniel Smith —

A true Coppia of the re^t CHAR^s. BRUCE.

May y^e 21st 1768. This day personally appeared before me W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of y^e Peace and made Oath (that after he paid the above) there came another Sheriff, name, Waraham Glenn, and served an Execution for the same cost and charges, for which he was obliged to give his bond & security.

Certified before me A Copie

W^m. THOMPSON

Received Jan^y y^e 12th (1767,) of Joseph Foshea by y^e Assump^t of Thomas Hart Esq^{re} one pound, twelve shillings and eight pence the Clarke Fee on y^e Sute brought by Hambilton & Co. vs. Him.

A true Copie of y^e rec^t FRANCES NASH.

May y^e 21st (1768) This day personally appeared before me W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace Joseph Foshea & made oath that he was obliged to pay the above Fee altho' the sute was never called in Court

Certified before me A Copie.

W^m. THOMPSON

	£	s.	d.
Hamilton & Co. on James Younger Pett ^a & Sum ^t	0	7	6
To Clark Fees.....	7	6	0
Att ^y	4	8	0
Sheriff.....	19	8	0

Rec^d July y^e 8th 1765 the above Fees the Sute being discount^d.

A true Copie of the rec^t FRANCES NASH.

This day came before me W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace James Younger and made oath that he paid the above Fees and no precept was executed upon him.

Certified by me

W^m. THOMPSON

May y^e 21st (1768) A Copie

The Deposition of Robert Woody Deposeth & saith that he rec^d a Prock Bill of Tho^s Thompson, which Bill he the Deponent ofered in Court, but the Bill being counterfeit he was obliged to give security, & prove who he rec^d the Bill off, but he the Deponent, was obliged to pay to Thomas Hart, then Sheriff, the sum of one pound, ten shillings and eight pence, by order from Edmund Fanning.

This 21st Day of May personally appeared before me the above deponent and made Oath to the above Deposition to be just & true

Certified by me.

W^m. THOMPSON.

Orange County N^o Carolina — A Copie.

ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA May 21st 1768.

This day came Joseph George before me one of His Majesty's Justices for this County and made Oath that John Wood Sub Sheriff came to his house about the last of December with an execution against his Body and the said George to. Replevy his Body gave a Negro Girl in pledge at twenty three pounds three shillings and by agreement to deliver her at February Court upon y^e said Georges paying the money and two dollars for staying that time. The Court being altered to January the said Wood sent word to the Deponent that if he did not send the money that he would have the Negroe for the twenty three pounds Upon the news the Deponent sent the Negroe by John Stewart.

A Copie This Day sworn before me

W^m. THOMPSON

The same Day John Stewart came before me and made oath that he carried the said Negroe that same day to Court upon which y^e said Wood promised to deliver up the Bill of sale for the Negroe, which he afterwards refused to doe. He also promised to stay till next morning for his money but after a while demands the Negroe or the money upon which the said Stewart replies you promised to stay with me till tomorrow He says go and sell the Negroe now at Publick Vandue and then the sun almost down and a dreadful

cold night, upon which the said Stewart was obliged to sell the Negroe.

This Day sworn before me

W^m. THOMPSON.

A Copie.

The Deposition of Parish Gardner of Orange County and Province of North Carolina Deposeth and saith He was security for Job. Self to one Mills, merchant at Roanoke, for the sum of one pound eighteen shillings Virginia Currency, for which John Wood Sub Sheriff came in the year 1766, and took one feather Bedd, Bolster & Sheets with one Iron Box and a Gunn all to the amount of Five Pounds Prock which he carried to W^m Aldreads, and left them ten or eleven months, in which time the Deponent sent the money by William Aldered several times, to the said Sheriff but he refused to receive it, and likewise refused delivering my goods, but after a clandestant manner took them up to town, for which the Deponent can receive no Account or satisfaction what he has done with them.

May 21st 1768.

This Day personally appeared before me, W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace the above Deponent and made oath that the above Deposition was just & true

Certified before me —

W^m. THOMPSON

A Copie

The Deposition of Job Self of Orange County and Province of North Carolina, Deposeth and saith that John Wood sub Sheriff, came in to the range of his creatures, and Ketcht his horse in the woods, in the year 1766, and carried him off, under a pretence it was for a debt of one pound eighteen shillings, which he the deponent was indebted to one Mills a merchant at Roanoke, some time after, another Sheriff came, and took an ox, for the same debt, and left it at Zacaria Martins, for all which he cannot receive any Acc^t or satisfaction.

May y^e 21st 1768. This Day personally appeared before me W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace the above Deponent and made oath that the above Deposition is just and true.

W^m. THOMPSON

Certified by me—

Y^e Sheriff's name y^e took the Ox is Ransom Sutherland.

A Copie.

The Deposition of John Mills Sen^r of Bear Creek Orange County North Carolina Deposeth and saith that the widow Redman sued him for twenty pounds, and he cast her by Nash his Attorney, then Edmond Fannin summons'd the Deponent, with Zacaria Martin and Jacob Brooks as Garnishees to Larance Redman's Estate wherein he the Deponent declared on oath, in the Court, that he had not anything in his hands belonging to the Estate, upon which Edmond Fannin told the Deponent, that he must pay the charges, for he could not get it of the widow, & therefore if the Deponent, would not comply he would make him. Therefore he the Deponent being scared, and for fear of Fanning's suing him, and throwing him into Jail, or running him to cost, he gave Fanning his note of hand, for five pounds, for which Edmond Fanning sued him before the next Court, obtaining judgment and sent out an execution for the same, for which the Deponent paid to Wood the Sub: Sheriff, one Double Loon, one Dollar, ten shillings in Prock, twenty two pounds in dressed leather, the whole amounting to £10 3 6 furthermore the Deponent saith that the said Sub: Sheriff serv'd a Writ on him, on account of James Linly for about seven or eight pounds, for which he paid to Linly three pounds, two shillings in money, and one Cow and Calf for which he was to allow him three pounds ten shillings Linly went to the South, and left his business with Samuel Stewart, with whom the Deponent saith he settled and gave his note for five pounds two shillings for all the charges of the Sute with the balance of the Account between Linly and him, for which he promised to stay awhile for the money, then the Deponent sent his wife and paid four Dollars and sixteen p^{ds} and a half of leather amounting to £10 12 6—but he went and sued to y^e next Court, for which the said Wood & Glenn came and took all the Deponents Cattle being seven head viz: four Cows with Calf two yearlings and a Bull amounting to £11 10 0, with a good Bell and Collar, some time after the said Sheriff came and demanded thirty five shilling for which Deponent paid eight pounds dressed leather and seven good Fur skins for which the Deponent can receive no account or satisfaction.

April 23^d 1768. This day came the above said John Mills before me and made Oath to the above declaration to be just and true.
A Copie.

W^m. THOMPSON.

The Deposition of John McVey of Orange County and Province of North Carolina Deposeth and saith that one Charles Uppa Cromby sub. Sheriff under Nunn High Sheriff came to his House in the year 1765 and took eight large prime deer skins wth he the Deponent saith was to the value of between four or five pounds and carried them away for one Levy, the Deponent carried the money, to redeem the skins, the next day with the distress money, and offered it before several Evidences, but he would not let him have the skins, nor never has given him any satisfaction for them.

May y^e 14th 1768. The above Deposition sworn to by John M^oVey Deponent before me — A Copie
W^m. THOMPSON

May y^e 21st 1768.

The Deposition of John M^oDonald deposeth and saith that Benjamin Philips, Sub: Sheriff came into the range of his creatures, and ketcht one of his creatures, to the value of eight pounds and carried him off, under a pretence that it was for the charges of a writ of Ejectment, though he never new that there was one out against him nor has he ever given him any satisfaction for his Horse — Furthermore the Deponent saith, some time after, there came one Hogans another Sub. Sheriff with an execution for the same Cost and Charges, though there never was a Writ that he new of, against him, which the Deponent was obliged to pay to the said Hogans.

This day personally appeared before me W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace the above Deponent and made Oath that the above Deposition is just and true —
Certified before me A Copie
W^m. THOMPSON

Last November William Nunn and Tho^o Hutchins sub: Sheriffs came to my House and broke open the roof of it and took a piece of linen cloath for one Levy tho' I offered to pay the money if they would goe about two miles to John Piles, where the money was ready, so they took the cloath to Piles's who paid them fourteen shillings and relieved y^e cloath —

21st of May 1768. This day the Deponent Patrick Creaton made oath that the above deposition was just and true.
Certified before me — A Copie.
W^m. THOMPSON

The Deposition of Tho^s Glover taken the 21st day of May 1768 is as follows viz. that in the year 1766. Tho^s Hutchings Deputy Sheriff came to demand the Levy for said year being twelve and eight pence on which s^d Deponent paid four and two pence of said Levy on which the said Hutchings seized a Gunn of said Deponents valued thirty two shillings for y^e remainder and never returned any overplus and further saith not.

This Day came before me William Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for Orange County and proved the above Deposition to be true and just this 21st Day of May 1768.

A Copie.

W^m. THOMPSON

Charles Landrum this Day came before me W^m. Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County and made Oath that in the year 1767 that he the said Landrum paid to Frances Nash Clark nine shillings and four pence for recording a deed.

Certified before me this 21st day of May 1768.

A Copie

W^m. THOMPSON

Lambert }
es. }
Brooks }

Clarks Fees for 3 C ^{ts}	£ 19 8
Att ^y	7 6
Shff	5 8

	£1 12 10
Frances Nash	7 6

	£ 2 00 4

F. NASH

Rec^d August 17th 1764. the above Co:
A true copie.

May y^e 21st 1768. This Day came John Brooks before me William Thompson one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for y^e said County and made Oath that he the s^d Brooks suffered false imprisonment six days and seven nights for y^e within Fees then paid.

Certified before me this 21st day of May 1768.

A Copie

W^m. THOMPSON

The Deposition of Tho^s Hendry of Orange County and Province of North Carolina Deposeth and saith that he the s^d Deponent went to the Court of Hillsborrow in the year 1767 with three Deeds to be recorded, for w^{ch} the Deponent tendered to Frances Nash, Clark, six shillings and eight pence for each deed, but the said Nash refused taking money and told the Deponent he must have nine shillings and four pence for each Deed, otherwise they should not be recorded, so the Deponent was obliged to pay the same or take the Deeds without recording.

Certified before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County.

W^m. THOMPSON.

This 28th Day of May 1768. A Copie.

The Deposition of Pett^t Rennolds of Orange County Deposeth and saith that in January last 1768 John Wood sub: Sheriff came to the Deponent's House and executed a mare and carried her off, on account of a note of hand given by the Deponent to Dormond Henson for twelve pounds five shillings and the Deponent farther saith that he had then paid eleven pounds seven shillings of the s^d note, and has never given him any account or satisfaction since —

Certified before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace this 28th day of May 1768.

W^m. THOMPSON.

This Day came before me one of His Maj^y Justices of the Peace for the said County Tho^s Beel and James Thompson and made Oath that they saw the above sub: Sheriff wriding the above Mare in his way to Corbentown* after he had executed her and taken her away.

Certified before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of s^d County this 28th Day of May 1768.

A Copie.

W^m. THOMPSON.

The Deposition of John Wilkins Deposeth and saith that he the Deponent sent a Deed to Court to be recorded, for w^{ch} he paid to Frances Nash, Clark, nine shillings and four pence otherwise his deed would not be recorded.

Certif^d before me one of His Maj^y Justices of the Peace for Orange County this 28th day of May 1768.

A Copie.

W^m. THOMPSON.

* Hillsboro.

ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

This Day came Joseph Richison, before me, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County and made Oath that in the year 1763, Benjamin Philips caus'd a Writ to be served on said Richison, & amediately on serving said Writ, said Richardson compromised matters with Phillips, and paid him the debt and cost and took a discharge for the same, and in the year 1766, John Nunn Deputy Sheriff serv'd an execution on said Richison for the cost of the same Sute, and imprisoned his Body two weeks and made him pay six pounds nine shillings besides the Prison Fees and further saith not.

Sworn before me this 26th day of May 1768.

A true Copie

JOHN M. GEE

BENJⁿ. PHILIPS }
vs. } Case Verdict for y^e Plaintiff
JOSEPH RICHISON }

	£	s.	d.
Clarks Fees.....	3	19	10
Att ^r	0	15	0
Sheriffs Fees.....	17	4	
For serving Ex ⁿ	10	8	
	£6	2	10
		6	2
	£6	9	0

ORANGE

These may Certifie the above fees were paid by the above named Joseph Richison in discharge of an Execution on him obt^d of Benjamin Philips Certified under my hand at the Office in Hillsborough the 1st day of August 1767.

A true Copie

FRANCES NASH

Rec^d from Joseph Richison all debts, dues and demands from y^e beginning of the world to this day rec^d by me this 14th day of April 1763.

A true Copie

BENJ: PHILIPS

Orange County came Tho^s Low before me and made Oath that he was present when Joseph Richison paid off Benj: Philips and saw said Philips give said Richison a full rec^t

Sworn before me —

JOHN OLIVER

A true Copie

This Day Steven Jones appeared before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for y^e County of Orange and made Oath that in the year 1767, said Jones caus'd a Writ to be serv'd on John Erven for six pounds Proclamⁿ that amediately on serving said Writ said Erven compromising matters withdrew y^e action whereby the Deponent became liable for the Cost and in consequence thereof had an Execⁿ serv'd on his Body for the same by John Woods Deputy Sheriff and for his Fees and the Clarks besides thirty shillings, that said Jones gave his Note of Hand to the Attorney who demanded fifty shillings and eight pence, which he the said Jones paid accordingly as not daring to dispute the injustice thereof however sensible he was of it and farther saith not —

Sworn before me this 19th day of May 1768.

A true Copie

JOHN M. GEE

ORANGE COUNTY

James Richison appeared personally before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in said County and made Oath that the money was paid for Administration as appears by the account and rec^t as underneath, and on his Oath saith he insisted from one time to another for the said letters of Administration and never could have them.

Sworn before me this 26th day of May 1768.

JOHN M. GEE

The above Richison was married to the said Elizabeth Hollingsworth.

A true Copie

	£	s.	d.
1 Piece Gold	1	17	6
2 Dollars		16	
Prock		3	10
	£2	17	4

Rec^d the above in full for Letters Testamentary of Elizabeth Hollingsworth Aug: 1766.

A true Copie

F. NASH

Jacob Gregg declares to the Regulators that he paid two pounds, seventeen shillings and four pence to Frances Nash for Letters of Administration & got none which he is willing to be qualified at any time.

JACOB GREGG.

The Deposition of George Adam Sally, taken this 21st day of May 1768 is as follows viz: That he the said Deponent having been security for James Webb for a debt of five pounds had *Sirire Facias* served on him, the said Deponent, and the charges which he was obliged to pay on the same amounted to seven pounds, thirteen shillings & four pence, again on an Indictment for the said Depon^t: saith, he is and ever was ignorant of the cause, paid ten Dollars at eight and four pence each, & on the same Indictment at another time, paid thirty five shillings and six pence again for taking out a writ in his said Deponent's name, he paid forty four shillings and four pence, tho' never any sute occurred on said Writ, and after the same had stood three years, he the said Deponent was served with an execution for the Fees, and paid four pounds nine shillings and six pence although the same had never been docketed or any issue thereon, next he the said Deponent saith that he paid twenty six shillings and eight pence for recording two deeds and further saith not.

This Day came before me George Adam Sally and made Oath before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Orange that all the Articles contained in the above Deposition are just and true.

Served before me this 21st day of May 1768.

A true Copy.

W^m. THOMPSON.

Orange County. William Cox paid two pounds seven and four pence for Letters of Administration last February was a year at Court and never has received them as yet altho' application has been made by sundry messengers for them the 7th of May 1768.

WILLIAM COX.

Time did not admit proving.

[FROM MS. RECORDS IN OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.]

COUNCIL JOURNALS.

At a Council held in Wilmington 31st May 1768

Present

His Excellency the Governor

The Honorable	{	James Hasell	William Dry	} Esquires
		John Rutherford	Benjamin Heron	
		Dewis DeRosset	Samuel Strudwick	

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board a letter from the Earl of Hillsboro one of His Majestys Principal Secretarys of State, bearing the date 23rd of January 1768, requiring a compleat collection of the Laws of this Government, to be transmitted to him by the first opportunity to be laid before his Majesty — Ordered that the Secretary procure the same as soon as possible.

He also laid before this Board another letter from His Lordship bearing date the 23rd of February 1768, notifying His Majestys decision concerning the Quit Rents due by Henry M^cCulloh and his Associates, as his Majestys Order of Council dated ----- at St James the 1st of February 1768, And also signifying that His Majesty in consequence of a report from the Board of Trade dated the 4th February 1768 does not think proper that the Office of Baron of the Exchequer should be discontinued — His Majestys Order in Council being read, Ordered the same be recorded in the Secretarys Office, and that the Bond given by the Honble Henry Eustace M^cCulloh in the sum of Ten thousand pounds proclamation money be cancelled, Which was this day done in Council and that the Receiver General give to the tenants holding in fee under the above associates that they shall not be at any time liable to pay Quit Rents for the escheated and surrendered lands

[FROM MS. RECORDS IN OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.]

NORTH CAROLINA — Ss

Know all men by these presents that we John Burgwin & Hugh Waddell — both of New Hanover County & Province aforesaid