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On the motion of Abraham Johnson, Jr. Ordered that he be exempt from the payment of taxes and levies in future, he being aged and infirm - 444

On the motion of David Reek, Jr. Ordered that he be exempt from the payment of taxes & levies in future he being aged and infirm -

On the motion of Reuben Whitfield. Ordered that he be exempt from the payment of taxes & levies in future he being aged and infirm -

On the motion of John P. Middleton by his attorney that the County Court of Southampton appropriate a proportionate sum of money to have the draw arch of the bridge at South Quay connecting the Counties of Hanover and Southampton over Black Water River, which is a navigable stream, so kept open as to admit in the navigation of the said River, the passage of Steamboats and other Vessels employed in the transportation and carriage of the United States Mail, persons and Commodities, and otherwise engaged in the carrying on of Commerce between the Town of Odenton in the State of North Carolina and a Public Depot on the Portsmouth & Roanoke Rail Road in the State of Virginia, which said draw arch is at present so constructed as to make it necessary for the Commanders or other persons engaged in the management & direction of such Steamboats and vessels either to delay their passage for a considerable period of time in order to open the said Arch, or to procure others to do it for them, by paying them a compensation therefor - The County Court of Southampton setting as a Court of Levy, admitting the foregoing facts to be true, and that the said Black Water River is a navigable stream doth refuse to make the appropriation asked for. And at the request of the said John P. Middleton by his Attorney, doth order that the said facts be spread upon the record.

The Register of Lewis Scott a free negro, was examined and certified to be truly made

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

The minutes of the foregoing proceedings were signed by Alex. Myrick.

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