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It is the opinion of the Court That the deft [defendant] be Imprisoned during The present war with Great Britain, and the Sheriff taking the whole of his Estate into Custody which must be valued by a jury at the Next Court and that the one half of the sd [said] Estate Be kept by the said Sheriff for the use of the state, and the other half be remitted to the family of the Deft [defendant].

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On the said Moses Crawford the said Moses Crawford is solemnly called and failed to appear accord to the summons enforce of it is ordered by the Court that the said Moses Crawford shall be permitted to remain in this state and that s<sup>d</sup> Moses Crawford for the Offence afforded [afforded] hath Incurred the penalties shall be subject to all the aira in such case proved. In the 9<sup>th</sup> section of an act entitled an act of the General Assembly of the State for declaring what crimes and Practices vs the state shall be Treason or misprison of Treason & providing punishment adequate to crimes of both classes and for preventing the dangers that may arise from persons Disaffected to the state.

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\*Misprision of treason (18 U.S.C. § 2382) is a federal crime in the United States occurring when someone with allegiance to the U.S. knows of treason, conceals it, and fails to report it to authorities. It is punishable by up to seven years in federal prison and/or fines. Similar statutes exist in various states, often defining it as failing to disclose treason to a governor or judge.

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John Smith  
The Court on hearing the facts and the Testimony of  
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The Court on hearing the facts and the testimony of the witnesses. It is there fore the Opinion of the Court that the Dft Moses Crawford be sent to the district Goal [Jail] for further Tryal [trial]. The above ord. [order] vs Crawford Record.

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On motion of Moses Crawford by his comsie L Bowyer that he orded [ordered] for sending sd Crawford to Dist Goal should be reconsidered & sd Moses be directed on his Taking the state Oath & giving bond and sufficient sc<sup>try</sup> [security] in the sum of £ 10000. The Court on consd the case do permit said Moses to remain & be discharged he giving sd bond & sd Oath.

Moses Crawford Principal & John Russell Robert Clarkwell John Smith John Redding John Stuart Aron Burlison & Wm Story his securities Jointly in the sum of Ten thousand pounds.

Void on coondition that the sd Moses Crawford of a peaceable and good behavior in all cases whatever Especially towards the good and Safety of the Independent state of No Carolina also the United States of America.

Ord that Moses Crawford Be permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance to the state of N' Carolina which was accordingly administered.

On motion of Moses Crawford by his comsie [commissionary] L Bowyer that he orded [ordered] for sending sd [said] Crawford to Dist Goal [District Jail] should be reconsidered and sd [said] Moses be directed on his Taking the state Oath and giving bond and sufficient sc<sup>try</sup> [security] in the sum of £ 10000. The Court on consd [considering] the case do permit said Moses to remain and be discharged he giving sd [said] bond and sd [said] Oath.

Moses Crawford Principal and John Russell Robert Clarkwell John Smith John Redding John Stuart Aron Burlison and Wm [William] Story his securities Jointly in the sum of Ten thousand pounds.

Void on coondition [condition] that the sd [said] Moses Crawford of a peaceable and good behavior in all cases whatever Especially toward the good and Safety of the Independent State of No [North] Carolina also the United States of America.

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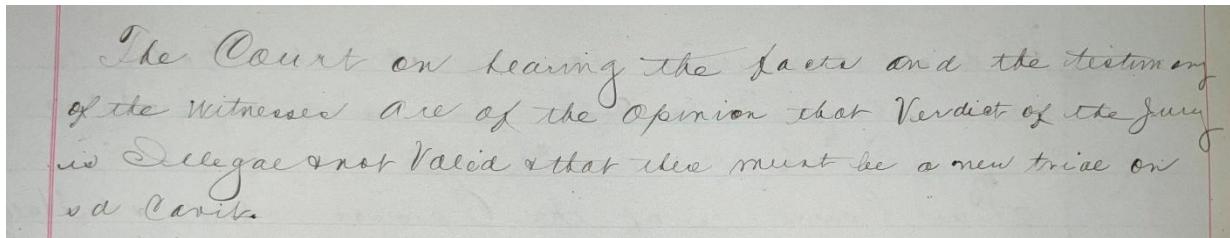
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