

A Court held for the County of Southampton on the 18th day of July 1836.
Present Benjamin Deane, William J. Everett,
Alexander Myrick and Joseph T. Howard Gent.

This day made the following report which is ordered by the Court to be recorded:
The undersigned being a part of the Commissioners appointed by the Court of Southampton to let the building of a jail, agreeable to the plan reported to the Court as amended by the Court then in session proceeded to let the same on the 21st day of June when the contract was taken by Clements Kitchell for one thousand seven hundred and — dollars. The undersigned became convinced that the scarcity of White Oak timber was so great that if the mistake was restricted to that kind the work would necessarily go very high they therefore took the responsibility of authorizing the use of any good heart oak timber. Moreover as the plan reported only in general terms referred to the nature of the old building it was found impossible with that guide to make the specifications with proper precision hence it will probably be found that there are some changes the Commissioners therefore have thought proper in making the contract to reserve to the Court the right to make any