State of North Carolina Beaufort County.

Thomas B. Winfield, of said County, personally appeared before me, Thos J. Latham, one of the Justices of said County, and being first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, Concerning the treatment of Seconias Bell, late of said County, to Rhoda his wife, deposeth and saith, as follows:

That he knows nothing on the subject further than that he was at the house of said Seconias Bell about Christmas 1822 — that said Bell was very much intoxicated, and was also very abusive, particularly towards his wife — He recollects seeing him strike at her once or twice during the evening — Not being a visitor at the house, he cannot say any thing as to his general conduct towards his wife — He was a very dissipated man, and when drunk always very quarrelsome — Said Bell has been a non resident of the County more than two years, during which time his wife has remained in the neighborhood — And further this Deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th 1827 —

Thomas J. Latham J.P.

Thomas B. Winfield