Pantego Beaufort County State of North Carolina

Joseph Winfield of said County, personally appeared before me Thomas 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 Siconias Bell to Rhoda his wife, deposeth and saith as follows

In the year 1823 or 1824, I tended a crop with Siconias Bell, and during the season, I frequently heard him use very abusive language to his wife Rhoda and wish her death. I saw him strike her but once. He continued with her a while after wards and then went away and left her. He has been absent a little more than two years, during which time he has only once been in this vicinity, say a fortnight, or thereabout, in August or September last — I have reason to believe that during his stay he never went to see his wife; but continued principally at the house of Mrs Bartlett, whose daughter, I have been informed and believe, has gone away with him. I heard him say when last in the neighborhood that he never intended to stay with his wife another day.

And further this deponent saith not

Sworn to & subscribed before me Nov 12th 1827 —

Thomas J Latham J.P.

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