State of North Carolina
Iredell County } Be it remembered that a Court of Oyer & Terminer was opened & held for the County of Iredell at the Court House in Statesville on the 3rd monday in January AD 1868 being the 20th day of said month in said year The Honorable Wm M Shipp one of the Judges in and for our said State, was present & presided as Judge, by virtue of the following Commission to him directed

State of North Carolina
To The Honorable Wm M Shipp Greeting
The General assembly having vested in the Governor the power to direct Courts of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the speedy trial of "persons charged with Capital felonies, Crimes misdemeanors, or any offences against or in violation of, the Statute laws of the State or any violation of offences whatever of the Criminal Law of which the Superior Courts at their regular terms have Jurisdiction & good cause having been shown why such Court should be held in the County of Iredell, You are hereby nominated appointed & commissioned to hold such Court of Oyer & Terminer in said County at such early time as you may appoint
In Witness Whereof His Excellency Jonathan Worth our Governor Captain General & Commander in Chief has hereunto set his hand & caused the great seal of the State to be affixed
Done at the City of Raleigh this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty seven & in the ninety second year of our Independence
By the Governor } Jonathan Worth
W H Bagby private secretary }