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me towards the jail demanding the keys to the jail after choking me with a rope around my neck, and getting me near the jail, they discovered the keys were in my pocket, which they took and proceeded to the jail went in covering my face with their hands and striking a match when they opened the cell and pushed me in saying "damn it go in there" when they locked the door and left me, - I did not see them take the Prisoner Robt Bland as I was blind folded. The men were masked and appeared to be about 21 or 25 men Jeffrie King Sworn deposedabout 11 or 12 oclock I was awakened by a loud knocking saying a friend Henry I want to see you, Henry started towards the door but stopped and said who is that, they said a friend, we have a prisoner to put in jail; Henry asked who is the prisoner? They said Sam Jones, - Henry asked who is Sam Jones? The next thing they told Henry to put that down, meaning

a whole, we do not want to hust you, Henry There culled one to Como derve stans, I convidan They asked him was he commy out he said he did not know whether he was or not they then said how home her was knowing We well give you five minutes to Come out or the would hunt The door open one then spoke up and dail dout he fooling any longer we want the fail keys we will give give fine munhos to get there or hill everything in the houri They waited about five minutes and then burn open the door, I was Hunding facing the door, When they said you me The keys, quir me the keys or bewell flow your browns ant, Draid I wont the man they then renter up the steps when Henry had gone and seized him and dragged him towards The Jail I Have with Honey wife and did not go to the Jail,

a revolver, we do not want to hurt you, Henry then called me to come down stairs, I came down they asked him was he coming out he said he did not know whether he was or not, they then said twas time he was knowing. We will give you five minutes to come out or we would burst the door open one then spoke up, and said dont be fooling any longer- we want the jail keys we will give you five minutes to get them or kill everything in the house They waited about five minutes and then burst open the door, I was standing facing the door, when they said give me the keys, give me the keys or we will blow your brains out, I said I wont the man. They then rushed up the steps where Henry had gone, and seized him and dragged him towards the jail. I stood with Henrys wife and did not go to the jail,

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Juba Steward being sworn, deposed On the night of 22nd I was awakened by a noise like someone knocking against a house, or wagon rumbling on the ground - ^ I [stepte?] to the door soon after that I heard a pistol fire and could see the light from it, in the direction of Henry Kings house, his wife was hollering and there seemed to be about 20 or 30 men around his house, They then came off from his house and went towards the jail- Every once in awhile I could hear a voice saying if you holler I will blow your brains out, When they struck the steps to the Court yard I could hear a voice whom I took as he Henrys saying O Lordy - and the reply If you don't hush we will knock your damn brains out, I heard them go in jail and heard them go out but could not recognize anyone, - after they left the jail I heard some shooting about 7 or 8 [reports?]. I then came over to the jail and saw Jeffry King who was looking for Henry, when 'we went to the jail and found the keys in the door and on going in found Henry locked up in a cell

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jail and turned him over to Henry King. The next morning about sunrise when I got down to my place of business I saw a dead body hanging near the roadside and I heard it was the body of Robt Bland that was put in jail the night before. H.C. Britton being sworn deposed [struck] That [struck] On the night of the 22nd I was awakened by the noise of several men crying out Open the door accompanied by several pistol shots, when Rena King wife of Henry King came to my house saying please come here Mr. Britton they will kill Henry, I told her not to trouble herself that they would not hurt him, I could not see any one but from the sound of voices supposed there were some 15 or 20 men around the house. The sound seemed to move towards The Court House and in about 20 or 30 minutes I heard several more pistol shots, when everything quieted off and no more sounds were heard.

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The Jurors sworn to enquire when, how and by what means the said Robert Bland came to his death upon their oaths do say: That from the testimony above deduced they are of opinion that the said Robt. Bland came to his death violently at the hands of some person or persons to them unknown, having been forcibly taken from the County Jail, where he had been committed for the crime of attempted rape, after overpowering the Jailor and getting possession of the keys and take to a neighboring tree, and hung by the neck and shot, until he was dead Given under hands this 23 day of Novr. 1889 Ro R Ramey, J.P. & acting Corner Frank x(his mark) Eppes Juror T.M. Newell W.O. Perkins Braxton x (his mark) Mason P.A. Tinney J.T. Spain

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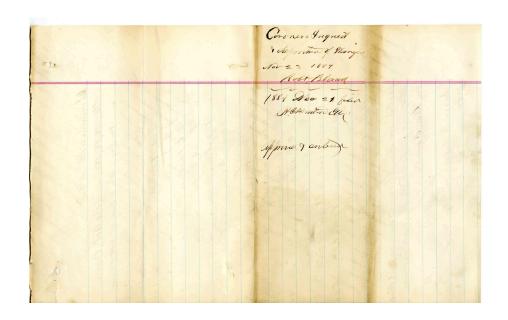
This is to certify that the deceased Robt Bland had no estate out of which any part of the costs could be made.

Ro R Ramey J.P. [justice of the peace] & actg cor [acting coroner]

Communitalth of Va To R. R. Ramey J. P. Vacty, Coroner on Inquisition of body of Nobs Blance " P. A. Truny James on Do! day ! J.M. Kewell J. J. Spain " m. O. Perkus Frank Expes Henry King Musin "With Jula Stewart John & Bretutt " Fruit Epper V Branton Muson making lad to Coffin to cents and burying body 1,50 I Bill Ramey & P. hereby certify that the above purous and strong within in the above case and that they are entitled to their allowance Rok Ranny J. P. Iwen to before me this 29 day of Moor 1589 Acronicos ella

Commonwealth of Va To R. R Ramey J.P. & acting coroner on Inquisition of body of Robert Bland Nov 23 1889 3.00 P.A. Tinney Juror on Do. [ditto] day 1.00 T.M. Newell 1.00 J.T. Spain 1.00 W.O. Perkins 1.00 Frank Eppes 1.00 Braxton Mason 1.00 R.L. Stevens Constable 1.50Henry King Witness .50 Jeffrie King 50 Juba Stewart 50 John J. Birchett 50 W D Temple 50 H C Britton 50 Frank Eppes & Braxton Mason making lid to coffin 50 cents and burying body 1.50 2.00 I R.R. Ramey J.P. hereby certify that the above Jurors and witness acted in the above case and that they are entitiled to their allowance in this case Ro R Ramey J.P. Sworn to before me this 23 day of Novr

H.C. Britton Clk [Clerk]



Coroners Inquest & deposition of witnesses Nov 23 1889 Robt Bland 1889 Dec 21 filed H.C Britton Clk. approved & entered THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

To the Sheriff of the Country of Prince Beorges Breeting.

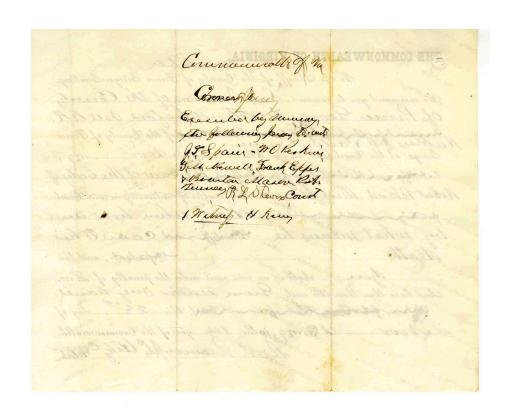
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

To the sheriff $\hat{}$ or any constable of the County of Prince George = = Greeting. We command you to summon six jurors of the county of Prince George to attend before me R.R. Ramey J.P. & acting coroner of the county of Prince George, at the Courthouse, on the 23 day of Novr 1889, to the view of the body of Robert Bland there being dead, when how and by what means he came to his death, and this you shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. And have then these this writ. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Novr A.D. 1889, in the 114 year of the Commonwealth. Ro R Ramey, J.P. & Actg Coroner



Commonwealth of Va [illegible]
Executed by [illegible]
the following Jurors to wit,
J.T. Spain, W.O. Perkins,
T.M. Newell, Frank Eppes
& Braxton Mason, P.A.
Turney, R.L. Stevens, const[able]
1 Witness H. King

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