

Lancaster County, ss. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to William Hambright GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body of *Thomas Steele* under your custody detained, as it is said, together with the day and cause of his being taken and detained, by whatsoever name the said *Thomas Steele* shall be charged in the same, you have, under safe and secure conduct, before the honorable *Walter Franklin, Esquire,* President of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Lancaster at his Chambers in the borough of Lancaster, at three o'clock, in the afternoon; to do and receive all those things which the said Judge shall then and there consider of in this particular.

WITNESS the honorable *Walter Franklin, Esquire,* President of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, at Lancaster, the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and Seventeen —

Allowed by

*Walter Franklin*

*J. H. Pasmore Jr.*

To the Honorable the President within named I William  
Hambright, Sailor, respectfully return, that I have the body  
of Thomas Steele now present as within I am commanded  
with the day and cause of his capture which is contained in  
the annexed commitment - all which is respectfully  
submitted ~~to you~~ Witness my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1817  
*Wm Hambright*

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Copies for  
William Hambright the Body of  
Sailor Thomas Steele

"By act of Assembly of 1785"

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1817 On hearing the  
Court direct Defendant to  
give security for his appearance  
at the next Court of Session  
terminated - see Sep. minute

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania To Robt Reynolds Constable of Little  
Brittain or to the next most convenient Constable (and to the keeper of the  
Gaol of Lancaster

Lancaster County Seal Whereas it appears by the Coroners Inquest held  
on the dead body of Nathan Scamblson on the third day of March  
1809<sup>th</sup> the said Scamblson came by his death by a blow given him  
by Thos Steele of Little Britain Township on the twenty fourth  
day of December last with an Iron Stove Rake or scraper There are therefore  
to command you to take and convey the said Thos Steele to the common goal  
of said County of Lancaster and deliver him to the keeper thereof who is  
hereby required to receive and keep the said Thomas Steele in his custody un  
till he be discharged by due course of Law witness the hand  
and seal the fourth Day of March one thousand eight hundred and  
seventeen

Robt. King

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Affidavits filed

Nathan swore by Christ he would not leave the  
house untill he would take satisfaction out of him  
I went to him and begged for god sake to go out he  
swore he would knock us all to damnation he had  
a stick which he was holding with both his hands  
when Nathan was threatening to the best of my know-  
ledge Miles put his hand to his jacket pocket and said  
he had a knife Thomas told him if he would not  
go out of the house he would certainly strike him  
he swore by Christ that was what he wanted to be  
at and made at Tom with a stick drawed with  
both his hands Tom then gave him the stroke and  
did not offer to strike him again

Elizabeth Steele

The above Depositors were taken & Subscribed the  
22<sup>d</sup> Day of March 1817

Before me

Probating

The Commonwealth }  
VI }  
} Trespass assault & Battery & Wounding  
} ing Nathan Lumbleon on the twenty  
fourth day of December last 1816

Sho' Steele } Lancaster County vs Before me  
March 22<sup>d</sup> 1817 Robt King one of the Justices of the Peace  
for Said County of Lancaster James Hamilton  
and on his solemn oath Deposeth & saith that  
the twenty third of December in the house of Hughes Bush  
~~and~~ Nathan Lumbleon was cursing and swearing very  
hard against Thomas Steele & the family and said he would  
have satisfaction of said Thomas Steele and he swore that  
he would tie his right hand behind his back and that  
he would whip Thomas Steele with his left hand and that  
he would clear the house of the whole family James Hamilton

also came Hughes Bush and on his solemn oath saith  
that on the twenty third day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1816 Nathan Lumbleon  
was in my house he followed me about and plagued me  
a good deal I thought he was a little intoxicated and threatened  
Tom Steele that he had offered to whip said Steele with  
one hand tied that he could and would do it & Tom would  
fight him in the morning of the next day he said to  
John Miles lets us go down and see whether the damned  
old bitch will give us any breakfast or not and if she  
would not he would raise a rumpass Hughes Bush

Also came William Harvey and on his solemn oath saith  
that on the twenty third <sup>day</sup> of December 1816 Nathan Lumbleon  
was in Hughes Bushes and had a stick rapping on  
the stove saying that he could whip Tom Steele with  
his right tied behind his back & that he would do it

Wm Harvey

also came James Underwood and on his solemn oath saith that  
on the Morning of the twenty fourth of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1816 at Hughes -

Burks house Nathan Tumbleson was then in company with John Miles Nathan Tumbleson said he could whip Tom Steele with his right hand tied behind him likewise that he would do it that he could clear the house of all the states

James University

Also came John Roberts and on his solemn oath between two and three weeks before Nathan Tumbleson got the stroke he swore by God that he would whip Tom Steele I asked him for what reason he said because he was sullen

John Roberts

Also came Solomon Butcher and on his solemn oath saith that on the Monday before Christmas he was cutting wood at W<sup>ms</sup> Steele's in the evening of the same day I was in the kitchen making on a fire and also making fire in the stove I was going away when W<sup>ms</sup> Steele told me she wished me to stay for she was afraid that Nathan Tumbleson and John Miles would burn the house or to ~~do some mischievous~~ Murder some body after supper Nathan Tumbleson John Miles and myself went up to W<sup>ms</sup> Burks after we went there they asked for some thing drink and Burkh refused they asked if I might play the fiddle Burkh refused that also he had behaved so bad in the house the both took off their hats and asked W<sup>ms</sup> Burks pardon which he granted on condition that they would behave so no more in his house he gave them the fiddle and I played a few tunes for them I stayed there all night and there also

had they lay on the table in the bar room in the morning they wanted some thing to drink the hats to go in task for any Miles told W<sup>ms</sup> Tumbleson that he had better give the money to me that I could get it better than he could he gave me a fifty cent note I gave it to Thomas Burkh and he gave Tumbleson half a pint of liquor Tumbleson and me drank the liquor Miles refusing to drink but got two quarts of cider I was going of to my work when Tumbleson told me I was not working today that they were going down directly to

have this fight out of Tom Steele I told them that it was not worth while that Tom Steele was not a fighting man Tumbleson damned him self that he would have it out with him this morning I went down to W<sup>ms</sup> Steele's and told Tom Steele to take care of him self for them men was coming down to whip him I did not hear Miles threatening any

James Butcher

Also came Nicholas Boyd and on his solemn affirmation saith that on the twenty fourth day of Decr 1816 I was setting by the fire just after I had eat my breakfast I heard like a week squeezing against the door then a weak knock they were told to come in Nathan Tumbleson & John Miles came in both abreast from appearance they appeared to be intoxicated and from seeing Tumbleson bloody I thought he had fell coming round the fall rocks I asked what was the Matter at least twice before I got an answer Tumbleson replied did you ever see any body so abused I asked who abused him he said Tom Steele I asked him what for he said for nothing I told him to sit down I took of his hat and un tied two handkerchiefs of his head which was bloody got a pair of shears and cut the hair away from about the cut and put sugar in the wound he said I was a good Doctor Miles proposed going to the Squires to sue Tumbleson at first said he would have it out with him the both agreed at last to go to the Squires

Nicholas Boyd

Also came Elizabeth Steele and on her solemn oath saith that on the twenty third of Decr 1816 Nathan Tumbleson & John Miles came from W<sup>ms</sup> Burks to my house and abused me my Daughter and the house very much Nathan Tumbleson had a stick that he struck and ~~said~~ he would break every thing in the house I begged of him to go out of the house he said he was God and he would do as he pleased I begged him to go out of the house I would shut the door and not let him in again he swore he would break all the doors

about the house I coaxed him until I got him in the  
out side of the door John Miles told Tom to go back he had  
not gave us half enough of abuse the same in again and  
give us abusive language Damned and swore then they  
went up to Mr Burks the same down in about an  
hour Thomas Steele was then come in to the house  
Nathan Tumbleson swore that was the man he wanted  
to beat Thomas said Nathan what is this you have  
been about I don't think that you are acting accord-  
ing to your family you are a God damned liar Tom  
said there is more honour in your fathers little finger  
than in yours whole carcass Nathan said again he was  
a damned liar Nathan wanted Thomas to come out  
to the big road till he would thrash him Tom said  
no he would rather sit by the stove he asked Tom  
if he would come up in the morning to Mr Burks  
till he would thrash him Thomas said he would  
go on no such business John Miles told Nathan Tum-  
bleson to come along and come back in the morning  
and have it out with him I was afraid that they  
would come in the night and Murder us then  
they went to Burks that night and came back in the  
morning of the twenty fourth Thomas said when he  
seen them coming that he was afraid of his life if  
them he was not able to defend him self with a bad  
cut he had on his knee the come in and asked for break-  
fast I said I would get Miles his breakfast but I would not  
get Tumbleson his Miles swore he would not have a bite  
neither the went in to the bar room where Thomas  
was and Nathan <sup>said</sup> damn you you did not come up to  
Burks this Morning but I am come to you damn you  
Tom said it was as well to have many words about I will  
open the door and orders you out he opened the door and  
put a chair to it and told him before audience he warned  
him to go out of the house (y<sup>e</sup> Recorders in the next leaf)