Hos. Westmoreland Davis.
The circumstances which
led to the killing of
Willie Thompson are some
what conflicting.
Thompson, as alleged
called at the home of
Mrs. Lina Fish about 10 o'clock
Nov. 23rd, she arose, dressed
and accompanied him
nearly half a mile from
her home to a small
piece of pine woods.
There it is alleged, he
assaulted her, she then
left her and reached
Mr. William Luttrell's
Home just as it was getting light good, it would have been almost impossible for the boy to have made the trip in as short a time. No effort was put forward to prove whether the lady's statement was either true or false. If one ever went over the ground to prove whether he made any tracks going to the woods or coming away. There was doubt in the mind whether it was a white man
or a very light mulatto
Mr. William Robson,
the magistrate before
whom the trial was
held decided the case
solely upon the testimony
of the lady, and adjudged
them guilty as charged,
never having set up
the boy to fail after
which he continually
made statements calculated
to stir up
mob violence; he made
no secret of his confidence
of Thompson's guilt
and made no effort
to defend the life of
the prisoner.
The little parents even expressed their fears of a mob. He assured them that he felt no concern and that there was no danger.

Sunday evening Nov. 24th William Robson came to the home of W. F. Thompson and asked for a buggy which belonged to George C. Carter, a colored servant of his. Thompson's wife informed him that Wade was going to Culpeper Monday 25th. Mr. Robson said Wade has 215 business in Culpeper Monday.
I want to go to town alone. Strange coincidence! It looks as though Mr. Robinson knew something of the case. Whether Allen was innocent or guilty, he had a right to a fair and impartial trial, which is guaranteed to all men in the Constitution. Have Virginians no longer respect for law? Have the magistrates powers of judge, jury, and execution?
Have magistrates a right
to go to and pro and
spread damaging
reports of people whom
they remand to the
grand jury?
Have they a right to
influence public
opinion by declaring
their belief of the guilt
of the prisoner, before
the grand jury has
had a chance to find
a true bill of indictment
against him?
If they have, well and
good if not then,
Mr Robson is guilty
of all these crimes,
all the wrongs are
under 55th
To up hold the Constitution and the law for Roberson and the other county officers knowing the aim for which Thompson was imprisoned should have made some provision for the safety. They knew the feeling which such accusations against a negro engenders and had they a proper regard for their honor would have placed a guard about the jail and let it be known that they were determined to up hold the law.
and abide by their oath. This was not done: and the fair name of the grand old dominion, she, who sent her sons both black and white to the battle fields of France, to shed their blood for law and order.

Stand before the world convicted of midnight murder. With out sanction of law, make the world a safe place to live in! No negro is safe, no matter who rules, I behoved he may be no matter how correct he may be; no matter how patriotic, learned or useful!
Exhibit D

Let him fall under suspicion if the origin of assault for a white woman and immediately the people work them selves into a frenzy and demand this blood of no matter what slight the evidence, he is given no chance to prove his innocence. But like a mad dog, he is summarily dispatched, ceremoniously inspite of law inspite of guilty inspite of the Constitution inspite of the solemn oaths taken to recognize the rights of all men before the law. Shall these midnight murderers go free? Shall they?
Exhibit D

Be permitted to tread
the soil of old Virginia
unpunished?
We do not cry for vengeance
but for justice and truth.
We do not ask the blood
of these violators of law.
But ask that they be
shorn of their power to
do mischief by calling to
account by those who by
their delusions by their
neglect of duty made
this foul midnight
murder possible.

Moses A. Summons