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I hereby Certify that ^{negro} Saml Hately the def-
endant in each of the above cases was brought
before me for examination & said charges
was fully substantiated upon the oaths of the
prosecuting ^{witnesses} named in said writs & was com-
mitted to jail by me without further examina-
tion, believing said witnesses to be respectable
citizens & Subsequently, having had an inter-
view with Mrs Frances A Hays (widow of
the late Thomas J Hays) to whose estate the
said negro belongs. who made the following
(to wit) that her & family had been bring in
dread of said Negro for some time back &
that she was afraid to sleep in her bed at night
not knowing what moment the house
would be entered & her life taken & that
she had just cause to be afraid from said
Negro's threats & furthermore I know said
negro is regarded as dangerous by the
people in the neighbourhood in which he
resides

Thomas Cord
Justice of peace for Sturford county