

8-5-40

At a Circuit Court Begun and held at the Court house in the Town of Columbia On Wednesday the fifth day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty, the Judge failing to attend on Monday the first day of said Month, John D. Leland appeared on this day and produced his Commission of Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit in the State of Missouri, which said Commission was in these words word,

Silburn W. Boggs, Governor of the State of Missouri, To all who shall see these presents; Greeting: Know ye, That, Reposing especial trust and confidence in the integrity and abilities of John D. Leland, I do hereby appoint and commission him Judge (in the place of Thomas Reynolds resigned) of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri; and do authorize and empower him to discharge the duties of said office according to Law, to hold said office with all the Powers, privileges and emoluments to the same appertaining until the legal termination thereof. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State of Missouri, to be affixed, at the City of Jefferson this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty, of the Independence of the United States the Sixty-fourth anniversary of this State the Twentieth.

By the Governor Silburn W. Boggs.

Jas L. Minot, Secretary of State
 State of Missouri, Cooper County, Seal. I do hereby certify that John D. Leland, known to me as the person named in the within commission to fill the vacancy in the second Judicial circuit, in the State of Missouri, this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County and State afores^d and made oath that he would support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Missouri, and that he would faithfully demean himself in office. Given under my hand & seal this 1st day of April 1840.

Sherman, Wm. J. P.

A grand jury was empanelled and sworn to Joseph W. Hickam Foreman Enoch C. Dear, Rufus Bush Washington Know, Noah Bedsworth, Andrew Spence, Rufus H. F. Dunlap, Rolla Asbury John Corrections, Ambrose Wheler, Thomas Flint Isaac Williams, Samuel Duncan, John Cunningham John H. Lynch Thomas Wings William Langston and William H. Roberts who having received their charge retired to their room to consult of the matter before them.