Commonwealth of Virginia Prince William County to Wit

To B. N. Merchant, Sergeant of Manassas, in said County, and to the keeper of the jail of the said County, Whereas Laura and Jno Meredith, was this day convicted before me, T. O. Taylor mayor of Manassas, for an assault upon Frederick Hynson Jr. and I the said mayor thereupon adjudged that they had forfeited the sum of ten & 50/100 dollars for the said offence, to be paid to the corporation of Manassas, and the said Laura & Jno Meredith being so convicted, and being now required by me to pay the said sum, have not paid the same, but wholly failed to do so. These are, in the name of the Commonwealth to command you the said Sergeant to take the said Laura & Jno Meredith & convey them to the county jail, and there deliver them to the keeper thereof together with this precepts. And I command you the keeper of the said jail to receive the said Laura & Jno Meredith into the said jail, and there safely keep until the said sum shall be paid, or until they be otherwise discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand 7 seal this 24th day of February 1898 T. O. Taylor, Mayor (seal)