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Sunday night last, some person or persons yet unknown, set fire to the prison at New Kent courthouse, after which they proceeded to the Clerk's Office, (about two miles distant from the prison) and set fire to that also, which contained all the papers, records, &c. belonging to the county, and burnt both to the ground.

1. On the same night they started the fires, John Price Posey and Thomas Green were arrested. Green eventually turned state's evidence, while Posey was convicted by the Virginia General Court and was hanged in January 1788.

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