

Jury Summons: 1783 British East Florida



Published in St. Augustine, the *East Florida Gazette* of Saturday, April 26, 1783 contains an announcement by the District Court of fines of 20 shillings to five individuals who failed to answer the summons as jurors. Only male property owners were eligible for jury service on the local courts and each British colony set the property requirements for jurors. British Colonial Governors were instructed to pass a law for their colony that would “set the value of men’s estates, either in goods or lands” to qualify as jurors.