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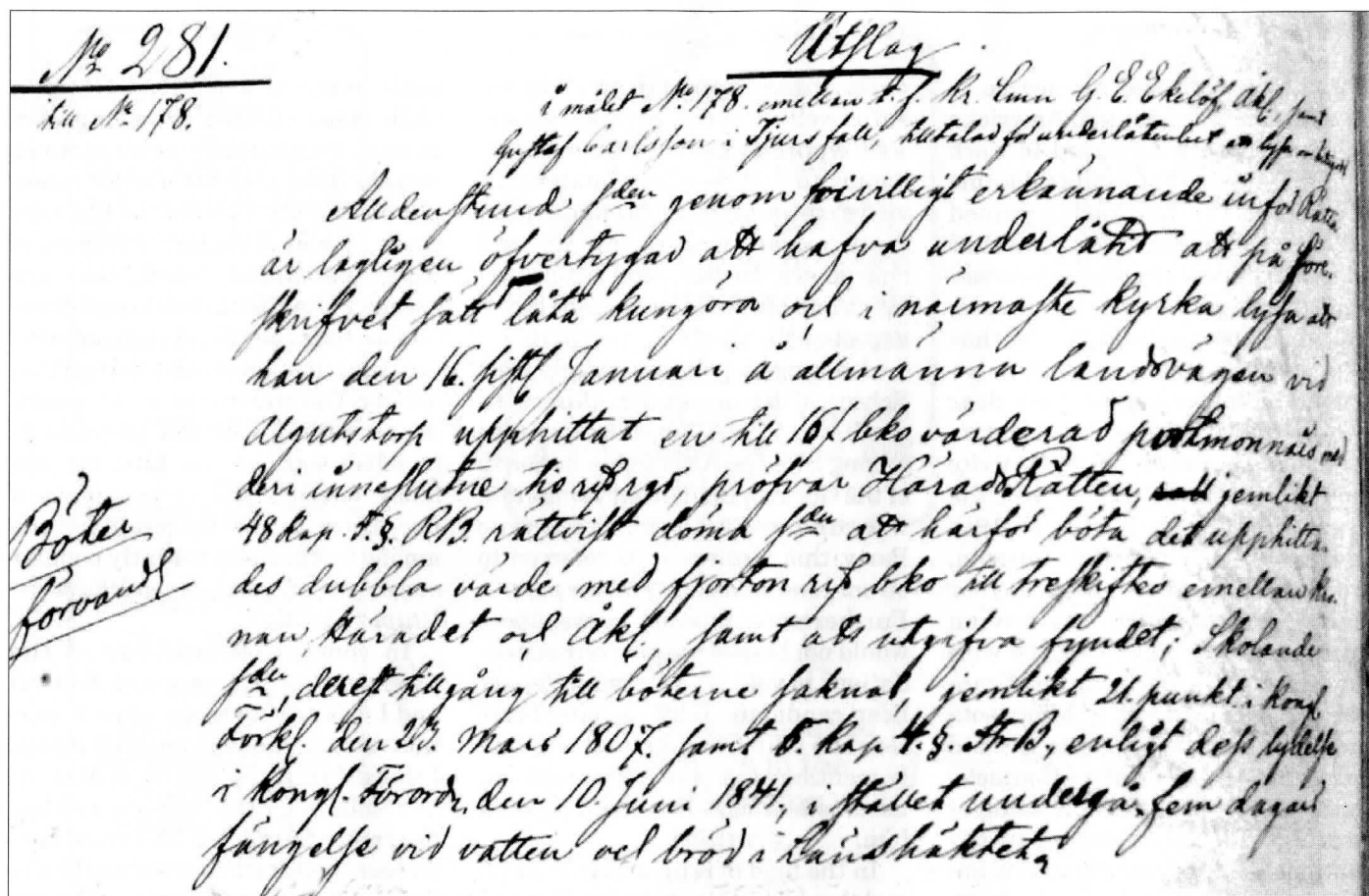
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This picture shows the verdict on case §281 from Sevede Häradsrätt (district court) volume A1a:207, Sommaring (summer meeting) 21 June 1856. (Photo by E.Thorsell, regional archives (Landsarkivet) of Vadstena, Sweden.)

The Sevede härad (legal district) in Småland consisted in 1882 of the parishes of Rumskulla (the major part), Vimmerby rural, Pelarne, Södra Vi, Djursdala, Frödinge, Tuna (a smaller part), and Vena (the major part). Some of the parishes also belonged to nearby härad, for historical reasons. This means that you have to find out in which härad the other part of the parish belonged. This can be found in the Rosenberg gazetteer, *Geografiskt-statistiskt handlexikon öfver Sverige*, which was first printed in 1883, and has since been published as a reprint in the 1980s, and also as a CD, and is also available on the SVAR/Digitala

forskarsalen subscription site. The description tells that the härad is surrounded by Östergötland län to the north, by Aspeland härad in Jönköping län to the west, Tunalän härad to the southeast, and Södra Tjust härad to the northeast. The population in 1882 was 15,498 individuals. As a whole, the härad is mostly a forested and hilly area, with several rivers and many lakes. There are many industries based on the forests: sawmills and such. There is also an iron works at Storebro, a glass factory at Venzelholm, and some smaller paper mills. There is one railroad from Vimmerby to Hultsfred, and from there to Västervik.

These railroads had connections with the main railroad system. Transcription and translation on p. 22.



The Vimmerby magistrate's courthouse, built around 1825.