

Criminal Assault.

Edward Watson, a negro who murderously assaulted Samuel S. Barnes, at King's Creek, Somerset county, by beating him into unconsciousness with a club, was captured in this city Tuesday night.

Watson after committing the crime escaped to the woods. With a posse of farmers in hot pursuit he made his way to this city. Here he was intercepted by the police, who were unable to protect him from the mob, which had learned of the crime.

When the officers were trying to put Watson aboard the 8.30 train an attempt was made to lynch him, and he was shot and wounded. It was all the officers could do to prevent the mob from lynching the negro, but they finally got him to the lockup, and later secretly conveyed him to Princess Anne, and placed him in the jail.

Watson had been a hand on the farm of Mr. Barnes for several years, and was considered a trustworthy man until Tuesday, when he went to Mr. Barnes for money, stating that he desired to leave his employ. He was paid his wages, but declared it was not enough and asked for more, and when Mr. Barnes declined to meet his demands the negro went into the barn and secured a bar of iron, which he used as a weapon.