

**A Horrible Offense.**—One of the most revolting crimes that has ever occurred in this community, and one which we should forbear to mention in our columns if the matter had not already been brought to public notice by process of law, was enacted in this village on Wednesday morning last, when the interesting little five-year-old daughter of Rev. L. M. Lyle was made the victim of a brutal felonious assault by a fiend in human form. The perpetrator of this heinous offense is a colored boy of about eighteen years of age named Charles Whittle, who accompanied Mr. Lyle when the latter moved to Calvert from Stafford Circuit, Virginia, and has been employed by him since. The details of the offense, as developed at the hearing of the accused before Justice Dalrymple on Wednesday, are of such a nature that we prefer not to publish them here. Whittle was arrested by Sheriff Anderson on the day the offense was committed, and after a hearing before the Justice was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.