

JOSEPH COCKING'S TRIAL.

He Says He Prefers that It Shall Be Held in Charles County.

Joseph Cocking, who is in the city jail, under indictment on the charge of murdering his wife and sister-in-law at Hill Top, Charles county, will be taken to La Plata in a few days for trial.

He said yesterday that he had understood an effort was being made to have his case removed from Charles county. This, he said, he opposed, as he knew he was innocent and preferred to have the charges weighed by the people with whom he had lived and who knew him.

"All I ask is a fair trial," he continued. "I do not know anything about the feeling which exists in Charles county in reference to my case, but an innocent man has little to fear from rumors. I have heard that there are some who have tried to prejudice the minds of the people against me, but I feel sure it has not amounted to anything."

Cocking said he was feeling well and has not lost any sleep since he was brought to this city. He also said he did not relish the idea of being confined in the county jail at Port Tobacco, as the building is "not in condition to keep a human being in."