

## *Outrage and Robbery.*

On Wednesday morning, the 22d instant, a lamentable affair occurred in the immediate vicinity of Bel Air, which has shocked and greatly excited our whole community. A most respectable young lady, who lives within about a mile of the town, and is in the habit of walking in every day, was waylaid and attacked by a negro man, named Isaac Moore, who forcibly carried her some distance from the public road and robbed and shamefully maltreated her. He was soon afterwards arrested and lodged in jail, and, being brought before a magistrate for examination, the evidence against him was conclusive, and showed such deliberate and hardened villainy, that the fury of the crowd could no longer be restrained, and he was carried off to the place where the act was committed, and hung. He confessed his guilt, and implicated another negro as his accomplice, who is now in jail. It appears that the act was premeditated, and morning and evening for several days, he was lurking about the spot watching for his victim, and waiting for a favorable opportunity.

This is not the first or second offence of the kind, of which said Moore has been guilty in this neighborhood. In March, 1861, he was convicted in our Court, of rape, and, under the humane law then in force, he was sold out of the State for a term of ten years; but during the war he was enabled to return, and in 1866 was again indicted for several similar offences, but was enabled to escape by reason of the very natural unwillingness of the witnesses to appear in Court. In one of the cases he attacked a party of young ladies in a carriage near Havre de Grace, and dragged one of them off into the woods, but she left the State rather than testify to the facts in open Court. We also learn that he has been guilty of many like offences against persons of his own color, until he had become a terror in the neighborhood, and persons white and black unite in recognizing his guilt and the justness of his punishment.

It is, of course, to be regretted that he did not receive his punishment in due course of law; but the aggravation was so great, that the assembled multitude thought such a fiend was unfit to live, and the safety of the community appeared to them to require that he should be summarily dealt with.