

Edward Gorsuch, was surrounded & while speaking to one of his slaves, without a weapon in his hands, was knocked down from behind, with a corn-cutter & shot mortal before he could be rise.

That the son & nephew of the deceased were desperately & dangerously wounded by shots & blows, & are yet unable to testify after the lapse of fourteen days. That the officer of the United States was fired at, and compelled to seek shelter by the side of a fence, & two others of his party, chased for a great distance & repeatedly fired at.

That Stannaway refused to take any of the flying party on his horse, though repeatedly requested to do so, when the negroes were in full pursuit.

Upon these facts and many more in detail, the magistrate has determined to commit for treason, as the conspiracy was to nullify the act of Congress, & was marked by every circumstance of premeditation.

During the trial, a member of the Jury, who held the inquest on the dead body of Mr Gorsuch, was examined & proved that no witness was sworn to substantiate the statements in the inquest, charging the deceased with making a riotous attack on a "coloured family," but the Jury signed said inquest because the foreman wrote it, & requested them to do so. I send you here a printed slip containing the whole of this disgraceful coroners inquest, which proves beyond question, the prevalence of fanaticism, injustice & wrong among the most substantial men of that locality. I must say that in view of the atrocious character of the murder of Edward Gorsuch by a band of armed negroes, I regard this coroners inquest as more atrocious morally than even the murder, for that was committed by infuriated & ignorant instruments of those who had brought them to such fearful acts by a long course of training, while this scandalous verdict was written & subscribed in cold blood, in view of the still bleeding body of an upright & innocent man, whose only offence was that he dared to seek his own property in the land of the spoilers & harbourers & under-tanner of the Laws of the Union. For this he was shot down by negroes & for this he was stigmatised by the coroners inquest as guilty