

dinner, but had sat down & partaken sparingly of the Thanksgiving dinner, with the white prisoners - I cannot but consider such conduct as highly unbecoming that officer from whom, next to the Judge, we had a right to expect impartiality & a due regard for decorum.

In this connection, I will also state that a few weeks before the trial, Peter Washington & John Clarke, two important witnesses for the prosecution, escaped from Prison without breasting a lock or using any force, as proved on the trial by a witness; & though I cheerfully acquit the Marshall of all privity with their escape, yet the fact remains that there was treachery on the part of some officer, within the walls of the prison.

Another remarkable fact was the corruption of a Government witness by the name of Henry Scott, a free negro, who had thrice testified - once at Christiana, once at Lancaster & once at Philadelphia, to the fact of being an eye witness of the murder of Mr Gorsuch, & now on this trial, influenced by bribes or some other corrupt consideration, when placed on the stand by the United States, openly confessed that he had thrice committed perjury, & then swore on this trial, that he was not present and knew nothing about the affair, which perjury was received with open applause in the Court Room.

Again, the Counsel for the defence applied to the Court for an order to bring out some twenty four of the negroes in prison, to see which of them could be identified, as participants in the treason, by Henry H. Kline, a material witness for the prosecution. At the opening Court on the next day, these negroes were seen sitting in a row supported on each side by white females, who, to the disgust of all respectable citizens, gave them open sympathy & countenance; each of the negroes appeared with a new comfort around their necks, their hair carefully parted & their clothing in every respect alike, so as to present one uniform appearance, to the eye, as far as possible; All done doubtless for the double purpose of giving aid & comfort to the accused murderers of a white man, and of confusing & perplexing so important a witness as Kline, in respect to their identity. All this was manifestly done with the privity, sufferance & consent of the officers having charge of the prisoners & passed unrebuked.

I have thus hastily referred to these collateral matters, because