

integrity of local Jurors drawn from the vicinage in the infamous Coroner's Inquest, held over the body of Edward Gorsuch, where, as proved on this trial, twelve Jurors of Sadsbury Township, upon their solemn oaths, did find, that on the morning of the 11th Inst the neighbourhood was thrown into an excitement, by the above deceased & some five or six persons in company with him, making an attack upon a family of colored persons, living in said township, near the brick mill, about four o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of arresting some fugitive slaves as they alleged.

Many of the colored people of the neighbourhood collected & there was considerable firing of guns & other fire arms by both parties, upon the arrival of some of the neighbours at the place after the riot had subsided, they found the above deceased, lying upon his back or right side dead - upon a post mortem examination upon the body of said deceased by Drs. Patterson & Martin, in our presence, we believe he came to his death by gun shot wounds that he received in the above mentioned riot caused by person or persons unknown to us."

And this monstrous verdict full of lies & calumny towards the dead, was rendered, as proved on this trial by one of the Jurors & other witnesses, without any evidence before them, except that of the Doctors, who examined the dead body, although Kline, the United States officer, was an eye witness to the whole affair, & offered himself as a witness to this unscrupulous & wicked Jury - a Jury who, in the language of one of their number, placed on the witness stand "did not wish to hear him (Kline) as he had been telling such various tales, they would not believe him on oath." Will it be believed that the various tales told by Kline were simply, that Elijah Lewis & Gastner Hanway, two white men, neighbors & friends of the Jurors, were aiders & abettors in the murder of Edward Gorsuch.

This is indeed a precious sample of the Justice that our citizens may expect at the hands of a local Jury, drawn from the vicinage where such things are done.

I do not hesitate therefore, in view of these appalling consequences to the State of Maryland, as a border slave State, to urge upon your Excellency the vital importance of impressing upon our next Legislature the necessity of some further action by the General Government, to arrest this legalized buchery of our innocent citizens, who are invited by that General Government to cross state lines, in pursuit of their property.

It is in vain to say that this whole question has been -