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TRIAL OF PETER ROBINSON, A New Brunswick, N. J. for the murder of Abraham Suydam.

Clerk Justice HOANLOWER, presiding.
Monday, March 22, 1841.
Alexander Watson, sworn.—I am acquainted with Peter Robinson; I went to work at his house on the 11th of December; I had a conversation with him at his house; he wanted me to make some doors for him; on the 12th of December I saw him taking some sand out from under the back basement floor; he had a hoe taking the sand out; I observed to him that he had the sand quite heavy; he said, "here is where I was going to poke Suydam under;" he observed that he had not time to do it; he went on to say that they came on him, and he had not time to do it; that was all that passed between us; I made no remarks about the conversation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—I considered it as a joke; I did not consider him serious at the time; he said it laughingly; there was a man working in the front basement room; I built a large work bench for him on Saturday, the 12th of December; it was about thirteen feet long; it was the usual height and width of a carpenter's work bench; I built this in the back room of the first floor; it extended into the front room; I planned it and fixed it to suit my own taste; I saw no blood upon any part of the material of that work bench; it was not altered or planned while I was there; if there had been any blood on it, or any of the boards that I planned, it could not have escaped my notice; there was no bench on the first floor when I went there.

By Mr. Van Dyke.—The bench might have been taken apart and put together again without much trouble.

By the Attorney General.—I planned one plank and put a new one on the bench.

Richard W. Kistner, colored, sworn.—I knew Mr. Suydam; I saw him on the 2d of Dec.; I was out here on the Court House ground; I saw him coming along the street in front of the Court House, in the direction of Robinson's house; he passed me with one hand under his coat, nodded at me, and went on; I saw him pass on to Robinson's; open the gate; there he met somebody; they came up together as though they were shaking hands; saw nothing of him after that; I went on past the back yard; they were gone away; as near as I can tell you, it was between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning; I am certain it was on the third of December; he nodded to me, and asked me what made me make such a low fence there.

By the Court.—I have often spoke to him, and he to me; I have known him between 3 and four years.

By the Attorney General.—If Mr. Suydam had not passed me, I should have known him standing in the yard of Robinson's house; I don't know whether the prisoner is the man who was in the yard with him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—I am 44 years of age; I don't recollect what year I was born in; I don't know how many yards it is from the Court House to Mr. Robinson's house; Mr. Suydam went straight to the house without turning a corner; I saw him shake hands with somebody.

By the Court.—I saw Mr. Suydam go to the house where his body was found; I was there the next day after the body was found; I am sure this is the house.

By Mr. Graham.—I never said any thing about this to any body; the first time I ever mentioned this was to my wife about a month ago; I mentioned it to Jack Nease about three weeks ago.

John S. Hoagland, sworn.—I am the Marshal of the city of New Brunswick; I found Peter Robinson at the Justice's office on the 14th Dec.; I went to his house with him after some papers and a watch; he went to his chest and got the papers; the Mayor asked him for a watch; his wife went for the watch; while she was gone we proposed taking up the floor; he made some objections to it; about that time his wife came with the watch; we then, I think, came away to the Justice's office and staid there some time until the news came that the body was found, and then the prisoner was committed; I was at his house on the 4th Dec. to serve a summons; I went to the front door and stood there a little time; I then went round to the back door and knocked there; this was between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning; I went to the back basement door; nobody came; I noticed that there was curtains before the windows; there were boards before the windows of the first room; I went away; I did not notice the front basement windows; I knew that Robinson lived there.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—I heard part of the testimony of the Mayor; I think his statement is correct.

By Mr. Van Dyke.—I had a conversation with the prisoner two or three times in prison; I took him out two or three times; and fetched him back, while the examination was going on before Justice Conover; I went in once to see him with Dr. Perry and another gentleman; I told them they must not speak to him about the murder; they said nothing to him; some time in January I went in with the Sheriff and jailor, and as we were coming out I was the last one, he either spoke to me or beckoned to me.

By Mr. Graham.—I have heard that his wife and child have not been permitted to see him in prison; nor his brothers; I have always understood that no persons but the officers and a clergyman have been allowed to see him; the partition wall between the prisoner's cell and the hall is so thin that an ordinary conversation can be heard in the hall.

By the Court.—When he called me back, he said he had always been in the habit of working, and it came very hard to him to be confined; I told him any body was liable to be taken up on suspicion; he said who was; I told him I didn't want to say any thing to me that would criminate him; he said he had done wrong at first; he committed the murder; I told him I would let him go late yet; if he knew, he could tell me; I told him if any one else was concerned, he might tell me, but I did not wish to hear any thing about himself; he went on trying to say that Suydam came into the house about ten o'clock, and shook hands with him, and told him he was Robinson; Robinson told him yes, that he would soon have finished off. Mr. Suydam sat down,

and in a few minutes inquired if a certain man had been there; he told him no, and in a very few minutes afterwards, the man came in; he said the man and Suydam sat down to a table together; he went down stairs to saw some wood, and was down there a little while; his eyes were very dull, and he could not get along; after he had some wood sawed, he was going up the basement stairs with an arm full; after he got to the head of the stairs, he saw the body of Suydam, and was so frightened, that he let the wood fall; he said he saw him in the doorway that led out of the back room into the entry; it was at that time that Wm. knocked at the door; he said he would not let him in—he did not want him to get into a scrape; the man he left in the room with Suydam, he said, handed him these papers, and told him there was something valuable to him; he said the papers were lying scattered over the floor; the man handed him the papers and the watch; the man took the other papers and the money; he said he or they took the body down into the front basement floor and buried it; he said he expected the man would be at the prison to see him in the course of a few weeks; he said the man had been twice to the prison, and if he did not come again in two weeks, he would tell me who it was; I told him if he knew who it was, he ought to tell it; he said he did not know how he could; the papers were probably destroyed; he said he had destroyed more; I would not have been suspected; I think I left him there; he said he would tell me if I called again; I asked him if Mr. Suydam bled much, and he said "no—very little;" I asked him if he did not hear any noise up stairs when he was down in the cellar; he said no, the first he saw was the dead body lying in the entry; about three weeks afterwards, I went in, and he said he had a lawyer engaged at New York, and he did not wish to tell any more about it; he said he had told Mr. Wood and the jailor; I told him I came very near being up at the house at the time with a summons; he said he wished to the Lord I had have come, and then I should have seen the body lying on the floor; I think he said Mr. Suydam had a good deal of money with him, but the other man had taken that.

The Court here adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

John S. Hoagland recalled.—It was at the sheriff's request that I went into the jail at the time the first conversation took place.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—The last time I went, the prisoner told me he would tell me the man who did the murder; it was a visit of curiosity when I went with Dr. Berry and the other gentleman; the sheriff went up stairs when I had the conversation with the prisoner; no other person was present when I had the interview with the prisoner; he commenced the conversation by saying that he was not guilty of the murder, but that he knew who was; the conversation lasted half an hour; I thought he was very solemn at that time; the story struck me as being a very singular one; the prisoner told me he had mentioned the same story to Mr. Wood and the jailor; at the third interview, I asked him if that man to whom he had referred had been there; he told me he had not; he said in both conversations that he was not guilty of the murder; he said he was sorry he had not told about the murder; there was a street door at Robinson's house; I think the curtains were white muslin; I went to the house on the 15th of December, the day after the discovery of the body; there was a considerable crowd there; I think there was a good deal of dirt on the floor; I knew Robinson before this; I do not think I saw him through the disappearance of Mr. Suydam and the discovery of his body.

By the Court.—The prisoner did not state at any of the conversations the mode or instrument by which the deed was effected.

William Moody, recalled.—On the evening of the 2d of December, when Robinson took out his pocket book to show me the receipts, he took out a roll of notes about the size of three or four fingers; I saw one ten and either one or two fives; he is a kind of tall unrolled them.

James H. Newell, sworn.—I am the Coroner of the county of Middlesex; I held an inquest on the body of Mr. Suydam, on the evening of the 14th of December.

Jacob P. Brokaw, sworn.—I saw the prisoner on the 3d of December, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in Neilson st., in front of Mrs. Plumb's house; I wanted him to work that day and he said he could not do it; I said he had better earn a few shillings; his reply was I have no occasion, I have plenty of money; he then pulled out a wallet containing a roll of bills, about an inch in diameter.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—His manner was the same as usual; I overtook him walking in the street; I have known the prisoner about two years; his reputation was that of a sober, hard working man.

James Edmonds, recalled.—I had some small conversations with him; upon one occasion he said he slept as well as ever; he did, and other nights Suydam bothered him, or was before his eyes; upon another occasion he asked me if I thought he was the murderer; I told him I was satisfied in my own mind that he was the murderer of Mr. Suydam; "well," said he, "supposing they can't prove it against me," said I, "the man was found in your possession, and it is for you to prove how he got there;" I told him if he had not killed him, he certainly killed who had; that, I believe, was the end of that; the time I went into the prison with the two preachers, he said he wished I had pursued a different course; I asked him what different way I could have pursued; he said the morning I charged the murder upon him, and he told me he had the bond and mortgage, and wanted me to go back to the house and look at it; he said if I had went back he would have showed it to me, and if I had not have been satisfied, he would have went before the Magistrate to be examined; and he said he would then have told me who committed the murder; I then left the room, and went up stairs to see a black boy; when I returned down stairs, I went into his cell again, and he requested me to say nothing about what he had told me; he said he expected Mr. Graham up every day, and he wanted to tell him who the murderer was; he wanted to tell him if he got out the next day; he said he would tell him before he would catch him; that is the whole story; I think he said the day before the transaction took place, he had no idea of doing it, and I think he said that the day it was done, at the time the clock struck 10, he had no idea of doing it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—I think I had four or five conversations with Robinson in the prison; it was not at the request of Robinson that I took the preachers to the prison; he knew them both; he was dissatisfied that his wife was not permitted to see him, and that strangers were allowed to visit him from motives of curiosity.

James Cordray sworn.—I am acquainted with Peter Robinson; I had a conversation with him about the time he raised the foundation of his house, about the bond and mortgage; Mr. Suydam was to advance him money when he got the foundation up, but I don't recollect what particular sum; on the evening of the 3d of December, Peter went home with me and his brother James, and slept with us; he said his family were away that night.

Charles Smith, recalled.—I had a conversation with the prisoner last April about the debt due to Mr. Suydam; he left the shop one afternoon to go to the Clerk's Office to get his deed; I understood him to say he had paid Mr. Suydam for the lot in gold, \$350, that he had got the money from Mr. Follet, and that it was his wife's money; I think he said he had given Mr. Suydam a mortgage on the house; I asked him what he owed on the house; he said \$350 or \$400. He showed the deed at the shop upon his return in about an hour; he said persons said that Mr. Suydam would get his house from him, but he would show them better, that he would get the old conveyance; he said if Mr. Suydam got ahead of him, he would only have one more to get ahead of.

Cross-examined by Mr. Graham.—These conversations were all before last Spring.

James Coushoven, sworn.—I am the jailor of the county prison; I have treated the prisoner with a great deal of lenity and kindness, and fed him at my own table three times a day; my rule has been to refuse all persons who wished to see him for curiosity; he communicated to me the mode in which Mr. Suydam came to his death; between the 7th and 10th of January he said, I am not guilty of injuring a hair of Mr. Suydam's head; I cautioned him not to criminate himself; he said I am not going to do it; I know who did it; he told me a person called upon him some week or ten days before the 3d of December, and wished to know the situation of his house, how near it was finished, and about the indebtedness of his money; the gentleman then wanted to know if he could have the use of his room for some short time, not caring what time it might be, but pretty soon.

He said he wanted to have a conversation with another gentleman; that he had no room in his own house; he then asked him if he could not send his wife to see some of her acquaintances, so that they might have the room alone; to which he answered, "he could in a few days, as soon as he got some money to pay her expenses;" as soon as he got the money he went and told the gentleman that he was going to take his wife to New York on Monday; he said that he described his wife's dress, so that he might see that she went to New York; he told him that he (Robinson) would be back in two days; on his return, he went to see this gentleman, to let him know that he might have the room.

He said the gentleman gave him \$30 at a present on the morning of the 3d of Dec. he stated that he cleared out the room, and made a little fire, and about 11 o'clock or a little after, Mr. Suydam came there and inquired if a gentleman had called there to see him; Mr. Suydam walked in and sat down, and in a few moments the gentleman came in and inquired for Mr. Suydam, and he said the gentleman appeared to be in a hurry as if he had run; he came in and took a seat by the side of Mr. Suydam; a few minutes afterwards he, Robinson, went down in the cellar and saw a stick of wood, but that his saw was dull; he took some of the wood in his arm and brought it up as far as the head of the stairs; on arriving there he found Mr. Suydam lying in the entry, apparently dead; he said he was somewhat frightened and dropped his wood. The gentleman was standing by him with a carpenter's mallet in his hand; at that moment his brother William knocked at the door.

He said the gentleman made some sign to him not to let his brother in; Robinson said he asked who was there, when his brother knocked at the door, and he told him he could not come in, and then his brother went away; he said the gentleman then took Mr. Suydam, and dragged him down into the basement—found a spade there, and went to digging a hole to bury him; when the hole was partly dug, Mr. Suydam groaned and this man took the spade and struck him on the top of the head and finished his groaning; the hole was then finished; Mr. Suydam was put in this gentleman with the assistance of Robinson then took a tub of water to the entry and washed up the blood; afterwards they went into the back room.

The gentleman then got Mr. Suydam's papers and examined them, took from them the bond and mortgage and handed them over to Mr. Robinson, stating there are the papers that concern your property, also, a gold watch; he saw this gentleman take a large roll of bills from Mr. Suydam's pocket, he supposed from 100 to \$300, but he did not count it; the gentleman took the money and put it in his pocket; I think he said about the time Mr. Suydam was taken down into the cellar, the man told him if he did not help him he would serve him with the same sauce.

The gentleman then went away; Robinson stated that he then picked up the papers and put them carefully away; I think at this time I told him he should have communicated this story to Mr. Wood, and why he did not do so; he gave me some reasons why he did not do so; I asked him who the man was; he did not tell me the name; at this time he did not tell me the name, but gave me such description by his person and his residence, that I knew who it was; that conversation ended then; it is almost impossible for me to tell.

He told me that he had those papers and \$300 buried away in a bottle; I told him if he would tell me where it was I would get them, give him the money, and I would keep the papers; he then refused, and said there was no money with the papers; he said this gentleman came to his cell one night and told him not to be alarmed, that he would get him as good a lawyer as could be got.

[To be continued.]

Madame Restell is arrested, and in jail in New York, awaiting the issue of other illegal practices in a certain instance; the subject lying dangerously ill.

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