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Egler Edwards of full age being sworn deponeth and saith that on the 14th of this month the prisoner at the bar overtook this respondent and asked if he this respondent was not a witness to a note which James Powell gave for the hire of the prisoner. This respondent answered that he was the security to the note, ^{that} this respondent then asked the prisoner why he asked that question, the prisoner then said that James Powell & wife was burnt up and this house with all his property except one trunk & one chest, this respondent then asked the prisoner to give him some account of the occurrence, he said he knew nothing of it until the house was on fire, that the house was fired in the hoping & that he thought ^{the} was set on fire, that this respondent then asked the prisoner if there had been any fire in that part of the house, the prisoner answered there had not been any in a month that ~~he~~ ^{he} knew of

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