

shirt, one pair of pantaloons, and a coat and no cambrie frock. I carried them off in the woods and returned and stayed a short time and then went off saying he was going to Mr. Morfee.

Wells Morfee of full age being sworn deposes and saith that on the 15th of this present month about sunrise in the morning of that day the prisoner came to the house of this deponent, and informed him that the house of James Powell was consumed by fire, and James Powell and wife were also consumed in the house, the prisoner then asked the deponent what he should do, this deponent directed the prisoner to go to Mr. Simons place where Mr. Powell's house was burnt, in his gig in order to go to the place where Mr. Powell's house was burnt, and when they arrived at the place they found the house consumed and the remains of two persons in it, one at the place where the bed formerly stood, and the other at the place where the bed formerly stood the head of the one that was said to be James Powell was separated from its body, and the skull appeared to be in several pieces. This deponent then discovered that two of the trunks which were brought out of the house were open, one appeared to be very much drawn by the fire, and the other appeared to be broken open by violence used on the lock.

Simon Morfee of full age being sworn deposes and saith, that on the morning of the 15th of this present month about 12 hours by sun in the morning of that day the prisoner at the bar came to the house of this deponent and informed him that the house of James Powell was burnt and himself & wife consumed therein, this deponent asked if the child was saved, he answered it was. This deponent asked him the prisoner answered that its mother (Mrs. Powell) carried it out. This deponent asked how it was possible the child should be saved if Mr. & Mrs. Powell consumed the prisoner answered that they were carrying out property and both of them went in the house and it fell in upon them. That this deponent during this conversation with the prisoner thought he discovered evident marks of guilt, but upon reflection thought probably it might be the scene which he had witnessed produced the effect upon the countenance of the prisoner. This deponent then went to the place where the house was burnt and found the remains of two persons which he has no doubt was the remains of James Powell & wife. & that the remains of one appeared to be where the bed formerly stood, and the remains of the other where the bed formerly stood, and upon examination found two trunks open, one of them a small distance from the other property which was taken out of the house and appeared to have been broken open and a considerable part of the clothing taken thereout, and two pocket books (lying open in the trunk upon top of the other things in the trunk), both of which were empty, that this deponent did not see the prisoner any more during that day till nearly night when he set off home, the prisoner came up behind him in the road near the place where the house was burnt, and asked this deponent what he should do, or where he should go, that this deponent then directed the prisoner to go to the house of this deponent, where he went accordingly & remained till the next day, when he was directed by this deponent to return to the plantation where James Powell had lived. That when & where this deponent approached the prisoner he exhibited marks of fear and guilt and showed a disposition to avoid this deponent which induced this deponent to suspect the prisoner of having committed the murder of James Powell & wife and burning the house. Upon these suppositions, this deponent apprehended the prisoner and had him confined and dealt with according to law.

Stylar Edwards of full age being sworn deposes and saith that on the 15th of this month the prisoner at the bar overtaken this deponent and asked if he, this deponent was not a witness to a note which James Powell gave for the hire