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THE County Commissioners of Kent County will meet at their office in Chestertown, on
TUESDAY, 10th day March, 1896,
AT 10½ O'CLOCK A. M.,
and will continue to meet at the same place and hour
Every Tuesday
for the purpose of noting transfers and correcting assessments,
Until the 12th Day of May Next.
All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.
Persons making application for transfers of property will be required to comply with the following sections of the Code, Article 81.
SEC. 19. They shall also interrogate said person on oath in reference to any acquisition or investment made by him and not already assessed, and the amount of all such acquisitions and investment shall be added to the assessable property, and if he refuses to answer, no allowance or deduction shall be made on his assessment.
After Tuesday, May 12th Next,
no ALTERATIONS or CORRECTIONS in the assessments will be made for the present year.
Trustees of the Poor for Kent County
will be appointed on the Second Monday—13th day—of April next.
A KEEPER OF THE STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
will be appointed on
TUESDAY, 14th Day of April next.
☞ All persons having ACCOUNTS against the county are requested to present the same on or before
Tuesday, 26th Day of May next,
otherwise they may be excluded from the levy this year. All accounts properly chargeable to the county are required to be made out in a clear manner and itemized and rendered under oath.
All applications for pensions must be made in writing, stating the condition and circumstances of the application and vouched for by three or more freeholders having knowledge of facts therein set forth.
N. B.—All persons neglecting to have their assessments corrected, are hereby notified that no allowances for taxes paid in error, in consequence of such neglect, will be made.
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ALL TAX-PAYERS who have postponed, neglected or failed to pay their taxes for the year 1895, will take notice that on April First ALL UNPAID TAX BILLS MUST BE PLACED IN
The Hands of the Sheriff
and the language of the law is that the sheriff shall FORTHWITH Proceed to collect the same by legal process.
YOU ARE HEREBY WARNED and advised to take advantage of the last favorable opportunity and make settlement, full and complete, with the County Treasurer DURING MARCH.
☞**On APRIL First**
it will be necessary to settle with the Sheriff of the county, and thus be subject to additional costs, charges and trouble.
Respectfully,
GARRETT FOXWELL,
m12-3t. COUNTY TREASURER.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Attorney.
Order of Publication.
John N. Dodd, Plaintiff,
vs.
Clara Miller, Margaret Swift, Jacob H. Swift, Sarah Maria Bowser, Georgeanna Bowser, and Harriet Campbell, Defendants.
In the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland, in Equity.
THE object of this suit is to procure a decree for the sale of certain real estate situated in Kent county, Maryland, for the payment of the debts of Sarah Ann Anderson, late of Kent county, deceased.
Sarah Ann Anderson, colored, late of Kent county, deceased, departed this life sometime in the month of December, in the year 1895, and the said Sarah A. Anderson left no personal property, but did leave a house and lot of land situated on Cannon street, in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland. That the said Sarah A. Anderson, by her last will and testament devised the said house and lot of land unto her two daughters, Clara Miller, whose husband is dead, and Margaret Swift, whose husband is Jacob H. Swift, and who resides in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, to them the said Clara Miller and Margaret Swift, for their lives, and from and after their death unto the three nieces of the said Sarah A. Anderson, namely: Sarah Maria Bowser, Harriet Campbell, who your orator is advised and believes resides in Baltimore city, in the State of Maryland, and Georgeanna Bowser, who lives in New York, as will appear by a duly certified copy of said will, which is filed herewith and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill of complaint, and marked "Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 1." And your orator further shows that he was the funeral director, who had charge of the burial of the remains of the said Sarah A. Anderson, and he furnished the coffin and other materials necessary for her decent and proper burial, and the funeral expenses of the said Sarah A. Anderson amounted to the sum of forty-five dollars ($45.00), as will appear by itemized account filed herewith and marked "Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2."
And the bill further shows that the said Sarah A. Anderson, having left no personal estate out of which her funeral expenses could be paid, and in no way could your orator secure payment of his said account except by the aid of this honorable court under the provisions of Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, Section 188, as amended by Chapter 320 of the Acts of 1890.
And the bill alleges that the real estate of the said Sarah A. Anderson is worth from two to three hundred dollars.
To the end, therefore, that the real estate of the said Sarah A. Anderson, colored, deceased, may be sold, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of the claim of your orator, and of those of the other unsatisfied creditors of the said deceased.
It is thereupon, this 27th day of February, 1896, adjudged and ordered, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published and printed in Kent county aforesaid, once in each of four successive weeks before the 30th day of March, 1896, give notice to the said absent defendants of the object and substance of this bill and warning them to appear in this court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 20th day of April next, to show cause, if any they have, why a decree ought not to pass as prayed.
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Wednesday morning was the day set for the hearing of Thomas R. Brown, charged "with the wilful, deliberate and premeditated killing, on the sixth day of March, of Samuel M. Rash." The public had been looking forward to this for one week. The deep interest in the case was manifested by the immense throng which gathered in the court house for the purpose of listening to the testimony of the witnesses. So soon as Justice R Hopper Smith appeared at his desk in the court room the watchful crowd on the outside hurried to obtain favorable positions in the auditorium, literally filling the place in a short time. Shortly thereafter the deputy sheriff appeared with the prisoner. The defendant's counsel followed in a few moments. Immediately behind his counsel the prisoner took his place with an air of confidence which he maintained during the entire period of the hearing. Guilty or not guilty, he disclosed no trepidation. With a smile of self-satisfaction and an apparent feeling of assurance he watched every witness intently during the deliverance of their testimony with an interest which could hardly be noted as more acute than was evinced by other hearers in the court room. Whether or not he appreciated the seriousness of his situation was certainly not to be gathered from the manner in which he conducted himself while the hearing was in progress.

The first witness called to the stand was Mrs. Mary A. Rash, widow of the murdered man. Her testimony in substance was as follows:

No one was at our house the night of the murder but family and the two servants, George and Mary Rochester. My back was towards the window. Heard no noise, everything was perfectly quiet. Shot broke through the window, immediately after shot the light in the middle of the table was extinguished, my husband fell through the kitchen door. I hastened to the hall and think I made my way upstairs at once. I left my husband lying in the kitchen door. Mr. Rash cried out, "O! I am shot, I'm shot." The shutters of the dining room were open. It has been our custom to close these at bed time, though we have closed them on several occasions at earlier hours. The blinds on the windows had been raised. The window itself was lowered as was indicated by the broken glass after the shot. Mr. Rash had had no serious difficulty with any of his employees, though he had had several trivial disputes over settlements. These controversies occurred more than a year ago. My brother, Thomas R. Brown, was at our home the afternoon previous to the murder. Did not see my husband as he was not at the house. His visits I thought were of the brotherly social order. My husband and brother have had business dealings on more occasions than one.

On cross examination she said, it was too dark to see any one in the yard. Mr. Rash's position was such that he could not have seen any one at the window on the outside. The Thursday that Thomas R. Brown visited us my mother was there, but my brother did not know it when he came. Not an unusual visit, nor was it unusual for him to visit us. Mr. Rash visited Thomas R. Brown one Sunday afternoon about two weeks prior to the murder and carried three of his children. Made no mention on his return of any unpleasantness between himself and Brown. Have never known any grave difference to exist between my husband and brother, though they have not always agreed in their views concerning divers matters. Though Mr. Rash was at the time standing with his back towards window, I cannot say whether or not he was looking in the direction of or away from the window at the moment the fatal shot was fired. I was instructed by my husband not to sign a note for Mr. Brown. My husband has been on one note for Mr. Brown which has not yet been paid. I never heard anything said about anybody being shot, either at the hands of Mr. Brown, the hired men or other persons.

James D. Rash (a youth of ten years), son of the murdered man, was the next witness called. He explained the position of his father at the time of the murder and the several main facts connected with the perpetration of the deadly act. His testimony was substantially the same as his mother's. He said he had been instructed not to talk to any one about the murder.

George Rochester, colored, servant in Mr. Rash's employ, testified as follows: That John Haley came to the house with Mr. Rash when he returned from the mill on the day of the murder, he was with Mr. Rash a short time at the barn and then departed. He then described how he was startled by Mr. Rash's cries; how he inquired of Mr. Rash the trouble, and Mr. Rash replied that he was shot. The witness ran to Mr. Bishop's but found no one. On his return he met the man who lives with Mr. Bishop. Informed the man of the tragedy and the two went to the Rash home. Witness then hastened to summon Mr. McCollister. At this time the wounded man was lying in the same position where he had originally fallen, except that someone had placed a pillow under his head. After returning with Mr. McCollister Mr. Rash was still lying in the doorway, no one with him but the stranger living with Mr. Bishop. Mr. McCollister inquired of Rash who shot him. Mr. Rash replied by stating his suspicions. Before the witness repeated Mr. Rash's words the defense objected to their introduction as evidence. The State insisted on the admissibility of the testimony on the ground that the words of Mr. Rash were properly established dying declarations. The defense argued that the conditions and circumstances surrounding their utterances were not such as to clothe them with all the essentials of such declarations. The testimony was admitted. Witness then said that in reply to Mr. McCollister's question he said he was shot by "Tom Brown." Witness then left for Church Hill to procure services of physicians. The shot was fired a short time, only about ten or twenty minutes, after Mr. Rash had entered the kitchen subsequent to supper time which latter time was about seven o'clock. Mr. Rash would never leave his house after night to go a distance as far as the barn without the witness accompanied him. This attendance on witness' part was always at Mr. Rash's request. Mr. Rash may have gone at times without witness, but he knew of no such occasions. Heard dogs barking shortly prior to shooting. When they were on the outside of the house the dogs were usually in the rear of the house near the woodpile or the barn. It was no unusual thing, however, for the dogs to bark.

Mr. Chas. McCollister was the next witness. After detailing how he was informed by George Rochester of the homicide, which was at ten minutes of eight o'clock, and his immediate departure for the Rash homestead, he said that about two hundred and fifty yards down the road from his gate, on the Rash side of the road, was a peach orchard attached to the farm of Mr. Rash. When he entered the Rash home he asked the wounded man what was the matter. Rash replied he was shot, he was dying. Rash said to witness without further questioning that Tom Brown had shot him, he being the only man of sufficient ill will and malice against him to do him such an injury. This statement was positive, not conjectural or expressive of mere opinion. He fully realized his dying condition, after being placed on the lounge, so informed those in the room. Mr. Rash died at ten o'clock. Witness compared clock in Rash's kitchen with his own watch and discovered the clock to be seventeen minutes fast. The witness' watch was about correct according to railroad time. The peach orchard in question is northeast of the residence. It would take about eleven and a half minutes to walk from Rash's to peach orchard and return. About five miles from Browns' house to Rash's; but little difference to peach orchard. Roads were in excellent condition on night the murder was committed.

Montgomery Chapman testified that he lived with Davis Bishop, about three-quarters of a mile from S. M. Rash. Was on his way to Hayden's Station; left home about 7.20 o'clock; heard dogs barking shortly afterward, saw flash and heard report of gun. Heard screams, hastened in direction Rash's house and met darkey; darkey told him what had happened; went to the house, saw Mrs. Rash at stairway, who told him where he could find Mr. Rash. Found Mr. Rash, asked him who did it and he answered "I expect Tommie Brown did it." Got a pillow and put it under his head, then Mr. Rash said "I have been expecting this for two or three weeks, have been afraid to come down stairs without a light, but to-night they got me." Shortly after that Mr. McCollister reached there. Mr. Rash called several times for "Gus." Said "Gus come down here and bring the children, want to bid them good-bye." On cross-examination said, was about a quarter of a mile from the house when saw the flash. It was twenty minutes past seven when witness left Mr. Bishop's, had been walking probably about ten or twelve minutes when the flash was noted.

Dr. S. P. Roberts testified that he was called to the side of Mr. Rash the night he was shot. Probed for shot and found sixty-three in left side. The line of shot was about six inches from back bone, between the arm pit and hip. The arm was literally peppered. Judging by the angle at which the shot struck Mr. Rash, would presume he was standing with his side towards the gun. The window through which the load was fired was shattered. The lower part of the pane was broken while the glass in the upper half was not damaged. Numbers 8, 9, 7, 6 and 4 shot were extracted from Mr. Rash's body. Shot entered the body on a horizontal line apparently; but the course of the shot could have been at an elevated angle without being perceptible in the line made after the shot struck the body. Gun could have been fired at an angle of several degrees and yet not be detected by probing.

Dr. J. Lane Finley was the next witness. His testimony was similar to and corroborative of the evidence given by Dr. Roberts.

Mrs. Orem, the aunt of Brown, being the next witness, said, Thomas R. Brown went to Greensborough Friday morning, returned about three o'clock, there remained until after supper. Supper was before sundown. Left with a black mare called "Belle," it was light enough for her to distinctly see him. Drove in a york carriage, said he was going to Mr. Collier's. Went towards Roesville. Did not see him again until one o'clock Saturday morning. Came home, however, about ten o'clock and went to bed. Said he was sick, that is why she saw him at one o'clock. Usually slept down stairs, but that night after witness saw him he insisted upon going up stairs to sleep with his grandfather. Brown has recently been shooting at hawks and other birds and also at marks. Would write on paper, put that up as a mark and fire at it. This writing was done with pen and ink. Brown brought a colored man to the house named Allen under pretense of being a horse doctor. Brown was not in the habit of remaining at home at night. He would leave, as he said, to study and plan for his business. Sun set that day at about five minutes after six.

Thomas Coursey, colored, testified that he lives on road between Brown's place and Roesville. Saw Brown about sundown or little later. Saw him again later in the night. Brown said left Collier's about half past nine, conjectured it was about ten o'clock while conversing with witness. Brown surmised it was ten because he believed he could drive from Collier's to witness' place in half hour. Brown got some shot from witness about a month before murder, said he wanted to shoot hawks. The pouch in which these shot were given to Brown was mysteriously returned to witness' home the night of March 17th. It had not prior thereto been returned by Brown. Saturday morning after murder Brown came for witness to help him fix blade stack. Said nothing about work Friday night while at witness' house, only inquired the time. Called witness from bed for this purpose.

Harriet Coursey, colored, testified substantially as Thomas Coursey, her husband, relative to time of Brown's visit to her home, also about the finding of the pouch. Saw his carriage, which was a york carriage. Alfred Ewing was at house when pouch was discovered. Was absent from home during the day; found pouch at night. Witness said she remembered Brown had asked her husband Friday to help stack blades on the Saturday following. Witness thinks her husband first asked Brown about time.

John Seney, the next witness, said he was at his home in Roesville when Mr. Brown inquired for his mail about half past six. Brown's team was in front of store, it was a york carriage. He then moved on towards Hope. By this route he could strike a road leading to Hayden's. Distance to Hayden's is about three and a half miles. Brown told witness he was on his way to Mr. Collier's. The Hope route is not the shortest either to Hayden's or the Rash homestead. It is about five and a half or six miles from Rash's home to Mr. Collier's. It would have required about an hour and a half for Brown to have driven from Roe to Rash's via Hope and from there to Collier's.

Mr. John Collier, the next witness, testified that he was at home the night of the murder. Brown was at the home of the witness between half past seven and eight o'clock. This, he stated, was not a positive conviction. It may have been eight o'clock, perhaps even later. Did not notice the clock. The witness then narrated a chain of acts done by himself between the hour of supper, seven o'clock, and the hour Brown arrived. Has a clock, but very unreliable. It loses time. Witness had not told

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