

Police Court Nanaimo

Blake
Sobista Interpreter

Oct 16. 1865

Regina T. Dick a Pintblack Indian

Tom Courne Indian Policeman sworn

states I know the prisoner in the dock, his name is Dick, he is a Pintblack Indian. About 4 weeks ago there was an old man called Whattos, a Hainuntish Indian, he was blind both eyes, in the afternoon Coak eye a young Hainuntish Indian went to play with Whattos and he stabbed him, the whole of the Indians were very much incensed against Whattos for stabbing the young Indian, he did the same thing by another young Indian on a former occasion, the prisoner Dick who has Coak eye sister for a wife, was also very much excited. I saw him go to Whattos house & drag him to the beach near the water's edge, soon after I heard the report of a musket, I did not see the musket in the hands of prisoner while pulling the old man down, but afterwards I did, & saw him come from it, afterwards when I saw Whattos he was dead, with a bullet hole in his back - At the time the steamer was at Courne the prisoner was away making a row, when he came back I with other police apprehended him & brought him here. -

Tom his X mark

The above deposition of Tom was taken

Witness S. Courne & sworn before me at Nanaimo on the day & year first above mentioned. J. M. Franklyn J. O.
Judge of the Peace

The defence of Dick a Puiblack Indian
after being twice cautioned by Sergeant
Blakie that it would be used in evidence
against him -

It may be a month or two
months ago, I was outside my house at
Cannon making a stick for catching salmon
while there a Indian came & said come
here, ~~that~~ man has stabbed a man. I went
along to house & saw Cuck eye lying to all
appearance dead, all the Indians were
excited & one named Tungot said why
dont you shoot the old man, I then went
in company with two other Indians; I got
hold of him by his blanket another by his hair
& another by his ~~hair~~, we dropped him on the
beach near the water, they said why dont
you shoot him, I hesitated at first, but one
of the Indians brought me a musket &
said go close & shoot him in the back, I
took the gun & did so. One Indian was named
Bill the other I dont know, they are both at
Cannon. The musket belongs to one of the
Indian named Clockosha. The whole of the
Indians watched the old man tiller, he was
a bad man & it was not the first man he
had stabbed. I know what I have stated
and it is true

Seal his X mark

Witness George Maltz Taken before me
at Nanaimo the day & year first above mentioned

W. F. Maltz J. B.

Committed to take his trial at ^{the first day of August} before ~~the~~ assizes

Colony of Vancouver Island }
its dependencies to wit } The examination
of Tom, Indian, of
Comox taken this 16th day of October in the
year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
dred & sixty five, at Nanaimo in the
colony aforesaid, before the undersigned
one of her Majesty's justices of the Peace
for the said Colony & Stipendiary Magistrate
for Nanaimo Comox & Cowichan, in the
presence & hearing of Dick, Indian, who
is charged this day before me, for that he
the said Dick, about seven weeks ago, at
Comox did shoot & kill an Indian called
Wakathos.

This deponent Tom swears as
follows

The following depositions of Tom & Dick
were taken before me at Nanaimo on the
day and year just above mentioned. —

W J W. Magistrate J B
Stipendiary Magistrate

Regina

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Sick on Indian

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Depositions of Tom
an Indian Physician
and Sick a Pinduck
Indian

Regina

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Colony of Vancouver Island }
Five depositions to wit } The examination
of Tom of Cormor-
Beauchie of Cormor & Spohartie of Cape
Mudge. taken on oath this 20th day of
November in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred & sixty five at Nanaimo
in the Colony aforesaid, before the undersigned,
one of her Majesty's justices of the peace for the
said colony in the presence & hearing of
Quawish, Indian, who is charged this day
before me, in that he the said Quawish,
about 2 years ago, did kill & shoot a man
belonging to the Schooner Thornesdale.

These deponents, Tom Beauchie and
Spohartie, say as follows

The following depositions of
Tom Beauchie & Spohartie were taken
before me at Nanaimo on the day &
year first above mentioned.

W. J. Mackenzie, J. C.
Magistrate & Justice of the Peace.