INFORMATION.

COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
And its Dependencies,
To Wit:

The Information and Complaint of Francis Armstrong

of Victoria in the Colony aforesaid, taken this

Fifteenth day of January in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six before me Augusta

F Pemberton Esqre one of Her Majesty's Justices of

the Peace for the said Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, who being sworn upon his

Oath, saith I was part owner, and sailor

of the Schooner "Thorndyke" two years

ago I do not know what month

but it was in the summer the

schooner was lying about eight or ten miles below ~~at~~ the mouth

of Salmon River on the Coast of

Vancouver Island about one

hundred and forty miles from

Nanaimo in the Colony aforesaid

we weighed anchor and hoisted

the sail when a canoe with

two Indians approached from

the shore, one of the Indians

offered a duck for sale, and

then returned to shore, afterwards

they came back accompanied

by another canoe with one man

and a boy, the same man who

offered the duck for sale advised

us to come to an anchor and he

would kill some deer for us

in the morning; finally we

anchored in a small harbor, there

were two men in the schooner at

the time one named Jim who was

the captain and the other man
Charley who was the cook
besides myself; Sim the
captain was the owner of
the schooner.

In the morning an Indian
came and took up a bag
of salt Charley saw him
and sung out to him when
he dropped it. it was
very calm and we then
got out the oars and pulled.
The Indian who had offered
the duck for sale then came off
to the schooner accompanied
by the same Indians, they
followed us astern in their
canoes, and shortly I heard
the report of guns and I
saw Sim fall down dead, Charley
was shot in the shoulder, the
Indians then went on shore
and fired at the schooner.
Charley lived about three quarters
of an hour after he was shot.
A breeze sprung up and I hoisted
the sail and I saw a canoe with
the Indians some distance ahead
they commenced firing at the
schooner again, another schooner
then came in sight, and they
went back, the owner of the
other schooner named Nom Coffin
put a man on board my schooner
and we went into Fort Rupert
where we buried the deceased Sim and
Charley

One of the Indians who attacked us was not a young man and had a scar on his face. the leader of the Indians was ~~also~~ a young man.

his
Francis X Marmetowil
mark

Witness
A. Thearstone

Recorded

The tribe of the Indians was "Euclataw"

his
Francis X Hermatowel
mark

Witness
A. Theatston

Sworn before me the day and date above written

S. P. Burlington

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Francis Warnelford

INFORMATION.

COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
And its Dependencies,
To Wit:

The Information and Complaint of Horace Coffin

of Victoria in the Colony aforesaid, taken this

Seventh day of January in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six before me

Augustus Frederick Pemberton Esq one of Her Majesty's Justices of

the Peace for the said Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, who being sworn upon his

Oath, saith I was master of the Schooner Nanaimo Packet in the year 1863. On the 8th of April nautical time or 9th of April civil time, when within about five miles of Salmon River, Vancouver Island, about 10 O'Clock in the forenoon, I bore down to the Schooner J. R. Thoundyke, then showing signals of distress. I found only one man alive on board: his name is "Franck"; he told me that about two hours before my arrival the Schooner J.R.P. had been attacked by four Indians and an Indian boy, who had fired at two of his companions and killed them. He showed me the two men. They were wounded in the back: each had four wounds: one of them, whose name I believe was Jim, had the mark of two balls which had passed through his head; he had also two gun-shots in the back between the shoulders. The other, whose name I believe was Charley, had the marks of two balls which had grazed his head from behind, and also two gunshot wounds which passed from behind through the shoulder and out at his breast. We buried the bodies at Port Rupert

H Coffin

Sworn before me the day
and date above written
A. Pemberton

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Horace Coffin

v

Freedman

Choctaw Indian

Province of Vancouver Island
and its Dependencies
to Wit:

Police Court
18th Jan.y 1866.

The deposition
of Tom
George, a Cowichan Indian who deposeth
and saith, through Harry
Wilmer who is duly sworn
to interpret truly, as follows.

being duly sworn on oath

I arrested the prisoner
Quamish at the Euclataw
camp about three months
ago; I brought him to
Nanaimo; at Nanaimo
I told the prisoner Mr. Franklyn
wanted to speak to him;
the prisoner said he was
not ashamed as he had
stolen nothing, he told me
some white men had charged
him with theft and in
consequence the white men
had put him from off
their schooner into his
canoe; and that when
he was in his canoe
he fired on them, and
then went away

his
Tom X
mark

Witness
Harry Wilmer.

Sworn before me the
day and date above written
at Victoria.

A. Pemberton J.P.

Depositions

Regina
v
Quannish
Murder