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Colony of Vancouver
Island and its
Dependencies -
to wit

An Inquest on the body
of Peliqualo an Indian of
Cowichan deceased, held at the
House of Patrick Brennan at
Cowichan before me John Morley
one of Her Majesty's Justices of the
Peace for the Colony of Vancouver
Island and its dependencies, Acting
Coroner for the district of Cowichan
and the following Jury, on Saturday
the thirteenth day of January
one thousand eight hundred and
sixty six, -

~~Robert W. Kelley~~

" ~~Marshall~~

Mr. Joseph Graham was chosen foreman

The Jury were

Edward Morrison

Thomas B. Hull

Peter Carr

James Kelly

George Howard

George Dean

John Simon

Patrick Brennan

William Dargie

Daniel Kuhl

The Jury having viewed the body
of the deceased the following evidence
was taken

INFORMATION.

COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND }
And its Dependencies, }
To Wit: }

The Information and Complaint of *Selciltakoo*

of *Somenos*, district of *Cowichan* in the Colony aforesaid, taken the
eleventh day of *January* in the year of o

Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty *six* before me
John Morley one of Her Majesty's Justices

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

Through Harry Mellence who is sworn to interpret truly, about one month ago I was at my house at the Somenos Camp I saw an Indian named Seelumpton sitting down near the fire, shortly afterwards a Somenos Indian named Peliqualee entered at the door, Seelumpton then got up and walked towards him, Peliqualee was a little drunk and put one arm round his neck, Seelumpton without any provocation drew a knife and stab'd him in the abdomen, An Indian woman named Squelagulet was present when this took place, Seelumpton also stab'd her when he had done this he went away the next night Peliqualee died. Seelumpton was a little drunk at the time.

Selciltakoo
my X mark

Taken and sworn before me the day and date before named

John Morley J.P.
Acting Justice

Cowichan January 19. 78
Thirtieth Eighteen Hundred and
Sixty Six

Having been duly sworn deposed and being
Select Ator. I have had my information
read and it is true. I see the prisoner
present and he is the man.

By a Juror it was in my house that
the murder was committed. I saw all
that I have narrated

Silcilatshun

his X mark

Geo. Morley J. P.
Acting Coroner

Witness

Harry Wilson

Corrihan I Am on the Thirtieth
Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Six

^{having been duly sworn deponent and said}
Pallak. Somers Indian deponent
and said about four weeks ago I was
mending the fire in my house.
I heard the deceased who was drunk
shouting outside my house.

Sealumpson was in my house and
was drunk he walked towards the
deceased who had a knife in his hand.
The deceased was shouting that we
should take him as he had a knife
in his hand. Sealumpson walked
towards him near the door. They
walked together towards each other
I saw a knife in the hand of
the prisoner, but there was not much
light as there was but a small fire.
I did not see the prisoner strike the
deceased. ~~say~~ when the deceased
came to the fire I saw that he was
stabbed in the abdomen. before then
the deceased did not appear to know
that he was stabbed, the prisoner
then went to his bed. I was present
when I heard the deceased tell his
Wife it was Sealumpson who
had stabbed him.

Pallak

his X mark

For Jurvey L. P.

Acting Coroner

Witness

Harry Wilson

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Tombau January Thirtieth
Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Six

Squalaqualt. I saw a man
Indian woman deposed and
says, the prisoner is my man
I remember about four weeks
ago, he was drunk over at the
Tombau camp, he came to
my bed to look for his knife
he could not find his large one
but got a small knife, the
deceased and the prisoner met
near the door, I was afraid of
my man and hid myself, so
that I did not see what followed

Squalaqualt

her X mark

Geo. Woyley J. P.
Acting Coroner

Witness

Harry Wilson

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Comehan January Thirtieth
Eight hundred and Sixty Six.

^{Having been duly sworn.}
Dr. John Dore, ~~of~~ Dr. D.
deposeth and saith, I was
called on to see the deceased
on the Twenty third of December
last. I found him with a wound
of about three and a half inches in
length on the left side, which
appeared to be occasioned by a knife
and the greater part of the small
intestines were protruding. The
deceased ^{said he} was laying beside
another Indian asleep, and that
he was stab'd and did not know
who did it, I have no doubt that
the deceased died from the
effects of the wound, he died
the next morning. I identify
the body as that of the deceased
narr'd by the Jury.

Signed

J. Lane D. M.D.

J. Newley J. P.
Acting Coroner

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Lewichaw January Nineteenth
Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Six.

Statement of deceased, having been
subj. examined says I was very
drunk and have no recollection
of what I did, the deceased
was also very drunk. The deceased
~~attached a knife in his hand,~~

Signed
J. Selampton

Witness Harry Wilmer

his x mark.
H. Mowley J. P.

Acting Coroner

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The finding of the Jury:

The deceased Pelagius came
to his death by a stab inflicted
by the prisoner Salsumpton and
the jury a verdict of Wilful Murder
against the said Salsumpton.

Joseph Graham - Foreman -

David Kent
George Dean
Geo H Lawrence
John Lemon
Thomas Batterell
Edward Manner
Patrick Brennan
James Kelly
Peterborn
William Dargy
+
his mark

The Jurorley P. P
Acting Coroner