

Colony of British Columbia
and its dependencies
To-wit

The examination of Wm. Mc. Swan
acting Coroner's Guard taken on oath
the 29th day of June 1871, of Wm. Bowden
Inspector of Police and of Philip
Woolacott Gaoler of the Victoria
Gaol taken on oath the 30th day
of June 1871 at the Police Court,
Victoria in the Colony aforesaid before
the undersigned one of Her Majesty's
Justices of the Peace for the said
Colony in the hearing and in the
presence of Cornu' an Indian who
is charged this day before me with
being on the 21st June 1871 at Victoria
lawfully in the custody of Philip
Woolacott Gaoler of the Victoria Gaol
under and by virtue of a warrant of
A. G. Pemberton Esq. Stipendiary
Magistrate upon a summary conviction
for Larceny hath unlawfully, and
wilfully, escaped from the said Gaol
and from and out of the custody of him
the said Philip Woolacott the Keeper
thereof before the expiration of a certain
term for which he the said Cornu'
was ordered to be imprisoned and kept
to hard labour therein contrary to
the statute in such case made and
provided -

A. Pemberton Esq.



INFORMATION.

COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA }
AND ITS DEPENDENCIES. }
To Wit.

THE INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT of *William M. Swan* (acting Comptroller) of *Victoria*, taken this *27* day of *June* 187 /, before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, who, being duly sworn, upon oath deposeth saith:—

On the afternoon of the 21st inst. at about 3 o'clock I was in charge of part of the Chain gang with the fardens of Government House Victoria in the Colony aforesaid when the Indian Coma showed one of the gang broke away and escaped in Company with the Indian Tommy Officer Stafford and I arrested Coma the same night in Comorant Street.

Wm M Swan

SWORN before me the day and year }
first before mentioned, }

A. P. Macleod
P. M.

Police Court
30th June 1871

Suspecta Wm Bowden being
duly sworn upon oath deposed
and said.

I am Suspecta of Police at
Victoria. I know the Prisoner
"Cama" and was present, when
he was committed before the
Magistrate of the District of
Larcom on the 7th inst. and
had in a certificate from
the Clerk of the Police Court
to the same effect.

W. Bowden

A. P. Pennington

Police Court Victoria
30th June 1871

I hereby certify that "Coma"
a Fort Rupert Indian was
convicted before the Stipendiary
Magistrate Victoria of Larceny
on the 7th June 1871, and
sentenced to undergo six
months' imprisonment with
hard labour.

H. N. Ford
Clerk &c.

A. H. Pemberton
S. M.

Philip Lamb
30th June 1871

Philip Woolacote being duly
sworn upon oath deposes and saith

I am factor of the faul at
Victoria, I know the Sudean
Cuma who is reported to have
escaped on the 21st inst. He was
committed to Prison on the 7th
inst. for larceny and was ^{sentenced} to
undergo six months imprison-
ment with hard labour. His
sentence has not expired -
I identify him as being the same
Sudean who is reported to have
escaped.

P. Woolacote.

A. Henderson

The above depositions of W. M. Swan
of William Bowden and Philip
Coallacott were taken and sworn
before me on the 27th June 1871 and
on the 30th June 1871 respectively.

A. P. Lamberton J. M.

No 6

Received

5th December 1871

R Woods.

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Repositions

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Coma (an Indian)

Escape from Gaol

Witnesses

W. M. Swan

Wm Broden

Philip Wollacott