

In the District Court of the United States, in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, of August _____ Sessions, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one. _____

Eastern District of Pennsylvania, ss.

The GRAND INQUEST of the United States of America, inquiring for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on their oaths and affirmations respectively do present, that—
Castner Hanaway, Yeoman of the District aforesaid, Elijah Lewis Yeoman of the District aforesaid, and Joseph Scarlet _____

yeoman, of the District aforesaid, owing allegiance to the United States of America, wickedly devising and intending the peace and tranquillity of the said United States to disturb, and to prevent the execution of the laws thereof within the same, to wit, a law of the said United States, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters," approved February twelfth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and also a law of the said United States, entitled "An act to amend, and supplementary to, the act entitled 'An act respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters,' approved February twelfth one thousand seven hundred and ninety three," which latter supplementary act was approved September eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, on the eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, in the County of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania and District aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, wickedly and traitorously did intend to levy war against the said United States within the same. _____

And to fulfil and bring to effect the said traitorous intention of them, the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____ they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____

afterwards, to wit, on the day and year aforesaid, in the State District and County aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with a great multitude of persons, whose names to this Inquest are as yet unknown, to a great number, to wit, to the number of one hundred persons and upwards, armed and arrayed in a warlike manner, that is to say, with guns, swords, and other warlike weapons, as well offensive as defensive, being then and there unlawfully and traitorously assembled, did traitorously assemble and combine against the said United States, and then and there, with force and arms, wickedly and traitorously, and with the wicked and traitorous intention to oppose and prevent, by means of intimidation and violence, the execution of the said laws of the United States within the same, did array and dispose themselves in a warlike and hostile manner against the said United States, and then and there, with force and arms, in pursuance of such their traitorous intention, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____ with the said persons so as aforesaid, wickedly and traitorously did levy war against the United States. _____

And further to fulfil and bring to effect the said traitorous intention of them the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____ and in pursuance and in execution of the said wicked and traitorous combination to oppose, resist and prevent the said laws of the United States from being carried into execution, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____

afterwards, to wit, on the day and year first aforesaid, in the State, District and County aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction aforesaid, with the said persons whose names to this Inquest are as yet unknown, did wickedly and traitorously assemble against the said United States with the avowed intention by force of arms and intimidation, to prevent the execution of the said laws of the said United States within the same; and in pursuance and execution of such their wicked and traitorous combination, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet*

then and there with force and arms, with the said persons to a great number, to wit, the number of one hundred persons and upwards, armed and arrayed in a warlike manner, that is to say, with guns, swords, and other warlike weapons, as well offensive as defensive, being then and there unlawfully and traitorously assembled, did wickedly knowingly and traitorously resist and oppose one Henry H. Kline, an officer duly appointed by Edward D. Ingraham, Esquire, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the said District, in the execution of the duty of the office of the said Kline, he, the said Kline being appointed by the said Edward D. Ingraham, Esquire, by writing under his hand to execute warrants and other process issued by him the said Ingraham in the performance of his duties as Commissioner under the said laws of the United States; and then and there, with force and arms, with the said great multitude of persons, so as aforesaid unlawfully and traitorously assembled, and armed and arrayed in manner as aforesaid, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet*

wickedly and traitorously did oppose and resist, and prevent the said Kline from executing the lawful process to him directed and delivered by the said Commissioner against sundry persons, then residents of said County, who had been legally charged before the said Commissioner as being persons held to service or labor in the State of Maryland, and owing such service or labor to a certain Edward Gorsuch under the laws of the said State of Maryland had escaped therefrom into the said Eastern District of Pennsylvania; which process, duly issued by the said Commissioner, the said Kline then and there had in his possession, and was then and there proceeding to execute as by law he was bound to do; and so the grand Inquest, upon their respective oaths and affirmations aforesaid, do say, that the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* in manner aforesaid as much as in them lay, wickedly and traitorously did prevent, by means of force and intimidation, the execution of the said laws of the United States in the said State and District.

And further to fulfil and bring to effect the said traitorous intention of them, the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet*

and in further pursuance and in execution of the said wicked and traitorous combination to oppose, resist, and prevent the execution of the said laws of the said United States, in the State and District aforesaid, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet*

afterwards, to wit, on the day and year first aforesaid, in the State, county, and district aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this court, with the said persons whose names to the grand Inquest aforesaid are as yet unknown, did wickedly and traitorously assemble against the said United States with the avowed intention, by means of force and intimidation, to prevent the execution of the said laws of the United States in the State and district aforesaid, and in pursuance and execution of such their wicked and traitorous combination and intention, then and there in the State, district, and county aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with force and arms, with a great multitude of persons, to wit, the number of one hundred persons and upward, armed and arrayed in a warlike manner, that is to say, with guns, swords, and other warlike weapons, as well offensive as defensive, being then and there unlawfully and traitorously assembled, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* did, knowingly and unlawfully assault the said Henry H. Kline, he the said Kline being an officer appoint-

ed by writing under the hand of the said Edward D. Ingraham, Esquire, a commissioner under said laws, to execute warrants and other process, issued by the said commissioner in the performance of his duties as such; and they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____ did then

and there, traitorously with force and arms, against the will of the said Kline, liberate and take out of his custody persons by him before that time arrested, and in his lawful custody then and there being, by virtue of lawful process against them issued by the said commissioner, they being legally charged with being persons held to service or labor in the State of Maryland and owing such service or labor to a certain Edward Gorsuch under the laws of the said state of Maryland, who had escaped therefrom into the said district; and so the Grand Inquest aforesaid, upon their oaths and affirmations aforesaid, do say, that they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____

as much as in them lay, did then and there, in pursuance and in execution of the said wicked and traitorous combination and intention, wickedly and traitorously, by means of force and intimidation, prevent the execution of the said laws of the United States, in the said State and district. _____

And further to fulfill and bring to effect the said traitorous intention of them, the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____ and in pursuance and in execution of the said wicked and traitorous combination to oppose, resist and prevent the said laws of the United States from being carried into execution, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____ afterwards, to wit, on the day and year first aforesaid, and on divers other days both before and afterwards in the State and District aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with the said persons to this Inquest as yet unknown, maliciously and traitorously did meet, conspire, consult, and agree among themselves, further to oppose, resist, and prevent, by means of force and intimidation, the execution of the said laws herein before specified. _____

And further to fulfil, perfect, and bring to effect the said traitorous intention of them, the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____

and in pursuance and execution of the said wicked and traitorous combination to oppose and resist the said laws of the United States from being carried into execution, in the State and District aforesaid, they the said *Castner Hanaway, Elijah Lewis and Joseph Scarlet* _____

together with the other persons whose names are to this Inquest as yet unknown, on the day and year first aforesaid, and on divers other days and times, as well before and after, at the District aforesaid within the jurisdiction of the said Court, with force and arms maliciously and traitorously did prepare and compose, and did then and there maliciously and traitorously cause and procure to be prepared and composed, divers books, pamphlets, letters, declarations, resolutions, addresses, papers and writings, and did then and there maliciously and traitorously publish and disperse and cause to be published and dispersed divers other books, pamphlets, letters, declarations, resolutions, addresses, papers, and writings, the said books, pamphlets, letters, declarations, resolutions, addresses, papers, and writings, so respectively prepared, composed, published and dispersed, as last aforesaid, containing therein, amongst other things incitements, encouragements and exhortations, to move, induce and persuade persons held to service in any of the United States by the laws thereof, who had escaped into the said district, as well as other persons, citizens of said district, to resist, oppose, and prevent, by violence and intimidation, the execution, of the said laws, and also containing therein instructions and directions how and upon what occasion, the traitorous purposes last aforesaid, should and might be carried into effect contrary to the form of the act of Congress in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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