

*From the Montreal Courier.*

We copy from the *Niagara Chronicle*, the following verdict of the coroner's jury, on the subject of the late slave-riot at that place:

'At ten o'clock on Sunday morning the Jury, having been confined seventeen hours, returned their verdict as follows:

"Unanimously in the case of Herbert Holmes, *justifiable homicide*. By twelve of the jurors, in the case of Jacob Green, that the deceased was killed by a wound inflicted by a sharp cutting instrument, but whether justifiably or unjustifiably, there is not sufficient evidence before the jury for them to decide."

As the whole of the evidence is not yet before the public, it is not in our power to express any opinion as to the propriety or impropriety of the verdict.

Several of our cotemporaries in Upper Canada are discussing with considerable earnestness the propriety of the order for the delivery of the colored man to his claimants, which gave occasion to the riot. In justice to the Lieutenant Governor, we give his answer to the petition from Niagara, praying him not to issue it. It is as follows:—

"Gentlemen—I participate with you in the feelings which have dictated your address, and I will lose no time in communicating with her Majesty's government on the general subject of this province, delivering up men of color to the American authorities.

"In the present instance, however, I regret to state that I cannot depart from the opinion which in council I deliberately expressed on the subject.

"It is true a slave in the United States is not a free agent, and that he becomes so the instant he arrives in Upper Canada, but in obtaining freedom, he becomes also responsible for his conduct like other free men. British law gives him as much freedom as belongs to British subjects, but no more; this land of liberty cannot be made an asylum for the guilty of any color.

"The individual in question has been proved to have been guilty of recent felony. I believe him to have committed it, and I have reason to believe that you also are of that opinion.

"Under these circumstances, I cannot, on account of his color, conscientiously refuse to deliver him up to the American authorities."