

CLA-28: Newspaper Cuttings concerning
Robert George Clabburn (c. 1828-1863,
younger brother of William Houghton Clabburn)
and his son Robert Clabburn (1850-1868)

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1. London Gazette, Tue 9 Mar 1852, p 763

[<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/21299/page/763/data.pdf>]

**COURT FOR RELIEF OF INSOLVENT
DEBTORS.**

Saturday the 6th day of March 1852.

ORDERS have been made, vesting in the Pro-
visional Assignee the Estates and Effects of the
following Persons :

On their own Petitions.

Robert George Clabburn, late of No. 12, Castle Meadow,
Norwich, Norfolk, Surgeon Dentist, out of business.—
In the Gaol of Norwich.

2. The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Monday 13 December 1852 p 4
[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/4788464>]

December 11—**Cloriana**, ship, 1050 tons, Henry Toynbee, commander, from London via Plymouth. September 11th. Passengers. Cabin—Mr and Mrs **Clabburn** and family, Mrs Escott and family, Mr Mrs and Miss Edwards, Mr and Mrs Fox, Miss Horton, Mr and Mrs Howson and family, Miss Thompson, Miss King, Miss Pritchard, Messrs Atkins, J. H. Boreham, W Poor, G W Blackburn, H Wastard, H I J Newton, G Lee, H I Reed, A D Ridsdale, J C Watter, H Watter, M Firth, Esq. surgeon, and one hundred and twenty in the intermediate and steerage. Dalgety, Gore, and Co, agents.

3. Geelong Advertiser and Intelligencer (Vic. : 1851 - 1856) Saturday 9 July 1853 p 2
[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/94358808>]

DENTAL SURGERY.
MR. CLABBURN, Surgeon Dentist,
respectfully announces to the inhabitants of Geelong, that he may be consulted on **FRIDAY** and **SATURDAY**, the 15th and 16th instant. Inquiries can be made at Mr. **THOMAS**'s, Chemist and Druggist, Market-square, Geelong.

4. Geelong Advertiser and Intelligencer (Vic. : 1851 - 1856) Thursday 19 January 1854 p 3
[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/86414461>]

DENTAL SURGERY.
MR. CLABBURN, Surgeon Dentist,
begs to inform his Patients, that he has entered into Partnership with Monsieur Beurteaux, and that the establishment in Market Square, (formerly conducted by Monsieur Beurteaux) will, on and after this date, Thursday, December 16th, be re-opened and conducted by Messrs Beurteaux and **Clabburn**. Mr. Clabburn will be in attendance daily, when he may be consulted in all branches of the profession.
Hours from 10 till 5.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned, under the firm and style of Messrs. BEURTEAUX and CLABBURN, Surgical and Mechanical Dentists, Market-square, Geelong is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All outstanding debts to be paid to the said R. G. Clabburn,

L. A. BEURTEAUX
R. G. CLABBURN.

Witness, H. E. Combe, Solicitor.
Geelong, 20th April, 1854.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 18th October.

Before his Worship the Mayor, Police Magistrate, and T. Sheppard, Esq., J.P.

DRUNKARDS.

Samuel Apperly, Alexander Blair, William Fisher, John White, Thomas Smith, and Ann Young, alias Wade, were severally fined in sums of 40s for drunkenness the day preceding.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION.

Mr James Wallace, of the Eureka Inn, was called upon at the instance of Mr William Candy, to show cause why a certain bay mare, now in the respondent's possession, branded CEL on the off shoulder, which was stolen from him in June last, should not now be delivered up.

The affidavits having been sworn to, an order for restoration was made, Mr Wallace having his remedy against Mr Henry Jackson, from whom he purchased by private sale, on 26th of September last.

FORGERY.

Robert Clabburn was placed in the dock charged with forging a document for £50, for the purpose of defrauding Mr James Sheppard.

John Day, Esq., M.D., being sworn, stated—That on Wednesday afternoon, the 18th of October, instant, Mr James Sheppard called at his residence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the signature of John Day, affixed to a certain bill of exchange for £50, at three months date from the 17th October, and made payable at the Bank of Victoria, was a genuine signature; the bill of exchange now produced is the one in question, and the signature of John Day upon the face of it is a forgery.

The bill is drawn in favor of Mr James Sheppard, and John Day is purported to be the drawer.

Mr George Staveley the Solicitor, being sworn, deposed—That on Wednesday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, he accompanied the prisoner, Clabburn to Dr. Day's house, and that he there admitted before Dr. Day, that the signature of John Day to the bill of exchange as acceptor, was a forgery; witness caused the prisoner to be arrested in consequence.

Br Mr Combe—The prisoner was very much confused when the forged document was handed to Dr. Day's inspection.

Mr James Sheppard, residing in Skene-street, New Town, being sworn, stated—That the document purporting to be a bill of exchange now produced, was handed to him on Wednesday morning, the 18th October, for the purpose of discounting; witness discounted the bill, charging the holder £10 for three months discount, and handing over to the prisoner, Robert Clabburn, the difference of £40; did not for the time suspect the bill was a forgery, but some doubts arising in his mind, two or three hours afterwards, he waited upon Mr Staveley, the lawyer, and accompanied that gentleman to Mr Clabburn's office, in Ryrie-street: subsequent to this event, with the parties to Dr Day's house, when the prisoner, upon being challenged, admitted that the signature of John Day was fictitious; Clabburn subsequently returned witness the £40, the proceeds of the bill, less the discount of £10.

The prisoner declining making any defence, was fully committed to take his trial at the next Assize Court in this town, on the 16th of October instant, and the parties bound over to prosecute.

GEELONG.

COURT OF ASSIZE FOR GEELONG, AND COUNTY OF
GRANT.

Thursday, October 26th.

Before Mr Justice Williams, and the following
Jury :—

George Gouley, Richard Gray, George Gray, John
Gray, John Gray, Michael Griffin, Henry Grass,
William Gribble, John Grove, John Godey, Daniel
Goodal, and Austin Gould.

FORGERY.

Robert Clabburn was indicted for forging a bill
of exchange for £50, with the intent to defraud
one James Sheppard, on the 18th October inst.

The prisoner was indicted under two counts,
the one for forgery, and the other for uttering,
knowing the same to be forged.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

James Sheppard deposed, that he resides in
Skene street, Geelong. The prisoner brought
to his place on the day in the indictment a bill
of exchange for £50 for discount; witness gave
him the money for it, and afterwards enquired
if the bill was genuine, from the acceptor, Dr.
Day. Dr. Day denied having accepted the bill;
and when witness informed the prisoner of this
circumstance, he admitted that Dr. Day's signa-
ture was not genuine, the prisoner said he had
not touched the money, and would pay it all
back again, and did so in the course of the

same day.

Mr. Ireland, for the defence, admitted that
his client had involved himself in very unplea-
sant circumstances by his own imprudence, but
there being another John Day, belonging to
Geelong, and the signature in question not
bearing the slightest resemblance to Dr. John
Day's, the medical practitioner, and the circum-
stance also of the amount charged for discount,
and the further fact that the whole of the pro-
ceeds had been handed back to the witness
Shepherd, no fraud or forgery could be laid
against his unfortunate client. They would
also bear in mind that this bill of exchange was
made payable on the Victoria bank, whereas
Dr. John Day, the alleged acceptor, banks at
the Union Bank of Australia.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and
the prisoner was discharged.

GEELONG CIRCUIT COURT.
CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.
Thursday, 26th October, 1854.
(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Williams.)
FORGERY.

Robert Claburn pleaded not guilty to forging the name of Dr. John Day to a bill of exchange for the sum of £50, payable in three months.

James Sheppard proved to the prisoner presenting the bill produced to him for discount. He discounted it, charging £10 for doing so. On enquiry afterwards, he and Mr. Stavey told the prisoner that they doubted the signature. Prisoner replied, "Well it isn't," and he offered to repay the money. He did refund it during the day.

Cross-examined: I have heard that there is another John Day in Geelong.

George Stavey corroborated the evidence of Mr. Sheppard.

John Day said the signature to the bill produced was not his; it was not at all like it. He banked at the Union Bank of Australia. The bill was accepted at the Bank of Victoria.

Mr. Ireland addressed the jury for the defence, commenting upon the exorbitant rate of interest charged, viz., 80 per cent.

The jury almost immediately returned a verdict of acquittal, and the prisoner was discharged.

TEETH. TEETH. TEETH.

MR. **CLABBURN**, Surgeon Dentist, may be consulted daily, at his private rooms, at Mr. Lefler's, Wellington-street, near the Elephant and Castle.

Artificial Teeth replaced on the newest principle, and so as to defy detection by the closest observer.

Teeth stopped with gold or liquid enamel, so as to arrest all further decay or pain.

CHILDREN'S TEETH REGULATED.

Teeth extracted under the influence of chloroform.

Families attended at their own residence, if required.

Hours of attendance, from 10 till 5.

Nov. 1.

10. The People's Advocate or True Friend of Tasmania (Launceston, Tasmania) Thursday 5 June 1856

p 2, col 4

[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/232751987>]

Gordwin v. Clabburn.
Moore v. the same.
Two suits recovering the amount of £10 and £8 16s 9d for work done and performed in advertising and printing. Promise of payment by defendant was proved in respect to both claimants, and judgment was given in their favour for the full amounts.

11. Launceston Examiner 19 June 1856, page 3, col 2

[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/36297963>]

Insolvency Court 19 Jun, Wed Jun 17, before W. G. Sams, Esq., Commissioner

In re Robert George Clabburn, dentist.—
First meeting. Debts proved—James Williams, £24 4s.; George Butterworth, £12 15s.; Examiner Office, £5 4s. 6d.; John Harwood, £8. Mr. Atkinson was appointed permanent assignee. There was no furniture, and Mr. Atkinson said the tools-of-trade of insolvent had been distrained upon by the landlord, as he (Mr. Atkinson) thought, illegally.

The Commissioner said, the landlord had a right to do so.
Adjourned to 9th July.

(Further adjournments in subsequent appearances)

Insolvency Court, July 23rd, Before Mr W. G. Sams

In re Robert George Clabburn.—Ad-
journed meeting of creditors, and on
application for discharge. Debt proved,—
J. J. Moore, £27 1s. 9d. Mr. Moore and
Mr. Butterworth put several questions to
insolvent respecting his habits of life
Insolvent denied having represented that
he had an income of £25 per week. He
was also questioned respecting his expenses
at the Club Hotel, and the disposal of a
horse. Mr. Moore and Mr. Butterworth
applied for an adjournment for an expla-
nation of the accounts. A good deal of

discussion took place on the subject. The
schedule filed by insolvent, who is a
dentist, showed that his income was £600
a year, and he admitted that he had few
losses. The insolvent complained of the
opposition. Mr. Moore said he could prove
that insolvent had lived at an extravagant
rate, and had made a false representation
to induce Mr. Harwood to give him credit.
Mr. Harwood was examined, and said that
when insolvent gave him a bill for the
amount due to Harwood, he said that was
the only debt he owed. The Commissioner
observed, that to constitute fraud the
representation should be made when the
debt was incurred. After some further
discussion, the case was adjourned to 6th
August on discharge.

Mr. George Harwood. First meeting.

Insolvency Court, 6 Aug. Before W.G. Sams, Esq., Commissioner

In re Robert George Clabburn.—On application for discharge. Examined by Mr. Gleadow—This is the only account-book I have (produced); from 7th February to 31st May I kept a daily account; I can give no reason, unless it was my being in the country, for not continuing to keep that account; I have sworn that my schedule is a correct account; I paid some of my debts; some were standing fifteen months; payment of those debts was connected to a considerable amount with law expenses; they were just claims against me; I had not the means to pay them; the last debt I was sued for was one due to Mr. Bennett; that was in May, and had been standing about ten months; I was declared insolvent in June; my business was almost a cash business throughout, and exceeding 600*l.* per annum; my out-standing debts are not above 5*l.*; I attribute my insolvency to pressure by my creditors; I suppose the pressure arose from my contracting debts which I could not or would not pay; my debts are stated correctly at over 213*l.*; it is therefore shown that although my receipts were about 34*l.* per month, I contracted debts to the extent of 213*l.*; I don't admit that I have been gambling in the ordinary sense of the term;

I cannot account for my insolvency; I had some champagne, &c., on the occasion of my son's birth day; I did not often indulge in freaks of that nature; nearly the whole of the debts on the schedule have been contracted within the last twelve months; my furniture was sold by auction; that furniture is still on my premises; it never was removed; I swear I never bought it.

By Mr. Douglas.—The furniture was sold for rent, and was handed over to me since my insolvency by Mr. Stubbs. I had a furnished house before going into lodgings: the furniture was sold as in the schedule; Mr. Williams was the only creditor who refused my offer to pay my debts in six months; I had been sued by three parties when I declared myself insolvent.

Mr. Gleadow said the insolvent had clearly contracted debts without reasonable expectation of paying them, and had dissipated his means. Insolvent had hardly paid a debt without being sued, and although he had, according to his own admission, an income of £600, he was living at the rate of about £800.

Mr. Douglas said the fact of insolvent having an income of £600 gave him reasonable expectation of paying his debts, and on the whole there was no legal ground

for opposing the discharge.

The commissioner was of the same opinion, and insolvent was discharged.

PRIVATE EXECUTION.—On Tuesday morning last Anthony Clarke who was tried and found guilty at the last Sittings of the Launceston Supreme Court, for the wilful murder of John Kendall at Paddy's Scrub, near Deloraine, a few months since, underwent the extreme penalty of the law in the Launceston gaol yard, in the presence of the authorities—the representatives of the Launceston press and two or three other persons. The unfortunate old culprit appeared quite unconscious of his approaching end and seemed quite unmoved. The Rev. Mr. Hales, who attended the culprit, seemed much affected, and we hear that Clarke persisted till the last that he never rose his hand against Kendall. The body hung for an hour when it was cut down and the medical officer declared that Clarke was dead. A document to that effect was signed by some of the visitors. Mr. Claburne and an assistant obtained permission to take a cast of the culprit's face and head after execution.

The Head of Clarke the Murderer.—Mr. R. G. Clabburn, Dentist, of Brisbane-street, has completed a head and bust of plaster of paris, of the late criminal Anthony Clarke, who was executed in the gaol here, on the 11th instant, for the cold-blooded murder of his companion, John Kendall. The features and every variation in the form of the head are as true and exact as in the original. The cast was taken from it about an hour after the execution. There is a deep gash or indent in the skull, over the right eye, as if the skull had been cut open at some period of Clarke's life, by a tremendous blow from an axe, or other heavy weapon. In the peculiar form of the head there is an excellent subject for the study of the Phrenologist. It would be very desirable to have a cast of the head of that desperate villain and most able actor Quigley, the injury to whose skull is similar to that sustained by Clarke, and on the same part of the forehead. Perhaps the science of Phrenology might yet throw some light upon the question, how far such desperate criminals as these should be held responsible for their ferocious deeds. Clarke's features bore the same peculiar stamp in death as that so generally noticed by those who were present when the Chief Justice pronounced the sentence of death upon him. This is, we believe, the first attempt made in this colony, to perpetuate the features of notorious criminals.

INSOLVENT COURT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Before W. G. SAMS, Esq., Commissioner.

The attendance consisted of the assignee, a solicitor's clerk, and our reporter.

***In re* Robert George Claburn.—Insolvent did not appear,—the insolvency had not been advertised, and the petition was dismissed.**

APPROACHING DEPARTURE.—In our advertising columns will be found a notice of the intended departure from Launceston, of Mr. R. G. Clabburn Surgeon Dentist, Patterson-street. We wish most sincerely for the sake of all, that amongst the number of European complaints from which the colonists have been hitherto free, we could class that arising from the decay of teeth. But from this most distressing malady, few amongst us are exempt. In early youth, and green old age its insidious attacks are painfully felt; the young Beauty escapes not its ravages, augmenting bodily suffering by mental distress, for no greater enemy can blemish female loveliness, than discoloured, irregular, or decayed teeth. Mr. Clabburn's departure, who, during a lengthened residence in this part of the island, has gained deserved celebrity in his profession, amongst a very extensive connection, may be regarded as a public loss, and it will be well, if those who require his aid have not themselves to blame for neglecting to grasp the opportunity his presence affords of having their sufferings effectually relieved. Parents in particular should lose no time in placing their children under the skilful treatment of this gentleman, and we trust our young and lovely maidens, who are haplessly the victims to the malady referred to, will at once seize the only resource at their command of having their pains ameliorated, and their beauty unimpaired by which much future mortification and expense may be saved. We believe the exact period of Mr. Clabburn's departure is undetermined, the greater the necessity of the most being made of his very uncertain continuance amongst us.
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DENTISTRY.
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TO PARENTS, THE PROFESSION, AND
THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.
MR. R. G. CLABBURN, Surgeon Dentist, Patterson-street, begs to announce to his patients, and the public at large, that he purposes visiting England in a few months and invites therefore an early call from those who may require his professional attendance.
Mr. Clabburn's departure offers a most desirable opening to the profession, and he will be glad to treat with any gentleman for the succession to his practice, upon liberal terms.
R. G. CLABBURN,
Patterson-street.
Launceston, Feb 25" ac

18. Launceston Examiner Thu 23 Apr 1857, page 3, col 3
[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/36301127>]

In re Robert George Clabburn.—First meeting.—This insolvent was also brought down from the gaol. Debts proved: W. T. Bell, £89. Adjourned meeting and on discharge 6th May.
In re James Colquhoun. — Adjourned pro forma for a week.

19. Launceston Examiner Thu 7 May 1857, page 3, col 1
[<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/3614486>]

INSOLVENT COURT.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.
Before Mr. COMMISSIONER SAMS.

In re Robert George Clabburn.—Mr. Miller said although the accounts extended over a small period and only amounted to £135, there were £16 unaccounted for, and he therefore applied that insolvent might be sent back to amend them.

The Commissioner said perhaps the insolvent could account for the discrepancy.

Mr. Atkinson said he did not think either the insolvent or his assistant could account for it. The latter had kept a sort of account, but the insolvent had generally received the cash; hence the discrepancy.

Mr. Miller said this was the third insolvency of the insolvent within a short period, and he understood that the Commissioner had been compelled to notice the state of insolvent's accounts, and to caution the insolvent. It therefore appeared to be one of those cases in which the Court should interfere to protect the interests of the public.

The following debts were proved:—Jas. Smith, £25. It appeared that Mr. Smith held 200 mineral teeth by way of security. H. R. Mackay, £12; Mrs. Mackay, £10.

After some further discussion the Commissioner said he was certainly compelled to be more particular in a case of this kind, and he would adjourn the case for a fortnight.

INSOLVENT COURT.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

Before Mr. COMMISSIONER SAMS.

In re R. G. Clabburn.—Insolvent was brought down from gaol, and his discharge was opposed by Mr. Miller. It appeared amongst other things that during his residence in the debtor's ward he was in company with James Colquhoun and others. Insolvent's account book was produced, and Mr. Byron Miller drew the attention of the Commissioner to an entry in the book, wherein it was mentioned that on 29th December he received an order from a "*Mr. James Miller*" for certain teeth, and in the account rendered to the assignee appeared an entry for money received in January from "*a James Miller*." The pen and ink with which the entry was made were obviously different to those in which the other entries had been made, and from the position of the entry it was presumed it had been inserted, after the transactions which the book referred to had ceased, for some improper purpose.

Mr. Miller wished the Commissioner to treat this discovery—which he urged suggested the presumption of a conspiracy with James Colquhoun—as a reason for postponing insolvent's discharge. The learned gentleman said it was a singular coincidence that just at the time James Colquhoun should require a "*James Miller*" to have been in Launceston such an entry, made under the circumstances he pointed out, should appear in Mr. Clabburn's accounts; and he submitted that as the Act gave the court power to postpone the discharge of an insolvent whose accounts were not satisfactory—the commissioner should

exercise the power in this case.

The Commissioner declined on principles of law and equity to postpone insolvent's discharge, which as there was no other opposition was then granted.

21. The Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston, Tas.) Wednesday 16 September 1857 p 5
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/65725140>

MAYOR'S COURT
Recovery of Cab Hire.
Mitchell v Clabburn.

This was an information heard before his Worship the Mayor, on Thursday last. Defendant had engaged the plaintiff's cab on the 10th August, and proceeded to Mr. E. Archer's at Longford, from thence to Mr. Wm. Archer's, from that to Mr. Thomas Walker's; again to Longford, and back to Launceston, to which they returned at 1 o'clock next morning. Defendant had agreed to pay £5, while plaintiff only demanded £3, but he required prompt payment. His Worship ordered payment of the claim in full with costs, or in default one month's imprisonment. The money was paid by defendant.

22. Launceston Examiner (Tas.) Thursday 3 March 1859 p 2
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/38995204>

Hammond v. Clabburn.

Mr. Douglas for plaintiff. Mr. Bocher for defendant. An action for 6*l*, for non-fulfilment of contract.

The plaintiff, Mr. J. C. Hammond, resides at Perth, and agreed with the defendant, Mr. R. G. Clabburn, dentist, in August last, for professional labor, for which he paid him £6. The defendant had only partially fulfilled the agreement. Judgment for plaintiff.

First column notes attendance of Mr Clabburn, the dentist "for the purpose of taking a cast of the principal criminal's head".

TOWN TALK AND TABLE CHAT.

The executions of Hailey, convicted upon his own plea of the terrible murder of Mr Wilson, at Fingal; the known perpetrator of several diabolical murders in that district, and the murderer upon his own confession (the day before his execution) of Mary Stack at Cleveland, about three years since;—of John Chapman, for the assault with intent to kill and murder Mr. D. Webb, at Avoca;—and of Patrick Maloney, for the murder of Richard Furlong at Evandale, who died in the general hospital, having been stabbed in the abdomen,—took place on Thursday morning last. Upon arriving at H. M. Gaol at about a quarter to eight o'clock, we were ushered by the

Cerberus who keeps guard upon the outer doors, into a sort of lobby, in which was a fire place with a comfortable fire burning, and wherein we found several visitors seated upon forms, awaiting to regale their morbid appetites with the disgusting feast in preparation for them. Mr. Solomon Blay, the public executioner, dressed in a modest suit of black, having on a broad brimmed hat, was included in this cheerful company, together with the prison officials. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Clabburn, the dentist, who we believe attended for the purpose of taking a cast of the principal criminal's head. Conversation flowed with ghastly jocularity for about ten minutes, in which Mr Blay took part, and in the course of which, discussions took place as to the merits of the different prisoners cases,—their demeanour since conviction—the confession of Hailey, — varied by arguments as to the wisdom, or unkindness of the Mayor's opposition to the monstrous plea that was projected by Mr Fassett, for the Queen's Birthday,— and pleasing reminiscences of former executions. At a very few minutes before eight however, this conversation was put a stop to, by the arrival of the Sheriff, who was welcomed by a congregation outside, most anxious to obtain admittance; which favour was however refused by Mr Sams, with one or two exceptions. Upon these having gained admittance, all assembled followed the Sheriff

from that lobby to the yard in the centre of which was a detached building, in which was the condemned cell wherein the convicts were confined. Some little conversation having taken place between the Sheriff and Captain Reid, (Governor of the Gaol,) both gentlemen entered the condemned cell, and shortly afterwards reappeared, followed by the three unhappy men, and the Revds. Messieurs Bathr, and O'Callaghan. Hats were now removed, the clergymen earnestly praying, in which the convicts audibly joined. The executioner now approached the throng bearing in his hand the significant implements of his office, in the shape of three lengths of stout whipcord, and three white cotton bags or caps. Maloney stood outside, Chapman in the centre, and Hailey nearest the cell door. All appeared to have suffered much mental anxiety, the two former being deadly pale, whilst Hailey's face was flushed and bore a colour. The operation of plianing having been accomplished, the men were faced to the South, at which end of the yard the gallows were erected, and a procession numbering the convicts, attended on each side by their Clergy,—four javelin men with halberds on their shoulders, the Sheriff, gaol officials, and visitors proceeded down the yard. All this time both clergymen continued their prayers, which were responded to in a low tone by the ill fated wretches. They ascended the scaffold with

firm footsteps, no one faltering in the least, and were placed with minute precision in their respective positions. Each on taking his place (Maloney first) kissed solemnly the rope; and Hailey whispered something to the executioner, who placed the ropes round their necks, and tied up their heads in the cotton caps he had provided for that purpose. Very few more words or prayers were spoken, when the executioner grasped the handle attached to the fatal bolt, which he strongly pulled, and the drop fell with a loud thud. Maloney and Chapman ceased to exist almost instantly with scarcely a struggle. But very differently did the wretched Hailey depart this life. For if ever mortal agony was intense, that miserable miscreant suffered it. For a few seconds after he fell he was still; he then commenced several spasmodic struggles, kicking with his feet and striking out with his hands, during which the cord which had bound his arms became loosened. The executioner lifted him by the rope and let him fall suddenly, swinging him to and fro as he would a cat. He now raised his hand and grasped the rope by that portion just above his neck. The executioner kicked it away with his foot, until the blood issued from the back of it. This was repeated several times. For as fast as the executioner kicked away the hand, it resumed its grasp of the rope swiftly and tightly, until evidently the mighty strength the arm possessed, became weakened

by the rapidity with which it moved and was removed; then the grim functionary ceased kicking and pushed it away with his hand, swaying the body again and again by the rope. Still the sufferer seemed to retain with desperate tenacity the great principle of life. This lasted many minutes until at last endurance could bear no more,—the arms gradually seemed bereft of motion,—the body quivered, shook,—and gently became still. Solomon Blay then with his pocket handkerchief coolly wiped his hands, which were covered with blood, and stood over his victim steadying the rope until it ceased to vibrate. It was truly a sickening sight, and cannot be adequately described. Now the parties assembled were called into the middle of the yard by Mr Sams, who was greatly affected, and who in a voice almost stifled by emotion read aloud the following confession of Hailey, which he handed to the representatives of the press for publication:—

CONFESSION.

"I, John Hailey, now lying under sentence of death in the Gaol, Launceston, and about to appear before the judgment seat of God, do declare and confess, that I was the unhappy man who caused the death of Mary Stack, near Cleveland, about three years ago.

"I further declare that the suspicion that fell on a man named Charles Challis, was entirely without foundation, as no one but myself had any act, deed, or knowledge of the death of the said Mary Stack.

"I also declare, and confess, that I caused the death of Julia Mutholland, and that no one but myself had any act, deed, or knowledge of the death of the said Julia Mutholland.

"Drink, bad company, and the neglect of my duty to Almighty God, led me to commit the dreadful crimes of which I have been guilty.

"Oh! that others would take warning by my sad fate. Death and eternity are before me. May God, for Jesus sake, take pity on my poor soul.

"(Signed) JOHN HAILLY,
" alias, Robert Magatny.

" Witnessed by—

"(Signed) J. Reid, keeper
W. Miller, under gaoler "

Shortly before nine o'clock three plain but neat coffins of deal wood, were brought out and placed under the scaffold in positions that they might receive the bodies, which having been suspended an hour were lowered into them. Dr. Maddox who had previously arrived proceeded to examine them, that they had suffered the penalty of their crimes and satisfied the law's vengeance, which he accomplished by feeling the breasts and wrists of each to see if he could discover any signs of animation. Perceiving that the vital spark had fled, he performed the operation upon Maloney, the last dread portion of his sentence. Maloney's body was to be handed to Dr Wigan of Evansdale for scientific experiment. Chapman's was buried, and Halley's forwarded to the General Hospital. Thus closed the terrible tragedy in which these three desperate criminals had acted such appalling parts. Halley and Chapman were both Scotch men and had been formerly Presbyterians Maloney was an Irishman. But all three were Roman Catholics; the two former having only lately embraced the tenets of that Holy Church. They were all most assiduously attended by the Rev. gentlemen we have named until their last moments, and under whose excellent religious ministrations, attained the softened spirit they, evidently to every one, had; dying as there can scarcely be a doubt, penitent and contrite, in the hope of forgiveness from a Creator, whose mercy has no bounds.

Mr K. G. Clabburn lately imported from London, at considerable expence, a pair of very handsome dogs of the fierce old English bulldog breed. Both of these animals had been stars in their line of business in their native land, and had been sold for heavy amounts. They were imported for the purpose of introducing the true breed of bull dogs to this colony, and the attempt is likely to prove successful, as Mr Clabburn has at present five pups of this breed, which a connoisseur in dogs would describe as perfect beauties. They are all of the same color, light dun with black muzzles. The mother of them is a pure white and the dog a light brown. The latter has killed his hundred rats in 8 minutes 48 sec., when starring it in London. Mr Clabburn has disposed of all the pups at high prices to eager purchasers, but intends to exhibit them in public before they are separated and handed over to their different owners.

Amongst the Phrenological curiosities in the possession of Mr B G Clabburn, are the skeleton head of the triple murderer John Hailey who was executed in the Gaol here on the 23rd of May last. The skull of Gardiner, the boatman who murdered his mate and concealed his body in the Tea Tree scrub many years ago. The head of a child shewing stages of first and second dentition. A plaster cast of the head of Anthony Clarke, who murdered his mate and buried the body in Paddy's Scrub, near Deloraine. To these will soon be added, as they are on their way from England, casts of the heads of Greensacre, Rush, and Yarham. The offences for which the two first were executed, are known throughout the world. Yarham was executed for beating the brains out of Mrs Chandler in her shop at Yarmouth in the middle of the day. The heads of Dalton

and Kelly the desperate bushrangers, with some aboriginal heads expected, will form a collection well worthy the study of the Phrenologist, the Ethnologist, and the inspection of the public generally.

POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.
(Before Wm. Gunn, Esq., P.M.)

Sureties.—Robert George Clabburn prayed that Joseph Akers might be bound over to keep the peace. It appeared that complainant was indebted to defendant for a pair of trousers, and the other night met him in the street, when the latter, according to complainant's statement, threatened to assault him. This defendant denied, and called witnesses to prove that he did not.—The bench dismissed the case, and ordered complainant to pay 3s. extra costs.—*Esther Garroway v. Elizabeth*

POLICE OFFICE.

Wednesday, August 20th.
Before Wm. Gunn, Esq., Police
Magistrate.

Clabburn v. Akers.

This was an information in which Mr. Robert George Clabburn charged Mr. Joseph Akers with unlawfully threatening to "punch" complainant's head on Tuesday last. After hearing the evidence of Complainant, and Joseph Radcliffe and Simon Hart, the case was dismissed, as the threats, if any, did not appear to have been of a very serious or vindictive nature.

TEETH.

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MR. R. G. CLABBURN,

SURGICAL AND MECHANICAL DENTIST,

BEGS to return his sincere thanks to his numerous patrons in Launceston and surrounding districts, for the liberal patronage bestowed upon him during his
TEN YEARS' PRACTICE IN LAUNCESTON.

Mr. C. begs to state that he has just received direct from England a very superior assortment of Dental Stock, consisting of all the latest improvements. The enamelled Mineral Teeth supplied by Mr. C. are of the most beautiful form and colour, to match the adjoining teeth to perfection, and can be used with the greatest comfort, restoring articulation, mastication, and the contour of the lips.

Mr. C. also begs to inform his patients that are wearing vulcanite cases that he has received all the latest improvements; in its color it now resembles the natural gums so closely that it is impossible to detect it. The teeth used in the vulcanite are of a most beautiful shaded color, the form and make so perfectly resembling the natural teeth that it is impossible for the closest observer to detect them.

TEETH STOPPED WITH A NEW STOPPING,

Which Mr. C. will guarantee for one twelve months not to fall out of the mouth or change its colour, which is of a beautiful white.

Teeth stopped with the best description of Gold, also warranted.

Teeth cleaned and divided. Children's teeth carefully attended to and regulated.

TEETH EXTRACTED.

Attendance daily from ten till five. York-street, Launceston.

Vulcanite whole Cases from £10 and upwards.

29. *The Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston, Tas.)* Saturday 12 September 1863 p 4
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/72193317>

On the 10th inst., at his residence, York-
street, Mr. Robert George **Clabburn**,
late of Norwich, England, aged 35 years.
The funeral will leave his late residence
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when friends are respectfully invited to
attend.

JOHN SIMPSON, Undertaker.

30. *Launceston Examiner (Tas.)* Saturday 12 September 1863 p 4
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/41462870>

DEATHS.

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31. *Launceston Examiner (Tas.)* Thursday 15 October 1863 p 5
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/41463510>

WE the undersigned executors of the late
MR. R. G. **CLABBURN**, Dentist,
beg leave to inform his patients and the
public in general, that we have made ar-
rangements with

MR. THOMAS HALL,
Surgeon Dentist,

to carry on the business for the benefit of the
estate.

From our knowledge of Mr. Hall's experi-
ence, professional ability, and thorough me-
chanical skill, we feel that we can with con-
fidence recommend him to the favor of
parties requiring his services.

ANNIE CLABBURN, }
R. W. BUTLER, } Executora.

Oct. 14.

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FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE TAMAR.—On Sunday last, when the schooner Governor Wynyard was coming up the river from the River Don, she had just passed Pig Island when Robert Clabburn, a fine lad about seven years of age, fell overboard. The tide was low at the time, but coming in, and the current was running up strong. The body of the lad was seen for an instant after he fell so close to the schooner that, if conscious, he could have easily caught the boat which was towing behind. But the body sank and disappeared. The anchor was thrown out, and the schooner brought up near where the accident happened. Captain Phillips and his mate

kept a sharp look out to see whether the boy would come again to the surface, and were prepared to rush to his aid in the boat, but the body never rose in their sight. The lad had a hold of the tiller for a short time just before the accident. It was dinner time, about half past two o'clock, and young Clabburn had his dinner on the hatch. Captain Phillips and his mate were also at dinner, when the latter, looking towards the boy, saw his legs just disappearing over the side. It is supposed that young Clabburn had put the tiller rope round the tiller outside the knob, and that it slipped and threw the lad off his balance. The wind was blowing from the north, and both wind and tide was in favor of the vessel, but the rush of tide was so strong as to carry the boy under, or his head might have struck the side in going over, leaving him unconscious. He could not swim a stroke or he would, if not stunned by striking the side of the schooner, have been saved. It is very probable that the tide would carry the body up as far as the Tea Tree Reach, and it is therefore likely it will be recovered. The deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr R. G. Clabburn, dentist; and Mr Clabburn's relatives in England, who are highly respectable, had authorised Messrs. W. G. Sams and Mr C. Nichols to ascertain what profession the lad wished to follow, and they would maintain him until he should be in a position to maintain himself.

(N.B. Robert Clabburn (b. Q1 1850) was in fact 17 or 18 years old, not seven as stated)

The Fatal Accident on the Tamar.

An inquest was commenced at the Tasmanian Inn, Patterson street, at four o'clock yesterday, before Francis Evans, Esq., and a jury consisting of Messrs. Thomas Prosser, John Sheridan, John Waldron, Thomas Bates, George Collier, William Burston, and Richard Gibbs, to enquire into the circumstances connected with the death of Robert Clabburn, who was drowned in the Tamar, near Pig Island, on Sunday last.

Mr Robert Harris deposed—I reside in Launceston. I was acquainted with the late Robert Clabburn in his life time. I saw him on the night before the "Governor Wynyard" left on last occasion. I have heard of his death since. I have seen the body which the jury have just viewed. It is the body of the late Robert Clabburn. He did not live with me. He was a schoolfellow of mine, and we spent the night together just before he went away the last time. He was in his eighteenth year, and was a son of the late Mr Clabburn, dentist, and was not a native of the colony.

Mr Thomas Jarvis deposed—I am a fisherman on the Tamar; I pulled my boat aground on the opposite side of the river to Mr Grubb's, on yesterday evening, in Newnham Reach; on the boat floating I went out to her; saw a body of a man floating at some distance; I went and found that it was the dead body of a young man; I tried to get it into my boat, but could not until my mate came, and then we got it into my boat and brought it up to town; it is the same body which now lies here, and which has

been viewed by the jury.

At this stage the inquest was adjourned until the return of the schooner Governor Wynyard from the North West Coast, with captain Phillips and his mate, who were present when the deceased fell overboard from the schooner on Sunday last.

INQUEST.

The adjourned inquest on the body of the unfortunate lad, Robert Clabburn, who lost his life by drowning on the 15th ult., was held at the Police Court at 3 p.m. yesterday. One of the jurors was absent on account of ill-health. The following additional evidence was taken :—

Daniel Phillips, sworn, saith—I command the schooner Governor Wynyard, trading between this port and the River Don; I knew the late Robert Clabburn in his lifetime; he was employed on board my vessel; on the 15th March (Sunday), about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, I gave him the helm while I and my mate commenced to take our dinner on the skylight; he had the helm about four or five minutes when I heard the mate say the boy was overboard; I instantly rose and directed the boat's painter to be got hold of by the boy; the boat was towing astern; after a little delay in getting hold of the painter, I jumped into the boat, with the intention of saving the boy's life; before I got into the boat I saw the boy rise close to it, and called out to him to catch hold of it; he did not do so, and I then jumped into the boat; by that time the boy was out of sight; I pulled about for some time near the place where I had seen him last, but could never see him again; I never heard that deceased was subject to fits; there was a very light breeze blowing at the time, and I was on my way up to town; when I got into the boat I directed the mate to bring the vessel up, which he did, and she was anchored for about an hour; the accident happened on the River Tamar, close to Pig Island.

To a juror—I have not seen the body; the boy had repeatedly steered the vessel at sea and in the river; I cannot tell how it was he fell overboard.

John Mills, sworn, saith—I am chief officer on board the Governor Wynyard, coaster; I knew the late Robert Clabburn during his life-time; he was on board of my vessel on the 15th of this month, coming up the Tamar to Launceston; when near Pig Island, the captain gave him the helm, and while he was steering I and the captain were getting our dinners; I had just taken a mouthful when I saw the boy's legs as he disappeared overboard, over the quarter; I immediately called out to the captain that the boy was overboard; we both ran aft, and I then saw the boy's head out of the water, with his arms up; the captain sang out "Catch hold of the painter, Bobby;" the boat passed by his head, and he tried to catch hold of her, but could not; I then ran and got an oar, and threw it into the boat, while the captain got into her; after the captain started with the boat the boy disappeared under water; I then anchored the vessel, and waited for the captain for about an hour; I cannot account for his falling overboard; the railing was about three feet high.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.