

Kennebec Is. An Inquisition taken at Augusta within the said County of Kennebec, the ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Six: Before Elias Craig Gentleman, one of the Coronors of the said County of Kennebec, upon the view of the bodies of James Purrington, Betsey Purrington, Polly Purrington, Benjamin Purrington, Anna Purrington, Nathaniel Purrington, Nathan Purrington, and Louisa Purrington, there lying dead, by the oaths of John Eveleth Merchant, Ezekiel Page Yeoman, Theophilus Hamlin, Merchant, James Child Yeoman, Kendall Nichols Innkeeper, Shubael Pitts Merchant, Caleb Heath Merchant, Frederick Wingate Watchmaker, Jonathan Perkins Merchant, Oliver Pollard Innkeeper, Samuel Bond Merchant, & Ephraim Ballard Inn. Housewright, good and lawful men, who being charged & sworn, to enquire for the Commonwealth, when, how, and by what means the said James, Betsey, Polly, Benjamin, Anna, Nathaniel, Nathan and Louisa, came to their death, upon their oaths do say, that the said James Purrington, with an axe, the heads, necks, and various parts of the bodies of the said Betsey, Polly, Benjamin, Anna, and Nathaniel, did strike, cut, and inflict many

many grievous and mortal wounds, by means
whereof they all died - And the Jurors aforesaid
- said on their oaths aforesaid, do further say
that the said James Purrington with an axe
or razor, with which to the Jurors unknown
the necks of the said Nathan and Louisa, did
strike, cut, & mortally wound, by means where
of they also died - And so the Jurors aforesaid
upon their oaths aforesaid do say, that the said
James Purrington in manner & form aforesaid,
then & there of his malice aforethought, then the
said Betsey Purrington, Polly Purrington, Ben-
-jamin Purrington, Anne Purrington, Nathaniel
Purrington, Nathan Purrington, & Louisa Purring-
ton, did kill and murder, against the peace
and dignity of this Commonwealth, and the laws
of the same - And the Jurors aforesaid, upon
their oaths aforesaid do further say, that the said
James Purrington with a razor, himself a-
-cross the throat, did strike, cut, and inflict
a mortal ^{wound} by reason whereof he also died: And
so the Jurors aforesaid ^{then} upon their oaths aforesaid
do say, that the said James Purrington in man-
-ner and form aforesaid, then & there voluntarily

and feloniously, as a felon of himself, did kill
and murder himself against the peace of the
Commonwealth, & the dignity of the same —

In Witness whereof the said Coronors
and Jurors to this requisition have set their
hands & Seals, the day & year aforesaid —

Elias Craig Coronor
John Buckle Foreman

Theo. Warren —
James Child —
Abner Nichols
Shubael Pitts —
Caleb Heath
Frederic Kingate
Jon^{as}. Perkins —
— Oliver Hall —
Samuel Bond
Ezekiel Page
Eph^m. Ballou &

An Inquisition
on the bodies of
James Purington
and others -

