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The Indictment of Robert Sherwell for the murder
of John Case. Dec 11, 1849.

Wyandott Nation
vs
Robert Cherokee

Indictment for Murder

Robert Cherokee, you are

charged and indicted by the authority of the Wyandott Nation for the murder of John Coon, you are charged of having deliberately and in cool blood without just cause or provocation murdered the said John Coon by striking him with a knife and thereby causing his immediate death, in August last.

Oct 11th 1849

The Wyandott Council convened and impounded the following jury, George Armstrong Foreman, John W. Gay, Esq. George Spycher, Adam Brown, Nicholas Coon, David Young, John Van Meter, John Solomon, Lewis Lumpy, George D. Williams, John Lewis, George Peacock, Isaac McWilliams, Johnstone, Francis Coon, Jr. John Adam White, Lewis, John Hicks and John Gibson Isaac Brown, Matthias Barnett.

The prisoner was then brought into court. A. V. Walker appearing as counsel on behalf of the defendant John M. Armstrong prosecuting on behalf of the Crown now came and read the above indictment to the defendant and he plead not guilty. John Bigelow, Daniel W. Bigelow and George Stul were introduced as witnesses. They were duly sworn, and severally and separately examined by the Counsels respectively, together with the Court and jury, until all the facts relating to the case were made known. The arguments were then made by the Counsels in reply and concluded. The Chief then read the law and gave their charge & the jury and submitted the case to the jury. After the jury retired and were in private conference for several hours returned a verdict of guilty, as follows to viz.

To the Wyandott Council. The jury have pronounced Robert Cherokee guilty of the charge.

Attest

John W. Gay Esq.

George Armstrong
Foreman of the jury -

Oct 12th 1849

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The Criminal Court convened, J. A. Hicks presiding, and Robert Cherokee being brought into Court. The following sentence was pronounced upon the said Robert Cherokee, "Accident of guilty of Murder, has been rendered against you after a fair trial, by a jury of twenty one of your own Nation. The Court, therefore, in obedience to law sentence you to be shot by a platoon of six men, on the 10th day of November 1849."

Oct 23rd

The Wyandott Council convened, the house being full. J. A. Hicks presiding. The case of John White being b.s. John White for using and otherwise abusing and injuring his horse, was called up. John White not appearing, the case was continued. -

A proposition was then submitted by the Head Chief to send a delegation to Washington for the purpose of adjusting our unsettled matters with the United States government. Where upon, it was agreed to hold an evening session, on Thursday evening next. On Thursday evening, the Chiefs met pursuant to adjournment, and after deliberating some time, upon the proposition submitted, it was unanimously agreed that it was expedient to send a delegation, as above proposed. It was therefore resolved, by the Wyandott Council - That Francis A. Hicks and George Clark be and are hereby appointed and constituted our delegation to represent us and act in our behalf in the management of our affairs with the United States and that Joel Walker, the Secretary of said Wyandott Council, be and is hereby selected as the Interpreter and Secretary to the delegation of ourselves. -

Oct 30th

The Chiefs met at special session, to fill vacancies ^{to elect} ~~occurred~~ during the absence of the delegation.

Oct-31st 1824

Whereupon Silas Armstrong and Sawboome
were appointed to fill said vacancies, and James
Washington to be head Chief Justice, William
Walker to act as scribe to the council Justice -
The case of John White Bird vs John Warpole
compromised.

Francis A. Vick, Head Chief of the Wyandott Nation -
interposed his claim, in accordance with the Consti-
tution of the Wyandott Government, and the earnest ex-
trication of the petitioners in behalf of Robert Cherokee, viz.
That the sentence of death, be changed to that of banishment
from the Wyandott Nation, & the said Robert Cherokee is
hereby for ever banished from the Wyandott, all his right
and title interest &c; is hereby confiscated, and that the
aforesaid sentence of death, will be enforced against
him, in the event of his ever violating it, by his own
act, in returning to the Wyandott Nation again.

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