

Queen's Bench, Aylmer.
MR. JUSTICE WÜRTELE'S
Charge to the Grand Jury,

Monday, 11th June, 1888.

GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND JURY :

As grand jurors you have, in your turn, been summoned and sworn in to form the "grand inquest" of this district for the present term of the court of Queen's Bench in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction.

Your principal duty, as the body composing such grand inquest, is to take cognizance of all accusations which may be laid before you in the shape of bills of indictment by the officers prosecuting on behalf of the crown, and satisfy yourselves from the evidence to be adduced before you that sufficient cause appears for calling upon the accused parties to answer the charges made against them, and also to present accusations yourselves to the court against culprits for offences existing within your own knowledge or within the knowledge of some of you. Accusations may also be brought by a private prosecutor, but the bills of indictment in such cases can only be laid before you on an order of the court.

You can therefore legitimately act in this respect in two ways: first, on accusations which are given to you in