

**R E P O R T**  
**OF THE**  
*Special Committee,*

To whom were referred the Documents relating to the Inquest held before the Coroner of Montreal, on the Body of Solomon Barbeau who died at Montreal in November last, which Documents were laid before the House of Assembly, by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, on the 3d. February last, in compliance with an Address of the House, dated 24th January, also last past.

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**Y**OUR Committee have attentively examined these Documents, to the number of twenty three, viz. seventeen depositions on oath, taken before J. M. Mondelet, Esquire, Coroner of the District of Montreal; two Letters from the Coroner to Colonel Tidy, commanding the 24th Regiment; two Letters from the latter to the Coroner; finally the Verdict of the Jury rendered in the Coroner's Court on the 30th November last, and a Document of the said Coroner, dated 28th January last, intituled, "*Special Report.*"

These depositions, on oath, establish the fact, that on the sixth September last, the Races were held at the *Rivière St. Pierre*, in the Parish of Montreal, where the Citizens of Montreal were assembled as spectators. Several Soldiers of the 24th Regiment stationed in the Garrison of Montreal, were also present in numbers on that day, armed with Bayonets and sticks. The nature of the facts stated in these depositions, shew that the object of the Soldiers was to create disturbance, and to insult the Citizens, with a view to come afterward to blows with them. The circumstances attending the death of Solomon Barbeau, leave no doubt as to the feelings by which the Soldiers were actuated, and to the motives which induced them to arm themselves with Sticks and Bayonets. It appears that towards four o'clock in the afternoon, one of these Soldiers made a thrust with his Bayonet at the body of the said Solomon Barbeau, and wounded him in his back, and after withdrawing the same, he struck him on the head with the handle thereof. Barbeau was then lying on the ground; and immediately afterwards several of the Soldiers struck him with their sticks, and trampled upon him with their feet. It is proved by two witnesses that a Sergeant of the same Regiment, by the name of James Price was standing near Barbeau, at the distance of about six feet, when the latter was wounded, but he seems not to have interposed his authority, nor made any effort to stop the excesses that were then committed by the Soldiers. From the moment that Barbeau received this wound, he languished until the seventeenth November last past, when death put an end to his sufferings. Doctors Nelson, Vallée and Bruneau have since dissected the Body, and the evidence given before the Coroner by these three medical Gentlemen proves that Solomon Barbeau died in consequence of the wound received as aforesaid. This proof was clearly made out before twelve Jurors chosen by the Coroner, and their Verdict of the thirtieth November last establishes: that the said Solomon Barbeau, on the sixth September last, attended the Races at *Rivière St. Pierre*, and that in the afternoon, some un-