

reject an accusation he will write the words "No Bill" on the back of the bill, signing his name and adding his quality as in the first case.

The examination which you will make of each case is not a trial of the accused person. Its object is to see whether there is sufficient ground to put the accused person on his trial before a petty jury. If it appears from the evidence that it is probable that the crime or offence laid in the bill was committed by the person accused, you should find and return a true bill; and it will then be for the Crown to establish his guilt or for the accused person to excuse himself, in court. If, on the other hand, you should think that the evidence does not implicate the accused person, you should say that there is no bill, and on your return to that effect the accused person will be at once discharged from the charge contained in that bill. If you should in any case be unable to decide from the evidence laid before you that the accused person should be put on trial, and still be not satisfied as to his innocence, you should report your view, which will be done by your foreman writing the word "Ignoramus" on the back of the bill, and adding below it his signature and quality.

You will bring all bills upon which you may act into court, and they will be handed to the Clerk of the Crown by your foreman, and your finding will be publicly announced.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the number of cases to be submitted to you is not large, and that none of them are for capital offences. This speaks well for the district and especially for the metropolis of the Dominion, and is certainly a subject for congratulation. There is nothing special in any of the cases, and I have therefore no particular instructions to give to you. The Crown prosecutors and the officers of the court will give to you such aid as you may require, and I will be ready to give to you at all convenient times advice and instructions should circumstances require it.