

go to live at Wotton, and prisoner was anxious to go to see lands at Wotton, with a view of buying some if they pleased him. He said to his wife, that he had brought her to Wotton, and that she did not wish to go and see the lands. The prisoner and I returned on Friday with two loads, and it was afterwards, on Friday morning, that a quarrel took place between prisoner's wife and Marie Leblanc in the presence of prisoner. Marie Leblanc came crying, and saying that Madame Guillemette had put her out of doors; that Madame Guillemette had desired her to wash, but that as she (Marie Leblanc) was sick, she did not wish to do so, and on that account she (Madame Guillemette) had put her out of doors. Prisoner said, "You can't make a sick girl work." Madame Guillemette said, "If you choose to take the part of strangers, do so." The prisoner said, "I see how it is, Marie Leblanc," and said to her, "You are engaged and you will complete your time." It was after Madame Guillemette called Marie Leblanc a "little wh—e" that prisoner said to Marie Leblanc that she was engaged, and she should complete her time, that the wife said to me at the same time, "See how they treat me." When Madame Guillemette called Marie Leblanc a wh—e the latter said, "not more wh—e than you are." I have not been examined in court before. On Friday night Marie Leblanc was sitting in the house, the prisoner was nearest to her. Prisoner was sitting before the door of the stove. Marie Leblanc had one knee on the ground and one of her hands on prisoner's knees. Madame Guillemette was then seated on a box behind the stove. It was whilst Madame Guillemette and Marie were quarrelling that the latter had her hand on prisoner's knees. *Examination adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.*

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9. *Onésime Richard* (continues his evidence): At the time of the fire I had been living at Wotton since the last Epiphany. I reside near Oxtou, United States. I saw prisoner at Wotton. I left for Wotton the Saturday before the fire, and on the next Saturday forenoon the prisoner came to my house at Wotton and remained there five days. When the prisoner came to my house the following persons were there, viz: Narcisse Leblanc, Marie Leblanc, Delina Leblanc (my wife), my mother, and myself, and the children of Narcisse Leblanc. Marie Leblanc had arrived on the Saturday evening of the week before the fire. Prisoner came to my house the Sunday following. Prisoner, when he arrived, said that he had been to see the lands. He asked Marie Leblanc if she would come and finish her time. He wished to take her back to finish her time. In the morning prisoner was going to see the lands of Mr. Peacock. It was during the Retreat. Marie Leblanc, my wife and mother wished to go to the Retreat. We had no vehicle; the prisoner said you can come with me in my vehicle as far as the church. They entered the prisoner's vehicle and he took them to the church. Prisoner and Marie Leblanc appeared to like each other. Prisoner appeared to be very fond of Marie Leblanc, and he came back alone with her in the evening. It was dark: it must have been, I think, about seven or eight o'clock in the evening. I went to the door when they arrived. I said to prisoner, "You have arrived 'en cavalier;" and the prisoner replied "I think fifteen days hence I shall be your brother-in-law." I asked him how he could become my brother-in-law in fifteen days; and he said that in view of the sickness of his wife he did not think she had fifteen days to live. I asked him what disease his wife had; and he said, "You know as well as I." I had observed at that time that his wife had a bad toothache. She appeared very much pulled down, and I think that she she had a serious illness. I did not observe that she had any other illness. Seeing that she was very much distressed and had a bad toothache I concluded she had a serious illness.

*Cross-examined*: When in my examination in chief, I spoke of quarrels, it was always the wife of prisoner who had begun. I never saw prisoner strike or push his wife. Prisoner only said, "I see how it is you are going to finish your time" speaking to Marie Leblanc. Marie Leblanc did not start with me for Wotton, when the wife of prisoner put her out of doors. She came to tell me her reasons. Marie Leblanc came to Wotton on Saturday. I also arrived there on Saturday with a little sister-in-law of mine,