

head, which fractured the skull. Deceased was dressed in a dark red flannel shirt, with short sleeves, bound with white tape, a new pair of blue pilot-cloth trousers, and a leather belt round his waist; in his trousers-pocket he had a knife and two keys. On Sabbath morning the 12th, Maitland sent for the keys to the family with whom deceased had resided. They at first reported they could not be found, but afterwards, a woman named Tria brought them.

William Brown, a native of South Carolina, United States, being duly sworn, stated: that on the evening of the 11th, between seven and eight, he, in company with two white men, were passing along the path, when he heard the natives shouting that Smith was dead. About one hundred yards onwards, he saw blood on the path; and accompanying the natives with torches, they traced blood along a path till they found a larger quantity of blood. Further on, they saw the wall of a taro plantation broken down: from this there was no trace on account of water. After a few minutes, the body was discovered, buried under the mud and pressed down with stones. The body was taken up and washed.

Tagi, alias Vave, being duly questioned, whether he had murdered the person, G. Smith: Did he or another kill the white man?

He, Tagi, answered, "I did."

Palasi being questioned: Did you assist to kill the white man?

He answered, "I did not see him till after he was dead: perhaps he killed himself."

Tagi, why did you kill the white man?

Answer. "My heart was pained with his theft."

Tagi stated as follows: that when Smith first landed, he (Smith), accompanied by a white man, came to me to procure a female, having an American axe and a jacket as the reward or purchase for her services. Smith procured a little girl, a virgin, from his family; that some time afterwards, Smith and Maitland went to him (Tagi); Smith gave him a jacket; afterwards Smith said, he wished to live with Maitland. The family consented to let them go, and the girl attended him. The next day a report reached the family, that the girl had cried all night; and the cause of her crying was, that the white man had hurt her. After a time, Smith and the girl went to Tagi's house to live; and one night the girl left the tainamu (or bed) and slept outside. Smith got angry, and stole the jacket and went away, leaving the girl alone. He stayed several days at the shore, when, Atone, a white man, said Smith wished to return. He was told, if he returned, the jacket must be returned likewise. He (Smith) went back and lived with the girl some time, till one night she again cried and called to