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**WILFUL MURDER.**—On Wednesday last a man named Henry Boyle was wilfully murdered, about miles from Muswell Brook, by a man named nas Ballard, who was afterwards apprehended by the police. An inquest was held by the coroner, and the prisoner was fully committed for trial for wilful murder. Mr. Fox, chief constable, and constable Ashburn brought the murderer into Muswell Brook about midnight on Saturday last, and safely lodged him in the lock-up. We have not yet received the report of the evidence taken at the inquest.—*Maitland Mercury*, May 21.

**MURDER OF AN ABORIGINAL.**—About ten days ago, a shocking murder was committed on the station of Messrs. Hutchison and Kidd, of Bushy Creek, by a bullock driver in their employment. It appears that the bullock driver wished to seize

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It appears that the bullock driver wished to seize a black lubra, and went down to the miamias of the blacks, between nine and ten o'clock at night, for that purpose; but her cries having awakened her coolie, he got up, and, in attempting to protect her, he was struck by the bullock driver, who was armed with a heavy piece of wood. His cries roused the other blacks, who, on perceiving their black-fellow lying covered with blood, seized their spears, and pursued the man up to his hut, which they surrounded, yelling and shouting for vengeance. They remained round the hut till morning, when it was found that the black was dead, having had his jaw broken and his skull fractured. The mounted police were sent for, and on their arrival the bullock driver was given into their custody, on a charge of wilful murder.—*Argus*.

**GRAFTON.**—April 30.—The country on the Clarence River is now looking beautiful, in consequence of the plentiful rains which have fallen. We have not yet had any frosts. Buildings are gradually springing up in the township, especially on the south side of the river; but as there is neither brick nor stone, they are all built of wood, and indeed it is rather hard to obtain even that, for the sawyers are few in number, and fully employed. Sharp's boiling, or rather steaming establishment is in full operation, potting down forty bullocks per day. A large quantity of tallow is lying at the wharf, waiting for vessels, and there are still a great many bales of wool to go