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LIVERPOOL POLICE COURT.

SATURDAY, MAY 16.

BEFORE MESSRS. LAMPORT AND HOUGHTON.

THE CHARGE OF MURDER ON BOARD SHIP.—John Lloyd, the Malay remanded on Friday on the charge of having murdered another coloured man named Benjamin Jack on board the brigantine Ethiopian, at New Calabar, on the 11th of October, was again brought up, Mr. Cobb appearing on his behalf. The evidence adduced at the former hearing was repeated. The man Barber, in cross-examination by Mr. Cobb, said that the morning after the affair took place, Lloyd told him that if he had not done what he did the deceased would have murdered him.—Edward Grainger, the second mate, said that on the night in question the prisoner and the deceased had been on a visit to another ship, and when they returned to the Ethiopian were somewhat under the influence of drink. Soon after they came on board the prisoner went to witness and told him that the deceased wanted to quarrel with him, and he did not want to have anything to do with Black. Witness told Lloyd to go aft and keep himself quiet.—Witness Couche, the master of the Ethiopian, said the prisoner had been two voyages with him, and a more industrious, sober, steady man never sailed with him.—Mr. Cobb urged that the evidence was not even sufficient to bear out the charge of manslaughter. If the prisoner did give the deceased a mortal blow, he did so in self-defence, and the deceased brought the injury upon himself.—The magistrates committed the prisoner for trial at the assizes on the charge of wilful murder.