North Carolina - Nedell County

State
vs
Thomas Dale

This was indictment for Murder tried at a court of Oyer & Terminer for Nedell County. The indictment charged that the prisoner Thomas Dale as principal in the Murder of Mrs Laura Foster of Wilkes County & Anne Melton was an accessory before the fact. The state relied upon circumstantial testimony to prove the homicide & upon the declarations & acts of Anne Melton in furtherance of an alleged agreement between the prisoner and the said Anne Melton to commit the homicide. In order to establish the agreement between the parties. It was in evidence to the court alone that Laura Foster was at home, at her father's house, on Thursday night the 24th day of May 1866 that on Friday morning she was gone. That a man tried in the Land was likewise gone.