The prisoner & Ann Melton were absent from their homes; that on the morning of Laura's disappearance from her father's house, being Friday the 28th May 1866 she was seen by a witness at a very early hour riding along the road on her father's mare with a bundle of clothes, in the direction of the Bates place & that the same morning the prisoner was seen going in the same direction by a path leading from Laura's home to the Bates place; that there would be evidence the deceased reached the Bates place from the circumstance that the mare returned home with a part of the halter on her, & that the missing part was afterwards discovered tied to a tree near the spot indicated; that from indications of blood discovered this spot was the place where the deceased was killed; that after search was instituted Dula fled the Country; that the grave was discovered by disclosures made by Ann Melton, who on a certain occasion undertook to show it to a witness; that it was so carefully concealed as for a long time to defy search in its immediate vicinity; that it was at last indicated by the snorting of a horse, which smelt the blood; that when the grave was opened Laura's body was discovered — also the bundle of clothes with which she left home weeks before; that she had been stabbed thro. the heart, & put in this hole, which was more than half a mile from where she was killed.