The said Thomas Dula & Ann Mettox are brought to the bar of the Court, here in their proper person By the Sheriff of Wilkes County in whose Custody they are and the Indictment read to them as follows to wit:

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The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that Thomas Dula late of the County of Wilkes, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved & seduced by the instigation of the Devil, on the 18th day of June AD 1866 with force & arms in the County aforesaid in & upon one Laura Foster in the peace of God & the State, there & there being feloniously wilfully & of his malice aforethought did make an assault, & that the said Thomas Dula with a certain knife of the value of five cents which the said Thomas Dula in his right hand then & there held her the said Laura Foster in & upon the breast of her the said Laura Foster then & there feloniously wilfully & of his malice aforethought did strike thrust & stab, giving to the said Laura Foster then & there with the knife aforesaid, in & upon the breast of her the said Laura Foster, one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch, & depth of six inches, of which said mortal wound, the said Laura Foster then & there instantly died, & so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oather aforesaid, do say that the said Thomas Dula the said Laura Foster in manner & form aforesaid feloniously wilfully & of his malice aforethought did kill & murder against the peace & dignity of the State