State
Vs
Ann Melton } Murder

The said Ann Melton is brought to the bar of the Court here in her own person by the Shff of Wilkes County in whose custody she is. and the indictment read to her as follows to Wit

North Carolina } Superior Court of Law
Wilkes County } Fall Term 1868

The jurors for the State upon their oath present that Ann Melton late of the County of Wilkes not having the fear of God before her eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil on the tenth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred and sixty six with force and arms in the county aforesaid in and upon one Laura Foster in the peace of God, and the state then and there feloniously wilfully and of her malice aforethought did make an assault and that the said Ann Melton with a certain knife of the value of Five Cents, which the said Ann Melton in her right hand there and then had and held, her the said Laura Foster then and there feloniously wilfully and of her malice aforethought did strike thrust and stab giving to the said Laura Foster then and there with the knife aforesaid in and upon the breast of her the said Laura Foster one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch and of the depth of six inches of which said mortal wound the said Laura Foster then and there instantly died and so the jurors aforesaid upon the oath do say. that the said Ann Melton the said Laura Foster in manner and form aforesaid feloniously wilfully and of her malice aforethought did kill and murder against the form of the statute in that case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that heretofore to wit at a term of the Superior Court of Law held for the County of Wilkes on the fifth Monday after the last Monday in August A D 1866 it was presented "that one Thomas Dula late of the county of wilkes not having the fear of God before his eyes. but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil on the tenth day of June A D 1866 with force and arms in the county aforesaid in and upon one Laura Foster in the peace of God and the state then and there being