

**James Harris alias Pendlum Acquitted of the Charge of Conspiracy to Commit Murder.**

Judge J. R. Morton, of Lexington, commenced a special term of the Rowan Circuit Court last Monday to try the case of the Commonwealth against James Harris alias Pendlum under indictment for conspiracy to murder Judge Cole and others. Commonwealth's Attorney Sallee represented the State and Boone Logan and — Spaulding defended the prisoner.

A jury was empaneled on Tuesday and the trial ended yesterday. Judge Morton instructed the jury to find the defendant not guilty. The ruling of the court was based upon section eight of the law approved April 11, 1873. The prisoner had been used as a witness before the grand jury to indict his alleged accomplices Dr. Logan and — McClurg, whom the Governor pardoned, and the language of the act above referred to is that any person so testifying shall be discharged from all liability for any violation of the act disclosed in his testimony.

About the only evidence the State had was the prisoner's own drunken confession in which he implicated Dr. Henry Logan and — McClurg. These two were regularly subpoenaed as witnesses, but they skipped the county as soon as they knew they were wanted and an attachment failed to bring them before the Court. Judge Morton delivered a written opinion in the case very clearly setting forth the law which furnishes, we understand, some interesting reading.

There were no State troops present and the term was orderly and quiet. Peace reigns supreme in the once warlike Morehead and the town shows considerable business activity. All factions seem to have buried the hatchet, and to have gone to work. The peaceful change is wonderful and there is even yet a future for historic Rowan.

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