

An extract of a letter from Northampton, dated Nov.
12, 1805.

"A most barbarous murder was committed on Saturday the 9th inst. on one *Marcus Lyon*, of Woodstock, as he was journeying through Wilbraham, in the county of Hampshire. The body was thrown into Chicabee river, which was near the road, and stones were thrown upon it. The coroner's inquest find that he was shot with a pistol ball, and his skull was beaten and broken to pieces by a pistol and clubs. The murderers are supposed to be two transient persons, who have proceeded into Connecticut. I am informed that a number of persons have gone in pursuit of them."

Obediah Williams, alias J. W. Thompson, for some time confined in prison at Baltimore, for various offences, and condemned to suffer death on the 8th instant, was brought under the gallows before an immense concourse of people, who had assembled on the occasion: but a few minutes before he was to be launched into eternity, an order arrived from the governor, commuting his punishment to 15 years hard labor on the roads.

We observe that the "*Ægis*," in copying the *Georgia Land Claimants'* statement, has given the introductory observations as editorial. This is not correct, as we have given no opinion upon the subject; but merely opened our columns to their defence, that the public may see on what ground they rest. The Editor of that paper, we trust, will set this matter right.

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