

I hereby certify that on the twelfth day of November last past on complaint made to me that Marcus Lyon, on the ninth day of November, was murdered in Wilbraham in the county of Hampshire by two persons whose names were unknown, but who were described as to stature and dress in said complaint, I made a warrant directed to the Sheriff of the County of Hampshire or his Deputy, which was then delivered to Josiah Bardwell, a Deputy Sheriff living in Springfield; and I requested him to pursue and take said persons and bring them to Justice; and I also wrote to Thomas Seymour, Esq., States Attorney living at Hartford, and others, to assist sd. Bardwell in taking said persons; and that Jeremy Bliss of Wilbraham accompanied said Bardwell in the pursuit of said persons, and that on the fifteenth day of said November, the said Josiah Bardwell and the said Jeremy Bliss brought Dominic Daley and James Halligan as the persons described in the said complaint and warrant; and that another complaint was then made in which the said persons by name were complained against as the murderers of said Lyon; and on examination before George Bliss, Esq. & myself were committed to the goal in Northampton in said County of Hampshire; and I hereby further certify that on said examination & on the trial of the said Daley and Halligan, it appeared from the testimony of said Bardwell & Bliss, that they took said Daley & Halligan at a place called Coss Cobb Landing in Greenwich on the sound near New York, from which testimony and from the information of other persons, I have no doubt but that said Bardwell and Jeremy Bliss did apprehend said Daley and Halligan and bring them to Justice. ~~~~~

And I hereby further certify that said Josiah Bardwell is a very active and enterprising man & who I believe was the principal in the pursuit of said persons and without whose exertion they would not have been taken – that said Jeremy Bliss I believe to be incompetent to accomplish the object of taking said persons and was of very inconsiderable assistance to said Bardwell therein ~ that said Bliss went with said Bardwell merely on account of his having seen, as he supposed in a transient manner, the said Daley & Halligan when passing through a part of said Wilbraham

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1806

*John Hooker*  
Justice of the Peace

We confirm the within certificate for all matters thereof within our notice; and beg leave to express our Opinions that of the award offered by the Government for the apprehension and conviction of the within mentioned offenders, the said Bardwell is justly entitled to three fourths parts of such rewards and the said Bliss to a one fourth part thereof, to be divided after the payment of their respective bills of expenses incurred by them in the said service.

25 April 1806

*Theodore Sedgwick*  
*Samuel Sewall*