

The Burt Reward.

At the regular monthly meeting of the County Commissioners, held at their office in the court house Monday of last week the subject of the Burt reward was discussed by the Board. The reward of \$1000 offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the Rightleys has never been paid, there being a number of claimants.

The Board and their counsel, Hugh B. Eastburn, Esq., finally decided to settle the matter by arbitration, and signed an agreement to that effect.

The result of the arbitration will be awaited with great interest, as the decision may have the effect of either stimulating or discouraging the zeal of officers or citizens when in search of criminals.

The advertisement of the reward in the Burt case stated plainly that \$1000 would be paid for the arrest and conviction of Wallace Burt. By Constable Wharton, of Morrisville, this has been construed to mean that the officer who made the arrest was entitled to the reward, Wharton having performed that duty in the Burt case.

But Constable Wharton would never have had the opportunity to capture the murderer had it not been for old Torbert Ganges, who discovered Burt in the woods at Morrisville. There is no question but that Ganges alone detected the criminal and gave the information which led to his arrest.

Other parties have put in claims for the reward who furnished criminating evidence in the trial, and if all considered the reward would evidently be disturbed among a great many people.—*Doylestown Republican.*

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