

Homicide, &c.

Yonkers Ferry, Feb. 24th, 1857.

Mr. Horton: I wrote you a few days ago concerning the movements of a couple of things, named Lewis and Lawson, who had stabbed a squaw and brutally beat another Indian on the Reservation. The next day (yesterday) they came to the house of Capt. Young, flourished their weapons about, & their readiness to cut, shoot, or fight any way, and boasted that they could and would clean out any one that did not like their proceedings. As Capt. Young had expressed his abhorrence of their conduct, as had also all the rest of the people around here, they no doubt intended to provoke him to make some demonstration, that they might have an opportunity to take vengeance on him. Lawson, particularly, followed him round nearly all the forenoon, making remarks of the above kind. At last Young retired to another house, and they went and sat down in his bar-room. After a little, they bought some articles and Lawson gave the cook a piece of money to pay for it, and while the cook was in the act of handing him the change, without saying a word Lawson drew his pistol and fired at him; the ball passing between the arm and side and filling his bare arm with powder. The cook ran and informed Capt. Y., who immediately came in and quietly told Lawson that he could not and would not have any more performances of that kind, and that he must for the future behave civil there, and moreover, that he must not follow him around any more: if he did, it would be at his peril, as he would stand it no longer, but would shoot him if he again molested him. As he turned to go away, Lawson got up and followed him, and Young turned and told him to stop and not follow him any further; but instead of complying, he jumped forward a step and put his hand behind him on his pistol—the next instant Young had drawn his own and shot him, the ball entering near the lower part of the lungs, and passing out at the back. He was conveyed to a bed, and Dr. O'Keefe, from the barracks, came and pronounced his wound mortal, and at eight o'clock this morning he died in great agony, both mental and bodily. During the last few hours of his life, he expressed great regret for his past conduct, and exonerated Capt. Young from all blame, saying that he alone was in fault. Lewis was this evening arrested by

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Yours, PACHEO.

Lawson and Lewis are the individuals referred to in an editorial, last week, under the head of "Abuse of the Indians," which contains an extract from a letter of our correspondent, "Pacheco." There is no doubt but Lawson, by his outrageous conduct and assault upon Capt. Young, provoked the hard fate that befel him. Capt. Young, instead of being a quarrelsome man, is just the reverse, and would submit to much before resorting to extreme measures. The death of Lawson should be a warning to all of his class, and it is to be hoped that his companion, Lewis, will be properly dealt by.

