

The Queen against Long-Sack an Aborigine
for the Murder of his wife.

Sydney May 1st 1838.

I, Yesterday visited Long-Sack in Sydney Jail at the request of the Crown Solicitor, in company with McGill an Aborigine through whom I obtained much assistance in obtaining a knowledge of the native language, to assist in obtaining the Prisoner's defence, which is simply as follows:

Long-Sack says that he carried water for the waiter of the Public-house next to the Court house Maitland, that the Landlord gave him a cask that had contained rum to two other blacks in the afternoon, the sun being two-thirds high, that the two blacks put half a bucket of water into the cask, and let it remain until the next day; that on the following day himself and four blacks with his wife the deceased drank themselves drunk, they then went up Maitland town, when about the middle of the town his wife said to him, you go and take another woman, and scattered his flour on the ground, which flour she had obtained for the sale of fish; that he then beat her, not for spilling the flour,

it, because he was angry with her for telling
him to take another woman, and being
very drunk, he struck her first and then
other Blacks, when he looked round he
saw she was dead, then as he walked away
a Constable took him; On the next day when
he was sober he cried for sorrow that he had
killed her in his drunkenness

L. C. Woodhead

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