

Province of British Columbia,
Tortuary

The examination of Mr. Bowden
taken on oath the 24 July 1872
of John Ward taken on oath
at the 29th July 1872 of James
Happell, J. W. Turner and William
Bowden taken on oath on the
2nd August 1872 of Ah Toe taken
on oath on the 26th and the 26th
August 1872 at the Police
Court Victoria before the
undersigned One of Her Majesty's
Justices of the Peace for the
Province aforesaid in the presence
and hearing of Ah Yen and
Ah Toy who are charged this
day before us for that they the
said Ah Yen and the said
Ah Toy on or about the 17th day
of December 1871 at Victoria
in the Province aforesaid
feloniously did steal certain
goods & art water proof clothing
umbrellas and other goods of
the value of One thousand dollars
and upwards the property of
J. W. Turner & Co of Victoria
against the peace of Our lady
the Queen her Crown and
Dignity.

A. P. Prudentine

Province of British Columbia
Towns



BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 26 day of *August* in
the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty two *seven*
John Bowden, John Ward, J. H. Turner, David Rappitt
of *Victoria* came personally before me, one of Her Majesty's
Justices of the Peace, for the said *Province* and acknowledged himself *himself*
seven to owe to Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, the sum of *One hundred dollars*
of good and lawful money of *Great Britain*, to be made and levied of *his* Goods and
Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to the use of Our said Lady the Queen, Her heirs
and successors, if he *the said above named persons*
shall fail in the condition following:

W. Bowden
John Ward
David Rappitt
J. H. Turner

TAKEN AND ACKNOWLEDGED, the Day and Year first above mentioned, at *Victoria*
before me

A. Penderston

J. P.

THE CONDITION of the above named recognisance is such that whereas one *ah*

Year & th Day ~~was~~ was this day charged before me *A. P. Penderston* ~~by~~
Justice of the Peace within mentioned, for that *they the said ah Year and the*
said ah Day on about the 17th year 1871 feloniously did steal certain goods
with waterfowl during other ports and untho the property of J. H. Turner also
carrying the same if therefore he the said above named persons shall appear at the next

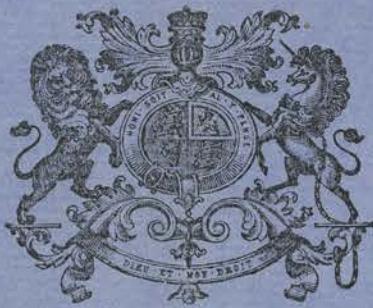
Assizes to be holden in and for the *at Victoria*

~~and then prefer, or cause to be preferred, a Bill of Indictment against the said~~

ah Year & th Day ~~for the offence aforesaid, and duly prosecute such~~
~~indictment, and give evidence thereon as well to the Jurors who shall then inquire~~
~~of the said offence, as also to them who shall pass upon the trial of the said~~

ah Year & th Day then this recognisance to be void, or else to stand
in full force and virtue.

A. P. Penderston



INFORMATION.

COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA }
AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.
To Wit. }

THE INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT of *Wm Bowden*
of *Victoria*, taken this *24th* day of *July*
187₂, before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Colony
of British Columbia and its Dependencies, who, being duly sworn, upon oath deposeth saith:—

I am informed I have received cause
just cause to believe and do believe
that on or about the 17th December 1871
two Chinamen named respectively Ah
Yen and Ah Toy were concerned in
stealing from the store of Messrs Turner
and Sons of Victoria in the colony aforesaid
certain goods both water proof clothing,
umbrellas & other goods the value of
one thousand dollars and upwards the
property of the said Messrs Turner also
and I charge the said Ah Yen and
the said Ah Toy on suspicion of being
concerned in the above mentioned robbery.

SWORN before me the day and year }
first before mentioned. }

Wm Bowden

A. P. Emberton

Ludwicksburg

Ms. A. 1.

Ch. Hen

and

Ch. Cosy

Policie Court
24 July 1872

Wm Bowden being duly sworn
upon oath deposes and
saith I have heard my
information of this date read
and it is true as I am
informed and see the
persons at you will try
them I have charged in
Court -

A. Hamlin & S. M.

W. Bowden

Policj Court
29 July 1872

John Ward being duly sworn
upon oath deposes and saith.
From instructions I received from
Inspector Rawson I accompanied
Officer Haffett to Sartor's factory
at Belmont near Somerville.

~~He took~~. - We took the Palmer
Ah Joe with us - we entered
Sartor's factory and Ah Joe pointed
out Ah Gee and Ah Toy to me
as being the men concerned in
the robbery of Messrs. Turners
store - I took charge of them while
Officer Haffett searched the place.
Haffett found a coat which one
of the prisoners recognised as belonging
to him - Haffett found two other
coats and showed them to the
Prisoners.

X and Y
Mr. Bishop
I cannot say which of the two
Prisoners recognised the coats - one
of them took a handkerchief out
of the coat and used it.
The Prisoners came away quietly -

A. W. Ward
S. M.

John Ward

Turners Store

Door



Ten Pin Alley

P

alley way

An empty Store

Fork Street

D

Hoop

~~19.082~~
~~19.51~~
26.018

Polic County
2 August 1872

W. Bowden being duly sworn
upon oath deposes and saith
At the time that Mr. Turner's
store was broken about the
17th of last December the premises
of Ah Yew was employed in the
Ten Pin Alley for the purpose
of setting up pins. ~~and down~~
~~This line between two houses~~
He said - He back door by the
Ten Pin Saloon opens into the
passage within two or three
yards of Mr. Turner's back
door. Produce a plan of
the premises showing the entrance
from Fort Street to Mr. Turner's
back door.

Xmas - by
Mr. Bishop

It is not always possible to gain
access to the passage leading from
Fort Street to Mr. Turner's back
door as there is a gate at the
entrance of the passage which is
usually closed at night.
Would not swear that the gate
was locked or fastened on the
night of the 16th Decr. when the
robbery occurred.

W. Bowden

W. Bowden
A. P. Bishop M.

Police Court
2. August 1872

J. H. Tamm being duly sworn
upon on the depositth and
sacred.

About last Xmas time my
premises were broken into
and about fifteen hundred
dollar worth of goods stolen.
The principal part of these
goods consisted of water proof
cloth of the value of about
one thousand dollars. There
were various qualities and
colours of water proof cloth - grey
being the predominant colour.
There were one or two pieces
of dark blue and two pieces
of plain black. These goods
were taken at night between
the time of the closing of the
store at 6 P.M. and ^{the opening of the} 7 A.M.
I have examined the Chinese
garment marked A produced
in court and find that it is
made of exactly the same kind
~~the black water proof~~ of cloth as was stolen from my
store.

I have also examined another
Chinese garment produced in court
and marked B and find that
it also is made of exactly the same
kind of blue and black water proof
cloth as was stolen from my store.

Have also examined a third curtain
produced in Court and marked C and find that the
outside cloth is exactly the
same kind as was stolen from
my store.

The garment A contains about
four yards of cloth worth about a
dollar and a half a yard.

The garment B also contains about
four yards of cloth worth about
a dollar and a half a yard.
The garment C. contains about
two yards of cloth of the value
of about one dollar and a half
a yard.

With regard to the other I found
the door at the rear of the store
(which opens into a passage leading
into Park Street,) open and a hole
cut in the panel.

Piper occupies the adjoining
premises on the North Side - and
at the time Mr. Harris occupied
the premises on the South Side.

~~Xen. Hotel~~
~~but not adjoined~~
Lucky Salom is what is called
the Ten Pin Alley it is next
beyond Harris'

I do not recognise either of the
two men as having been
employed in the Ten Pin Alley.

~~marked by~~ The cloth forming the garments
~~but not adjoined~~ produced in Court is of the
same description as that stolen
from my store.

never saw any Chinese garments
made of that description of cloth before.
I have frequently examined Chinese
garments having had a special
reason for doing so with a view to
importing the cloth of which they
are made.

I am not prepared to swear that
Chinamen do not buy cloth of
the description produced to make
their garments with.

A similar description of cloth has
been sold to Chinese Merchant for
a particular purpose

I know that some of the cloth sold
was used for making ladies dresses
with, but I don't know what became of the rest.
I was not the first person who saw
the don the morning after the
robbery.

There are several doors opening on the
passage at the back of my store
My ladies I do not attend to
Chinese women -

I cannot undertake to say that
all of the cloth sold was used
for the purpose of making
ladies dresses.

J. H. Turner

A. P. Ambulatory S. M.

Police Court
2nd August 1872

Daniel Nappit being duly sworn upon oath deposes and saith
About nine or ten days ago
in consequence of information I
received went in company
with Officer Ward & Mr. Griffiths
Shoe factory at Belmont.
We took a Chinaman with us
named Ah Toe for the purpose
of pointing out two other Chinamen
who were working there named
Ah Toy and Ah Yew - Ah Toe
pointed out the two ^{Ward and} Prisoners
and we arrested them. ~~He~~ Then
~~we~~ took back the Prisoners
with us to the place where they
slept and in Ah Toy's bed I
found the coat marked A which
he claimed as his - From information
I received I then went into the
house close to the house and found
the coat marked Band C -
The coat C was wrapped up in a
shoemakers apron lying with
the back which was very thick -
The coat B was lying a little
distance from the coat C but
not covered with anything.
I took these coats and tied them
up in the open - the Prisoners
made no observations.

X End. by Isaw Ah Toy take a red handkerchief
Mr. Johnstone out of the coat marked A - he then
put the coat on.

Found the other coats about
100 feet yards from the building.
The coats marked B and C were
not identified by either of the
Principals.

David Rappitt

Arlington

S. M.

Policie Court
22nd Augt. 1872

Ah Toe being duly sworn upon
oath deposes and saith.

Mr. Kirkup counsel for the accused makes
the following objection which is overruled
by the Bench.

Objection That the witness Ah Toe who is
charged with misprision of felony
in respect of the crime charged
against Ah Yen and Ah Toy
cannot legally give his evidence
until released from custody. //

A } Ah Yen said he would give me
one hundred and twenty dollars
if I would say nothing about the
robbery. He said this all the
time we have been in Gaol.

B } Ah Yen was working in a Saloon
in Government Street next to Harry
(the Butcher's) shop. He worked in
the Saloon during the day and went
home at night. The night very

C } near Christmas day blew very
hard. Ah Yen took a ~~lemonade~~
and called the Chinamen to get
the key and ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~
the ~~key~~ and one ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~
lock. That night I was in Chinatown
town in Cormorant Street. I
saw Ah Toy, Ah Yen, and
Ah Fook bringing home a parcel

D }

D

1 } tied up to Mr Fouks house // they
 { ^{it was} ~~had~~ also a parcel of very thin cloths
 and was wrapped up in a potato
 bag // the parcel contained three
 different kinds of cloth, also a
 piece of linen //

J J Paulettos
S.M.

Pahli Lank
26 August 1872

Ah Joe being duly sworn upon
oath deposed & said saith
I know the Premonis Ah Yen
and Ah Toy.

Ah Yen worked at the Bowring
House in Government Street a
long time - Ah Toy told me
that he had stolen some goods
from Turner & Co and that
Ah Yen and Ah Fook were
with him - Ah Toy asked me
to sell some goods on commission
after Mr. Turner's robbery.

In consequence of what Ah Fook
said to me I went to his house
and saw some fine and some
coarse cloths and some carpeting.
Ah Fook's house is in Commerack
Street.

Ah Toy came to my house and
told me that he had got some
fine & coarse cloths and some
over coats and wanted to sell them.
It was about eighteen or nineteen
days after Turner's robbery that
Ah Toy came to my house.

The over coats were ladies' coats
and there were only a few of them.
They were of a dark color.

Ah Toy showed me about seven
yards of fine cloth also some
cotton cloth and wanted me to sell

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Attention of ~~#~~ the evidence given by the witness
Evidence given by at the Police Court on the 22nd
Ah Joe on the 22nd August being read over to him
he states That those portions
marked A, C are correct and
that those marked B and D
are incorrect.

With regard to that portion
marked B the Ah Joe states
Ah Yew was at home during
the day and worked at the factory
in the evening.

With regard to the portion marked
D Ah Joe states I did not
see Ah Toy, Ah Yew and Ah Tuck
bring home the parcel but
Ah Toy told me ~~so~~ when I went & submitted with the
Police Ah Yew told me that
if he had stolen anything
from any one it was no
business of mine.

After Ah Yew had been in Gaol
a day or two he told me that
he had stolen things from
Turner's store but that he had
not stolen my goods and asked
me why I went to the Police
Court and testified against
him so strongly.

Ah Yew said he had no money
but would give me an order
for \$120⁰⁰ in Tai Chong Long

J.W.

Province of British Columbia

To WIT.

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Ah Yen and Ah Toy

stands charged before

the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Colony of British Columbia, this 26th day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seventy two for that he the said Ah Yen and the said Ah Toy on or about the 17th day of June 1871, at Victoria in the

Province aforesaid feloniously did steal certain goods to wit water proof clothing umbrellas and other goods of the value of one thousand dollars and upwards the property of J. H. Turner also of Victoria against the peace of our Lady the Queen her liege and deputy.

and the said charge being read to the said
said Ah Toy, and the witnesses for the prosecution,

Ah Yen and the

being severally examined in his presence, the said
said Ah Toy an is now addressed by me as follows:—

"Having heard the evidence, do you wish to say anything in answer to the charge? You are not obliged to say anything unless you desire to do so; but whatever you say will be taken down in writing, and may be given in evidence against you upon your trial. You have nothing to hope from any promise of favour, and nothing to fear from any threat, which may have been holden out to you to induce you to make any admission or confession of your guilt, but whatever you shall now say may be given in evidence against you upon your trial, notwithstanding such promise or threat." Whereupon the said

Ah Yen
saith as follows:—

J,

I was working at the Hock
and Shoe Factory at Esquimalt
and I don't know what
happened the policeman had in
my place. The police searched
my pocket and could find
nothing. Ah Joe enquired of
me if I knew who had stolen
the property from Turner & Co.
I told him I did not know -
Ah Joe said to me you have been
working at the Bowling House
and you ought to know. I replied
that I had too much to do at
the Bowling House & knew anything
about it -

And he said Ah try catch as
follows I bought a coat from
~~Fatty~~ Foh King. The coat was the
one brought to the Police Court;

/// *Apprentice*
P.M.

The above depositions of Wm Bowden
was taken and sworn before me
on the 24 July 1872 - the deposition
of John Barker was taken and
sworn before me on the 29 July
1872 - the depositions of David
Nappill, J. H. Turner and
William Bowden were taken
and sworn before me on the
22nd August 1872 - the depositions
of Ah Joe were taken and
sworn before me on the 22nd
and the 26th August 1872 at
the Police Court Victoria -

A. M. Baldwin S. M.

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Reyna
or
Ah Yen
Ah Toy

Larceny

Influence

Wm Bowdoin
John Ward
Sand Nappelli
J. H. Turner
Ah Joe

Received
18th Oct 1872
Plymouth
Mass