

**The Late Sticking-up at Little Bombay.** *Freeman's Journal*, 10 November 1866.

*Alexander Bradley was charged with having on 20th of October, at Little Bombay, unlawfully and feloniously stolen and taken away six Crimean shirts, two men's coats and other goods the property of Joseph Taylor. Prisoner had been arrested by Constable Hughes, at Foxlowe Gap on Friday last on the charge, and on the same day Senior-sergeant Duffy had searched his hut at Jerrabatgully and found a saddle, which when taken possession of had some flour adhering to it under the flaps, a pair of saddle bag? containing a pair of stirrup leathers. Sergeant Duffy also took possession of a small quantity of tea and sugar which was in the hut, all of which articles were- produced in Court. Mr Scarvell appeared for the prisoner. Prisoner when being removed from the lock-up to gaol, said he had got the saddle from Mr. George Boyne, of Jembaicumbene, the saddle bags had been left at his place by a man named Glass, and the stirrup leathers he knew nothing about — they were not his. The tea he bought at Foxlowe, he said, and the sugar at Rodd's. Sergeant Duffy had also taken possession from out of the hut of a pair of Bedford cord trousers, a cabbage tree hat and pair of blucher boots, which prisoner was wearing in the dock,*

**Joseph Taylor, Esq.,** of Little Bombay, deposed to the facts of the late sticking up of his house and store at Little Bombay, where he and a number of other persons in the establishment were bailed up in front of the stable and guarded by one of the bushrangers, while the other three ransacked the store and house. He saw the three bushranger's going backwards and forwards bringing out of the store and the house various kinds of things and packing them on two horses, one of which they had brought with them in addition to the four they had ridden, and the other was one they had seized belonging to one of the parties bailed up, Robert Doolan. The bushrangers remained about three hours, going away about 10 o'clock and having come about 7 o'clock. He (witness) had recovered a portion of the goods which they took away, but there was a quantity still missing. One or two bags of Company's No. 1 sugar, some flour, tea, and other articles had not been recovered. [Tea produced was here compared with some of the same kind that had been stolen which witness had brought from home with him, and also with some sugar, but witness would not swear they were the same, although he stated they were much alike and of the same description.] Witness swore to the stirrup leathers, however, as his property, by their general appearance, and from one of them having been with eleven others made to his order by Mr. Weatherall the saddler. Witness went on to describe the man who had guarded them during the robbery. He was within a yard of him he said very often, and although he could not in the moonlight see his features, he examined well his general appearance, his manner of walking, and took cognizance of his voice, and he was of opinion that prisoner looked very much like the man. He wore the same clothes, hat, trousers, and boots, had since the robbery observed his walk, and heard him speak, and although he would not go so far as to positively swear to him, he believed he could safely do so. He conscientiously believed he was the man. The witness here underwent a severe cross examination by Mr. Scarvell, but only stuck the harder to what he had said, and swore positively to the stirrup leather as his property.

**William Weatherall,** who was then examined in reference to the stirrup leather, swore it was made in his shop, and recognised it by the leather and the manner in which it was made.

The next witness, **George Hallett,** farm servant to Mr. Taylor, who was among the company bailed up, swore distinctly to prisoner by his features as well as his general appearance and his clothes and boots. He had no doubt about his being the man. Mr. Scarvell in cross-examining him only made him swear to the prisoner more positively. He never to his knowledge saw the man before, and he swore positively to him by his features, he having had a good look at him while he was striking a match to light his pipe, when he could see the whole of his face except a bit of his chin that was covered with a piece of dark cloth that he had tied round it.

Two other witnesses, **Robert and Patrick Doolan,** also swore to prisoner's features from having seen them when Hallet struck a match in his face, when he put his hand up to try to keep his face from view. The last witness indeed deposed to having seen prisoner a short time without anything round his chin at all. The only discrepancy in the statements of these four witnesses was that the last two swore that prisoner had on a felt hat, while Mr. Taylor and Hallett swore he, had on an old, cabbage tree. The last witness, **Robert Gunn,** said prisoner was similar to the man in every way, but he could not swear to him, not having seen his features. The case was remanded for a week. — *Braidwood Dispatch.*