

THE ARMSTRONG MURDER.

THE CASE BEFORE THE CAMDEN GRAND JURY—
A TRUE BILL AGAINST HUNTER AND GRA-
HAME—EMMA BETHEL INDICTED FOR POISON-
ING THE BISHOPS.

The May term of the Camden County Courts commenced yesterday morning at ten o'clock, with Judges Woodhull, Parcoast, Horner and Woolston on the bench. The following gentlemen were selected as the grand jury: John S. Read, Charles G. Zimmerman, William H. Powell, William H. Cole, John R. Johnston, Stephen Titus, Matthew Miller, William Shearman, B. Frank Sutton, James Tatem, Christopher J. Micea, Charles Sharp, William Sharp, Elwood Kemble, Charles Robleson, Joseph B. Tatem, John Gill, Jr., Amos Ebert, Lemuel Horner, William M. Godfrey, Thos. C. Knight and Samuel T. Murphy.

Judge Woodhull charged the jurymen at considerable length, touching on various points of interest to the citizens of the county, into which the jury were required to make proper inquiry. He traced the history of grand juries from a long period back as an indispensable accessory to the courts, but their action in modern times had become modified to a more humane appreciation of the rights and privileges of the accused. Formerly, bills were found on "probable cause," but now the law and justice demanded that before an indictment may be found the jurymen must perfectly satisfy themselves of the guilt of the party or parties complained of. The judge cautioned them against receiving anything as evidence that was not legal, and such as could be received by the court trying and adjudicating the case. They could hear but one side of the accusation, as all rebutting evidence was reserved for the trial before a traverse jury.

With respect to the murder cases on which they were to act, they were strongly enjoined that, before finding a bill of indictment the jury must, in the first place, be fully satisfied that deceased came to his or her death by violence at the hands of the person or persons charged, and that, when so satisfied, it was their duty to return an indictment as murder, without fixing the grade. Selling liquors without license was alluded to, and the judge reminded the jury that if the evidence satisfied them that a person has sold without license they must return a true bill not against the lowly and un influential only, but also those in high stations and positions commanding influence. They should observe no impartiality between the rich and the poor, violators of the law must all be punished alike.

At the close of the charge the grand jury retired to their room and the first case sent before them was that of Benjamin Hunter, charged with the murder of John M. Armstrong. It was reported last evening that a true bill had been found against him, also against Graham and Emma Bethel, the latter being charged with poisoning the Bishop, near Berlin. It is decided to begin Hunter's trial on next Monday week. The balance of yesterday was passed by the court in hearing motions and transacting other judicial business.