

From the Niagara (Buffalo) Journal, May 8.

The Election.—It will be seen by the official canvass published above, that the republican assembly ticket has succeeded in this county, (Niagara,) by a majority of 44 votes. In Chautauque, the majority over the bucktail ticket is upwards of 100. Cattaraugus county, the official returns of which have not been received, will reduce the majority considerably; but the election of our candidates, Messrs. Phelps and Campbell, is certain. The fate of the congressional ticket is still unknown, although we have a strong belief that Mr. Tracy is elected.

Murder.—A Seneca Indian by the name of Tommy Jemmy, was committed to gaol on Saturday last, for the murder of a squaw, about three miles from this place. It appeared on the examination, that the prisoner suspected the deceased of being a *witch*, and of having occasioned the death of one of his near relatives, who has lately died, by some diabolical practices in which the Indians believe. After consulting with some other Indians on the measure, he went to the deceased, and induced her to go with him into a field near where she resided, and there, after treating her with whiskey, deliberately cut her throat. A coroner's inquest was called, which found a verdict of wilful murder.

Killing persons suspected of witchcraft, is a practice by no means uncommon, even among the Indians residing in the neighborhood of white settlements. The efforts which have been made to prevent it have been ineffectual, although this, we believe, is the first case where the civil authority has interposed for the punishment of the offender. The superstitious belief in sorcery, which is common to all savages, and is often confirmed by the confessions of the deluded wretches who are accused of its practice, is so strongly fixed in the minds of the Indians, that no argument or reasoning seems sufficient to eradicate it. The prisoner is a Seneca chief, and is one of those who went to Europe in 1818. He possesses more than a common share of intelligence, but it appears not to be conscious of having done any thing criminal or improper in the murder he has perpetrated.

On Saturday last, Mr. Barclay, the British Boundary Line Commissioner, arrived at this place, and proceeded to Black Rock, to confer with Gen. Porter, preparatory to entering upon active duties on the upper Lakes.