Pat Quinn seeing Outlaws

On the --- Pat was riding through the bush 10 or 12 miles from Benalla, he saw the four outlaws on horseback together with Tom Lloyd, he did not go near them but rode straight home to his own place, he let his horse go when he got home & went inside his house, about dusk he saw Tom Lloyd go & look at his horse in the paddock & then take his place at the slip rails he looked out several times during the night & saw Lloyd still there. Next day. Pat Quinn caught his horses and whilst riding along the road near Wangarratta he met Mr Sadlier who was coming from Oxley or some where in that direction – Quinn told Mr Sadlier what he had seen on the previous day & discribed the spot to him. Mr Sadlier rode in as fast as he could to Wangarratta telegraphed there [?] to Mr Nicolson that he had some important information & to get every … ready for an early start that he Mr Sadlier would be at Benalla by the last train.- On his arriving at Benalla he gave all the information to Mr Nicolson and it was arranged that the black trackers & party of men were to start away at one ….. next morning. Mr Nicolson Mr Sadlier & Mr O’Connor were to accompany the party – Capt Standish was telegraphed to, to come up to Benalla by early train next morning at one or … in the morning the men were all ready with their horses saddled. … Irwin was in charge of the men and Mr Nicolson gave orders for the saddles to be taken of the horses and the men to go back to their quarters. The men were greatly disgusted at this & threw their saddles down on the ground with a great smash – Shortly after this Mr Sadlier arrived at the barracks yard. He found all the saddles off the horses & upon asking the reason of this was told Mr Nicolson had given the orders.

Mr Sadlier then went to the office found Mr Nicolson & Mr O’Connor there he asked if any further news had been obtained to cause this change of plans. Mr Nicolsonr eplied no, but I have been thinking about this matter all night and have decided not to disturb the outlaws just now. A telegram was sent at that hour to Cap' Standish telling him not to come up to Benalla, and if possible it would be as well if the original telegram could be found, because I am told although the telegram was … still the whole trouble [?] had not been told. Serg' Steele was telegraphed to on the subject the night Mr Sadlier arrived at Benalla & he begged to be allowed to go out after the outlaws but was not granted permission. it will no doubt be urged that the exact spot where the outlaws were … was not properly known to Mr Sadlier but he himself thought he could find the tracks and besides which Pat Quinn could have been communicated with during the night as he only … some 15 or … miles from Benalla & he could have shown a man the exact spot he had seen the outlaws & he could have put the trackers on the tracks within 30 hours of the time they had been there.

Mr Sadlier can prove this.

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Reasons why