Henry Black supposed to meet his death by being murdered on 28th 10mo 1857.

On 4th of 11mo (28th) week accompanied by young Bagg to Henry Black's Track about 6 miles west of the Post it was raining heavily all the while I was there. I had joined on the night of the 28th and also during the night of 29th I saw a constable & Edward Colwell. Shepherd. The shephard conducts me to the Water-hole from which he deceased. I ask to obtain water close to the Water-hole was a large tree on which about the height of 3 feet was an indentation in the bark as if occasioned by a blow from a stone, a stone of about 8 to 10 weight lay at the foot of the tree. The outermost layer of the bark had fallen off. The layer then exposed had a white appearance which when examined by a glass resembled minute fungous bodies as if from a blow this may have been caused by the naked eye it appeared exactly as from a blow on the Water-hole on the further side from the Rock stood at a distance from the Water-hole perhaps about 40 or 5042 more opposite to the track than the Water-hole. Gay the body of the Track with the face towards the East the body stretched out the arms by the sides the hands clenched the nails blue. It was so covered with living maggots that several handfuls of water were required to wash them away before it could be more particularly examined. The face were the body lay was of brown iron stone firmly embed in the ground—many several of these stone

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were displaced, and had evidently been used to reseal the foul deed. As the clothes about the neck & chest were displaced, the neckcloth was tied in a sailor's knot, but the knot had been drawn to the end forming a large loop which had been lashed over the head backwards, the front of the waistcoat was torn from the back past the front was unfastened, the bottom of the shirt was torn from the body, and the buttons of the shirt were several small holes as of cuts by which the fabric of the cloth being torn away only on one side the other half was remaining outside, and the tissue unruptured, there might be a dozen holes spread out, the cloth being driven inwards, on the opposite side there were but 2 or 3 shirt holes with a large hole as if a number of shot had pressed out together, the cloth being on this side driven outwards. The trousers were fastened & fitted very tight from the swelling of the body through decomposition, one brace was loose in front the other fast before I believe, his boots were on his trousers not torn, on cutting then the trowsers were more greatly of violence were observed, a peculiar mark of an arm was on the right thigh, & when cut into exhibited not discoloured or ecchymoses of the skin adventitious.

The decomposition of the whole body was extreme, he was suffixed to have been murdered on 28th Nov. the body he was kept seen at Vienna.

The head face 1/3rd must have been smashed into a pulp. The frontal part of the forehead bones were broken with small fragments, no part of the bone of face or lower jaw were left, and when the largest piece of the skull was did not measure two inches in length its
coulides were separated from their articulations, the
bathing was continued until the occupant was
drained into what was then a hard ground more than
higher, a portion of the skull, that covered the
last detached piece of frontal bone was forged
not cut showing that the weapon used was blunt.
The skull easily separated from the rest of the
neck, all the ligaments being detached.
The sternum of ribs were bare of flesh
The thoracic & lumbar vertebrae were in complete
as not to be distinguished.
When the body was brought between the
sheet it was found to the head towards the nape of which
the main arteries collected washed away and after
upon minute examination no trace of what could
be discovered in any of the bones.
The stones were examined but no trace
of blood could be seen on them except one which
had some white substance on it, nor where
any parts of blood discovered, this however was
visible to two or three

If there were two half grown mifticles loose, his
shirt top being tied up in his neck, the three driven
the stones may have thrown upon the blood vessels
that would have been scattered about.
2. The man that had killed apparently had washed
away all the traces that the dogs might have left.
3. The muzzles had also repaired.