
LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

*The following singular Case was sent to us by Mr. REID,
Clerk to the Attorney General for this Colony.*

ON the 22d of November last, a female Slave of J. A. Moolman, a farmer, named Lea, residing at Kan River, in the district of Swellendam, having been sent out to herd her master's goats, which was her usual occupation, returned in the evening, when she informed her mother that she had, whilst in the fields that day, been delivered of a still-born female child, which she had buried. On being questioned by her mistress why she had not brought it to the house, she answered, "she did not know that it was necessary to bring a dead child home, and that she could not have brought it without having been observed by the lads who were out with the horses."

Her mistress ordered her to go and point out the place where the child was buried, but after she had proceeded a short way she recalled her fearing that the coldness of the weather might injure her health. The next morning, accompanied by her mother and her mistress, she went and pointed out the spot. Having removed some loose earth, they found the child lying on its left side. The funis had not been tied, but no hæmorrhage had ensued. Having observed that the child, which was very cold, moaned, they made a fire and attempted to warm it, but not succeeding, they carried it to the house, where they put it to bed and applied warm stones to its body, by which means it recovered so much that in the evening it was able to suck, and on the 13th December was in perfect health, and was carried by the mother to Swellendam, where an examination of the case was taken before the Resident Magistrate.

When the child was found to be alive, Mrs. Moolman said to Lea, "You said the child was dead, but here we find it alive," to which she replied, "I can only say, I thought the child was dead." She did not evince any emotions either of joy or grief. She is the mother of two other children, and is very fond of them.

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