

Trial of the Suspected Kidnappers of Solomon Northrup.

SARATOGA, Tuesday, July 11.

The examination of ALEXANDER MERRILL and JOSEPH RUSSELL, charged with kidnapping SOLOMON NORTHRUP and selling him into Slavery, has been in progress to-day at Ballston, Spa. NORTHRUP distinctly swears to their being the persons,—and told how he was hired at Saratoga Springs in 1841, to go South with them to join a Circus, and treated in Washington with drugged liquor, &c., &c. A witness was in Court who drank with NORTHRUP and his kidnappers at Washington, the night before he was put in the Slave pen,—and it is expected that a witness will come forward and testify to having heard MERRILL tell of selling NORTHRUP.

The accused were discovered from the descriptions and incidents given in NORTHRUP'S book.

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