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"It is seldom," says the Brisbane Courier, "that a prisoner after effecting his escape from a penal establishment, and enjoying several years of freedom, is found to yield himself up to the authorities with the intention of performing the portion of his sentence which remained unexpired at the time of his escape, but a case of the kind has occurred here within the last few days. On the 4th August, 1866, a man named Charles Court, who was undergoing a sentence of five years' penal servitude at St. Helena, for horse-stealing, contrived to escape in a boat with a fellow-prisoner, and get clear away. Court made his way to New South Wales, and from all accounts he appears to have behaved well during the last five years, and to so far raise himself in the estimation of a well-to-do relative that the latter promised to make him his heir on condition that he returned to Queensland and fulfilled his term of imprisonment. The wisdom of this proceeding is self-apparent, for should Court be discovered at any future time, his arrest would follow as a matter of course, and the disgrace might then be more severely felt. Acting, therefore, on the advice of his friends, he travelled overland to Warwick, and surrendered himself to the police there.

He has four years and one month of his sentence to serve."