

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Moreton Bay correspondent of the S.M.Herald communicates to that journal the following, under date of the 2nd instant :On Thursday last, while the steamer Hawk was proceeding up the river from the bay, one of the people on board observed the dead body of a man lying aground on a sandbank off Luggage Point. The corpse was brought to Brisbane, and proved to be that of a person named Robert Collins, who had been for some time back employed in the Dugong fishery, and who left Brisbane for the bay about a fortnight ago, accompanied by a man named Morgan,1 and - another' whose name is not known. - From 'the appearance of uro Tjouy mere can be no doubt whatever that Collins was barbarously murdered, and nearly as little that the crime was committed by blacks.

From the medical evidence given at the inquest, it appeared that the principal wounds were on the neck and breast ; one to the left of the vertex, penetrating. Into the cavity of the skull. The bones of the face and jaws were also smashed. Decomposition had advanced so far that they who had known him could only identify the body from certain portions of the dress and personal marks. The two other men known to have been in the boat with the unfortunate Collins have not been heard of, and it is but too probable that they have shared the fate of their companion. The boat also is still missing. A party has gone in the Customs boat in search, but they have not yet returned, nor has any intelligence been received from them. When last seen, Collins and his party had a black, named ' Dr. Ballow, in the boat with them. This black murdered a man named Grant at the Cabuldro River about two years ago, and as he is said to have had a 'down' upon Collins, he is suspected to have had some hand in his taking off. A warrant had long been out against Ballow for Grant's affair, and I had understood that he was in hiding in the scrubs on the coast. It appears, however, that he has been in communication with the whites frequenting the bay, and why he was not secured I cannot understand. The only white man who witnessed the murder of Grant is certainly dead, but his depositions, I suppose, are extant ; and the mere doubt of a conviction ought not to be allowed to interfere with the capture of a presumed culprit.