Juror Packet #3

An Incident in Boston on March 5, 1770 -- Illustrations

Illustration #1

1856 Engraving from John Buford

Illustration #2

19th Century (1800s) wood engraving, artist unknown
Illustration #3: Three weeks after the incident the silversmith and patriot Paul Revere produced and distributed this engraving. Although he knew people who were eyewitnesses he probably was not there himself. It became the official patriot version of the incident.

Circa March 26, 1770

Unhappy BOSTON! See thy Sons deplore, They hallow’d Walks besear’d with guiltless Gore: While faithless—and his savage Bands, With murd’rous Rancour stretch their bloody Hands; Like fierce Barbarians grinning o’er their Prey. Approve the Carnage, and enjoy the Day.

If scalding drops from Rage from Anguish Wrung If speechless Sorrows lab’ring for a Tongue, Or if a weeping World can ought appease The plaintive Ghosts of Victims such as these; The Patriot’s copious Tears for each are shed, A glorious Tribute which embalms the Dead.

But know, FATE summons to the awful Goal, where JUSTICE strips the Murd’rer of his Soul: Should venal C-ts the scandal of the Land, Snatch the relentless Villain from her Hand, Keen Execrations on this Plate inscrib’d, Shall reach a JUDGE who never can be brib’d.