

...a remorse for my departure from my duty, but it was then
...Nothing, my lords, remains, but to throw myself,
...life and fortune, upon your lordship's compassion; but of
...my lords, as to myself, is the least part of my suffering.
...I have involved an affectionate wife, with an unborn infant, as
...of my guilt to share it's penalties; I have involved my
...son, whose infancy and regard to his parents, hurried him
...in the stream of rebellion; I have involved also eight inno-
...children, who must feel their parent's punishment, before
...know his guilt. Let them, my lords, be pledges to his
...pity; let them be pledges to your lordships; let them be
...to my country for mercy: Let the silent eloquence of
...grief and tears; let the powerful language of innocent na-
...supply my want of eloquence and persuasion: Let me en-
...sue, but no longer than I deserve it; and let me no lon-
...enjoy life, than I shall use it to deface the crimes I have
...guilty of. Whilst I thus intercede to his majesty through
...mediation of your lordships, for mercy; let my remorse for
...guilt as a subject; let the sorrow of my heart as a husband;
...the anguish of my mind as a father, speak the rest of my
...sorrow. As your lordships are men, feel as men; but may
...of you ever suffer the smallest part of my anguish.—
...if, after all, my lords, my safety shall be found inconsistent
...with that of the public, and nothing but my blood can atone
...for my unhappy crime; If the sacrifice of my life, my fortune,
...family, is judged indispensibly necessary for stopping the
...demand of public justice; and if the bitter cup is not to
...flow from me; not mine, but thy will, O God, be done.

...for the lord Balmerino, he pleaded, "That the grand ju-
...of Surrey had no right to find bills against him, as being at
...taking the city and castle of Carlisle, since it had not been
...proved that he was present thereat; he therefore said, if
...had no right to find bills against him, he humbly moved
...admittance might be quashed, or he might be allowed coun-
...The lords, after some debate, agreed that he should have
...assigned him; and accordingly, at his request, Mr. Will-
...am and Mr. Forrester were appointed; and the lords ord-
...him to prepare for judgment tomorrow.

...every morning between 10 and 11 o'clock, nine of the
...chester rebels (the rest being reprieved for 3 weeks) were
...led from the New Goal in the following manner; viz. 1st,
...ry of the foot guards, followed by the three sledges, in the
...of which were Francis Townley, John Berwick, Andrew
...and the executioner with a drawn scymetar; in the se-
...nd, Thomas David Morgan, Thomas Deacon, and Thomas
...al; in the third, James Dawson, George Fletcher, and
...mas Chadwick, surrounded by the foot guards, who also
...ght up the rear. When they came to the place of execu-
...they were all put into a waggon, and the fire for burning
...hearts, entrails, &c. was immediately set fire to: When
...had passed some time in devotion, they desired to speak to
...other by themselves, which was granted; the discourse
...inued near a quarter of an hour, with great earnestness and
...otion, at the end of which they all flung their hats (six of
...were laced with gold), prayer-books, and some papers;
...ing the spectators; on which the executioner pulled their
...out of their pockets, and putting them on, drew them o-
...their eyes, and they were immediately turned off. When
...had hung about three minutes, the soldiers pulled off their
...shoes, stockings (which were all white); and shoes, and soon
...the executioner pulled off their cloaths, and their bodies
...ripped up, their bowels were taken out and flung into
...they all behaved with a kind of fix'd resolution of putting
...face they could upon a bad cause, and therefore beha-

Bar; and Siddal's to be sent to Manchester, to be put up in
the same place where his father's head was, for being concern-
ed in the rebellion in 1715.

August 2. Yesterday the lord high steward went to the house
of Peers in grand procession, and after being seated, and the
peers in their robes, proclamation was made for silence, and
for bringing the prisoners to the bar; which was done accord-
ingly, with the axe carried before them.

His grace the lord high steward asked the earls of Kilmar-
nock and Cromarty, whether they had any thing further to offer?
and they answered in the negative. Then his grace in-
formed lord Balmerino, that having started an objection, desired
council, and had their assistance, he was now to make use
of it, if he thought fit to argue that point. To this his lord-
ship answered, "He was sorry for the trouble he had given his
grace and the peers, that he would not have taken that step,
if he had not been persuaded there was some ground for the
objection; but that his council having satisfied him there was no-
thing therein that could turn to his service, he declined having
them heard, and was resolved to rely upon his majesty's mercy."

His grace proceeded next to make a very clear, nervous, and
pathetic speech to the prisoners, in which he explained the na-
ture, and insisted on the circumstances attending, and the con-
sequences that followed their crime; he shewed the beauty and
excellency of our happy constitution, in church and state: He
most elegantly touched on the zeal expressed by all ranks and
degrees of people, Clergy and Laity, Nobility, Gentry, Mer-
chants, &c. in it's support; which shewed the folly, as well as
wickedness, of every attempt to subvert it; and having, in the
most affecting manner, applied in particular to the lords at the
bar the topics he had insisted upon: After a short pause, he pro-
nounced the following judgment; viz.

"That you William earl of Kilmarnock, George earl of
Cromarty, and Arthur lord Balmerino, return to the prison of
the Tower, from whence you came; from thence you must be
drawn to the place of execution; when you come there you
must be hanged by the neck, but not 'til you be dead; for you
must be cut down alive, then your bowels must be taken out,
and burnt before your faces; then your heads must be sever'd
from your bodies, and each of your bodies divided into four
quarters, and these must be at the king's disposal: And God
Almighty be merciful to your souls."

Which done, the prisoners were taken from the Bar.

Then the serjeant at arms crying, O Yes! said,
*Our Sovereign Lord the King strictly charges and commands all
manner of Persons to keep Silence, upon Pain of Imprisonment.*

After which, the lord high steward stood up uncovered, and
declared there was nothing more to be done by virtue of the
present commission, broke the staff, and pronounced it dissolved;
and then leaving the chair, came down to the Wool-
packs, and asked if it was their lordships pleasure to adjourn to
the house of lords? which the lords agreeing to, the house ad-
journed to the chamber of Parliament, and they all returned in
the same order they came down.

Thanks were ordered to be given to the lord high steward
for the speech made by him on the conviction of the lords, and
the bill of indictment found against them for high treason; and
that the lord chancellor do cause the said speech to be forthwith
printed and published.

August 5. On Saturday last the daughter of the earl of Cro-
marty waited on several noblemen at Whitehall, and other pla-
ces, with petitions, praying their lordships intercession with his
majesty, in behalf of her father.

And last Sunday the ladies Kilmarnock and Cromarty were
both at Kensington, and delivered petitions to his majesty.