

shells, gathered on the beach, supplying the place of cups, glasses, &c. Our employment consisted chiefly in watching and apportioning our little store of provisions, and collecting whatever articles might be identified by their respective owners. Nor was the God of our fathers forgotten; within and around our little tent passengers and sailors, on the bended knee, joined in the reading of the word and offerings of thanksgiving to that omnipotent Being who commanded that the floods and the waters did not overflow us. Still, humanly speaking, our situation was far from being enviable; situated on a barren island, from which all communication is often for whole weeks excluded, with the certain assurance that our provisions could not last many days; our nights restless and sleepless from lying on the bare ground, and exposed to the attacks of noxious vermin, or the dropping of cold dew; while the glare of the sun by day, from the white burning sand, almost scorched the face, and threatened lastingly to impair the eye sight. Judge then, of our joy and gratitude to God, when, on Tuesday morning, we espied a ship of war sailing along the west coast of the island. Can she really be destined for our relief? Was the nature of our situation really such that the equal ignorance of each could only lead to conjecture. She was so destined; the Governor, Sir G. L. Cole, the instant the tidings reached him, having promptly and humanely issued orders to proceed without delay to remove us from the island. By nine o'clock, A. M. all were comfortably seated on board the Falcon, commanded by Captain Colpoys. From this commander and his officers we experienced a kindness of treatment so cordial and unaffected as to make us feel that the presence of the British flag on every shore is a blessing, and that British generosity is more than an empty name. After a passage some what protracted by the prevalence of calms and contrary winds, we landed on the wharf at Cape Town, on Wednesday, about five o'clock, P. M.

#### TRIAL OF EBENEZER COX, FOR THE MURDER OF COL. DUNN.

On Saturday last, Cox was again led to the bar, and having been reported that he intended on this occasion to address the court, an immense crowd filled the room. When it was demanded of him, by the clerk, agreeably to the usual form, whether he had any thing to say why judgment should not be rendered against him, he replied, in a calm and firm voice, that he had nothing to say. Judge Paxton then pronounced, in a most solemn and impressive manner, the following sentence:

“Ebenezer Cox—I am about to perform a very painful duty, not rendered less so by the absolute certainty of your guilt. I commend the unhappy situation of your young and, in some respects so gifted, notwithstanding it is the proper, natural, inevitable consequence of your own conduct; and if I advert to the circumstances in your case, in terms of severe reprehension, it is to vindicate the just sentence of the law, and from no feeling of resentment towards you. The generous sympathies of human nature, are rather apt to be excited in favour of, than against a fellow being who may be considered as already dead to the world, under the circumstances we are now too much disposed to forget the atrocity of the deed of force, in anticipating the punishment of the offender. It requires some effort to overcome this feeling, and to pronounce without reluctance, the stern, yet righteous judgment of the law.”

An impartial jury of your country, have said, upon their oaths, that you are guilty of murder in the first degree. The evidence justifying their verdict, independent of your repeated voluntary confessions, was sufficient for your conviction; and when combined with them, was full, conclusive, and irresistible. It has exhibited an instance of crime, which, considering all its circumstances, and comparing the diabolical act with the alleged motive, is almost without a parallel. It is, in fact, a crime, which has been dismissed from employment in the army, and from the service of the country, and which has rendered the name of the perpetrator, and of his family, infamous to all eyes. You are now to be sentenced to die, and upon this telling you that he had done for you, you instantly and barbarously, in the hearing and almost in the presence of his family, shot him through the body, before he had full time to rise from the chair in which he was seated, or opportunity to make even one appeal to Heaven for Mercy. This is a summary of your own free disclosures, corroborated (except as to the alleged conspiracy) by the testimony of numerous witnesses; and it proves that your crime is all the ingredients of murder in the first degree. It was willful, deliberate, premeditated killing, under as light a provocation as ever instigated a human being to a similar outrage; and the act was as daring and desperate as it was malicious.

To such an act so perpetrated, the law affixes the penalty of death in its most terrible form. He who (maliciously) sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed. This is the sentiment of all nations, civilized and savage—a sentiment produced by necessity, approved by reason, and sanctioned by the voice of Heaven itself.

Your days are therefore numbered, and you must prepare to die. Since the forms of the law have been scrupulously respected, and you have had upon your trial every advantage of humanity grants, since your guilt has been rendered manifest by unexceptionable testimony, acknowledged by yourself and declared by the unanimous voice of twelve jurors free from all objection; you have nothing more to expect, so to hope from Mr. Porter, if he should be so unwise as to attempt to obtain a pardon for you, or to hope from any earthly tribunal you seek it. Whether by prayer and repentance you may obtain it elsewhere, and thus avert the more damning consequences of guilt, is not given to us to know. Our duties extend not beyond the grave, except that we are assured, the mercy of God is infinite. But in reference to that assurance, would I hope to make any impression upon one who has hitherto exhibited so little sensibility, I would advise, exhort, and intreat you, by every affecting consideration, to employ the few days which remain to you in this world, in making serious preparation for another. It is fearful to think, that you, who are now standing before me a living man, in the pride of youth, the glow of health, and enjoying the full consciousness of animated existence, must in so short and certain a period cease to live; but it is still more awful, to reflect upon the prospect of your appearing in an impious state, before the Judge of the living and the dead, who will be obliged to ponder upon the folly and danger of persisting in such a course. It is not necessary to be desponding, proceeding from the same principle of false pride, which, in addition to vicious conduct, and the unrepented indulgence of sin, has conducted you through wicked courses.

One other consideration I would urge. You are charged with the guilt of the murder of Col. Dunn, and you have an opportunity to show that you are innocent of this crime. You are charged with the murder of Col. Dunn, and you have an opportunity to show that you are innocent of this crime.

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#### POLITICAL.

From the United States Telegraph. SENSIBILITY. Poor John Woods—poor Arthur and Ambler—the poor six militiamen—poor Doctor Watkins—and all the other poor people who have been turned out of office by the late administration, are especially the poor. The late administration, in its policy, has been very unkind to the poor.

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