

"I further declare, as a dying man, that the bayonet fixed on the stick, which my brother James had in his hand, was brought from Ireland, and fixed on the very same stick, to the best of my knowledge, after our going to the Bush, the people having persuaded us that it was dangerous to go in the woods without some weapon to defend ourselves, in case of meeting with wild beasts.

(Signed,) "WILLIAM SUITER.

After this declaration was read, the unhappy culprit gave the signal and his spirit went to "that home from which no traveller returns." The arrangements made by the Sheriff were highly judicious and displayed much good feeling. Instead of the crowd being gratified by the revolting spectacle of seeing a fellow creature in the last agonies (which however in the present instance were not great, as the culprit died without a struggle), the boards round the scaffold were so high that no part of the body could be seen.

The following declarations were prepared by James Suiter, Sen. and James Suiter, Jun. the day previous to the execution, in the full conviction that ere 24 hours had elapsed they would be numbered with the dead!



*Last Declaration of James Suiter, Senr.*

I do hereby solemnly declare as a man just about to enter into eternity, and as I have to answer to God at the great day of Judgment, that on the morning of the 6th December last, the day on which Living Lane unfortunately was shot, I left my house about one hour and a half before day light *alone*, took my gun in my hand (as is the usual practice with people going into the bush) and proceeded to the clearance of land, which I had made on St. Frederick's Range, Parish of St. Sylvestre, on which I had erected buildings, and from which I had taken two crops, and to which I conceived myself to have the best right, having a written document from Mr. Wickstead, being as follows: "The bearers James Suiter and Thomas Hardy may take any number of lots above No. 10 opposite Felker's Mill."

(Signed,) G. W. WICKSTEAD.

And I further conceived myself to have the best right to said land, because I hold a receipt from Mr. Wickstead, in which