

might have been charged, convicted, and executed, in less than 10 many Minutes. Reflect, therefore, whether you have not been guilty of a most unjust Attempt against this Government.

It appears in Evidence that you are an Alien to the King's Government, notwithstanding which you have been treated with the same Indulgence as though you had been a native Subject. True it is, that a Treaty of Amity subsists between His Majesty's Subjects and the Citizens of the United States; many of whom, have borne public Testimony to the kindly Offices received from the King's Subjects. It is an Intercourse we wish to cherish, as well with public Bodies as with Individuals, and as it is not probable that you personally have received an Injury from this Colony, you have been guilty of an unprovoked Attempt against this Government.

Having heard of some Disturbances, that were excited on Account of the Road Act, you falsely concluded that His Majesty's Canadian Subjects were disaffected to Government, and ready to join in a Rebellion, which you were willing to conduct. You might have known that it is easy to provoke Murmurs on a like Occasion in the best regulated States; in England similar Discontents have taken place and subsided as in this Country; for, a short Experience has convinced the People that the Measure was greatly for their Benefit. Putting Conscience out of the Question, as a prudent Man, you had no Grounds to go upon. No one, therefore, but a rash and unprincipled Character would have engaged in so desperate an Enterprize; and no one but a cruel and inhuman Character would have projected such Measures to carry it into Execution. Consider then, whether you have not been guilty of a most atrocious and sanguinary Attempt against this Government.

Perhaps you may think these Terms favour of a Spirit of Reproach; far from it; in your pitiable Condition, to betray such a Temper were very unworthy. No—they are uttered in the Spirit of Admonition and that upon this Principle; You seem to possess a good Understanding; I wish therefore, to fasten on your Mind the Persuasion of this manifest Truth, which nothing but the most perverse Obstinacy can resist, namely that, though your Designs were most hostile against this Government, yet you have experienced that fair Trial you would not have met with in any other Government under Heaven; in hopes, that when the Mist of Delusion shall have disappeared, the Conviction of one Truth may prepare your Mind for the Admission of others, and finally produce that Sense of Contrition and Remorse, which can alone expiate your dangerously wicked Crimes.

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