

## APPENDIX.

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*Quebec, April 10th 1827.*

Sir,

I have waited in expectation of having some information to write to you of my situation which might be gratifying to your humane feelings, but I am very sorry that nothing of importance has yet transpired to give you any encouragement as to my fate. I went through all the forms of sentence, which you of course must conceive was sorrowful and impressive; however, there yet remains one alternative between me and an ignominious death, and I hope your interest will be used immediately in my behalf, as the execution of the Law is to be put in force on Saturday the 21st instant. There is considerable interest and feeling in the public mind in my favor, and I have some reason to believe that a respectful Petition will in a few days be laid before His Excellency for pardon; yet I am not buoyed up with this hope, so as to cause me to neglect such an awful change as may take place, and I hope that such a preparation, through the assistance of God, may work a thorough repentance, and that I may, through the sufferings and blood of our Blessed Redeemer be admitted into everlasting life; such a hope makes death easy, and as the length of my time in this world is but short, were it lengthened out to the utmost of my hopes, I must expect ere long to be called to account with my Creator: yet my feeling in my present condition is to avoid an ignominy which may bring shame on my child and her posterity; this, I can assure you, is my greatest affliction, and I hope that my life may end in a better and more honourable way. I think you informed me you were to be in Québec on the 16th. I hope you will do what you can for me. Indeed, I have no doubt of it, you yourself are the best judge where, and how, you may best serve me.

I am, Sir,

With the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

WM. ROSS.