

strongly corroborative of these statements,—and that the benefit derived from his services more than compensates for the evils he entails—you will acquit him.

Gentlemen, I leave these matters with you—give this important trial your calm and dispassionate consideration—weigh well the evidence, and remember that the Prisoner is entitled to the benefit of any doubts which may arise in your minds in consequence of conflicting testimony, or otherwise—and that our wise and humane law says, “It is better that 99 guilty persons should escape, than that one innocent person should suffer.

The Jury retired, and in about 15 minutes returned with a verdict of “Guilty.”

Clerk of the Crown,—Gentlemen, have you agreed upon your verdict? How say you? Is the Prisoner at the Bar Guilty or not?

Foreman,—Guilty, but recommended to mercy.

Clerk of the Crown,—Prisoner, you have been found guilty of the crimes laid to your charge. What say you why sentence of death and execution should not be passed on you?

Counsellor Craig,—My Lord, I hold in my hand a very respectful petition of the Prisoner, which, with your Lordship’s permission, I will read.

Chief Justice,—Proceed Mr. Craig.

Crier,—Silence in Court.

To the Right Honorable, the Chief Justices of the Court of Common Sense.

The Petition of Ebrieties Alcohol of the Town of Drunkenness, in the Parish of Dissipation, Spirit Vender, now arraigned for Murder, Treason, Conspiracy, &c.,

Humbly Sheweth:

That the design of your Petitioner from the earliest period of his existence to the present, has been to promote the enterprise and wealth of nations; in the enlargement of Cities and Towns, by the erection of extensive Custom-houses, Stores, Distilleries, Breweries, and dwellings for families engaged in his manufacture,—Gin Palaces, Hotels, Taverns, &c., for his supporters,—Court Houses, Soldiers, and Police-men’s Barracks, Work-houses, Houses of Correction, Hulks, Goals, Lunatic Asylums, and Penitentiaries, for the suppression of his abusers.—

That your Petitioner has also extended the Commerce of the Country by Ship-building, and in the employment of Ships and Crews, and all kinds of Land conveyances, to export him and to transport his abusers:—he has also extended trade by the employment of numerous Wholesale and Retail Spirit Merchants, with a vast amount of Capital,—Excise and Revenue officers, and countless multitudes of Workmen to manufacture and vend him,—and added to the general benefit of the nation by giving employment to Senators, Judges, Magistrates, Sheriffs, Coroners, Policemen, Gaolers, Turnkeys, and Hangmen, to regulate him, and to suppress his abusers, and to Tradesmen of all descriptions for the repairing of the

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