

Court—You have been found guilty of deserting from the service of your country, which, at all times, is highly criminal: if it was possible to make it more so, it is, at the present crisis, when Great-Britain is struggling for her very existence.

“Your deserting from the Halifax, and entering into the American Navy, has been attended with most serious and unfortunate consequences, affecting the peace of both countries.

“The offences of which you have been found guilty, are of so flagrant a nature, that I cannot flatter you with the least hopes of pardon: I, therefore, earnestly recommend your employing the short time you may have to live, in making your peace with Heaven.

“All who are now present, and have witnessed this Trial, as well as the Crews of others of His Majesty's Ships, must be convinced of the heinous crime of desertion: more particularly so, when it is attended with mutinous and contemptuous behaviour to your Officers—the fate of the unfortunate Prisoner will, I trust, sink deep into your minds, and prevent the continuance of an offence so hurtful to your country, and disgraceful to the character of British Seamen.”

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On Monday morning last, at a quarter past nine o'clock, the sentence of the Court-Martial was carried into effect at the fore-yard-arm of His Majesty's Sloop of War Halifax.

REMARKS.