

had preserved throughout the whole of the trial. James the younger prisoner, alone, shed a few tears, which with his youth excited the commiseration of the bystanders.

The Hon. Chief Justice some time after informed the prisoners that they stood respited until Friday.

*Friday, 4 April, 1834*

This being the day appointed for the execution of William Suiter, an immense crowd had assembled in front of the Jail by 9 o'clock A. M. and continued to increase until a few minutes after 10 when the unhappy culprit appeared on the platform attended by the Rev. Dr. Harkness and the Rev. J. Clugston. He appeared to be perfectly resigned to his fate and conducted himself with astonishing firmness. He is about 24 years of age, and the crowd appeared to feel for him and his sufferings in the highest degree. After they had arrived on the platform the following declaration was read by the Rev. Dr. Harkness.

*Copy of the Confession of William Suiter, Executed the 4th of April.*

"I do hereby solemnly declare, in the immediate prospect of death, and as I have to answer to Almighty God, at the great day of Judgment, that on the morning of the sixth day of December last, my mother called on me while in bed, and desired me to go after my father, as he had gone to the clearance of land concerning which, he and Living Lane were disputing, in order to endeavour to prevail upon Lane to desist from proceeding in building a log-house on it, and to leave the land quietly—that at my mother's request, I rose, took my gun in my hand, as I had been in the habit of doing when going into the bush, and proceeded towards the clearance, and that on my way thither, I called at my brother James' shanty and requested him to accompany me, which he readily did. We did not come up to my father till he had actually entered upon the clearance; shortly afterwards a good deal of altercation took place between my father and Lane, my father insisting upon his right to the land, and Lane declaring that he would not leave it, but keep possession of it. About half an hour or three quarters of an hour after we arrived on the land, Lane came forward on the logs which had been piled up three deep for the commencement of the intended log-house, and placed his left foot on the top of them in a menacing manner, with an