

Did then pass sentence upon the prisoner,
That he be hanged for his awful crime.
I have not wasted time in advertising, for
A bold man as hangman, at the execution.
Large sums of gold have I therein offered :
But no response to my liberal offer
Have I received, therefore, I now do call
Upon my friends, to assist me in this execution.
Now Donald Green, thou hast long been in
The army, and well tried for bravery and nerve ;
Can'st thou then tackle, and hang the guilty man ?
Can I depend on you in this trying hour ?

D. G. Your honor, I am waxing old, and
My nerves are in condition shattered.
Oh ! when fought I in the British Army,
I was at that time young and strong, and had
The courage of a lion, and in those days
Could acquit myself to thy satisfaction.
Now, in my old age I would not shed the blood
Of any man, nor take his life for fear
His ghost might in the dead of night arise,
And frighten me, clean out of my senses.

S. D.

Now Master Tench, I've only thee to look to,
For assistance in this emergency and trying
Hour : cannot you perform this execution ?