

see them do it, no murder could be proved, and they would not be hanged. Upon which, is sensibly remarked the impropriety of admitting persons indiscriminately to converse with prisoners without a proper person present.

"That the reason the prisoners gave for objecting to one Ernst being on the Jury was, that, also while in Halifax gaol, they had been repeatedly told he had positively sworn to a piece of calico, found upon them, having been bought at Lunenburg; that their minds might not be impressed with foul play against them, and for their own satisfaction, Mr. Ernst was sent for and seen by them, and it was fully explained to them, to their own conviction, that Mr. Ernst had said no such thing.

"That the condemned sermon was preached on the Sunday at church to a crowded congregation; that application was made for the prisoners to be brought to the church, but they were unable to attend.

"That there was much solemnity attending the Execution; that they confessed their guilt at the fatal place; that the people were exhorted as directed by them; that they acknowledged the justness of their sentence; confessed they had no wish to live; appeared truly penitent, George particularly so; and that the behaviour of both of them was such, that, had they not been Murderers, they might have been called Christian Heroes."—This is the substance of his very interesting letter.

One obvious and comforting remark may now conclude the whole detail.—The origin of the suspicion, the apprehension of the Murderers, their inexplicable conduct, the concurrence of contingent circumstances corroborating the first suspicion, the new openings of evidence, the concatenation of proof amounting to legal conviction, the rapidity of justice, and the particular display of a superintending Providence, give to the honest man confidence and security in his habitation, wherever situated and however defenceless, and flash on the minds of the guilty "That there is nothing hid which shall not be manifested, neither any thing kept secret but that it shall come abroad: For a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter."