

eyes of the world, with the hopes of concealing her shame, she in an unreflecting moment, committed a crime, which by the laws of our land is punishable with death! and for which she was tried, condemned, and publicly executed! The exertions that were made by a large number of the most respectable citizens of Pennsylvania, to obtain pardon for, and save this young woman from an ignominious death, were perhaps, beyond all example in this country; yet were unattended with success, until the day previous to that appointed for her execution. Her brother who had been constant in his applications in her behalf to the Executive since the awful moment of her condemnation, early on the morning of that day, hastened to Philadelphia, where he prostrated himself at the feet of the Governor, and with entreaties stronger than we have power to express, begged that in regard to his aged and afflicted parents, the life of their wretched daughter might be spared. The plea of mercy of the half distracted brother, bathed in tears, was irresistible; he was successful, and without a moment's delay, with feelings that can be better imagined than described, he hastened to convey the pleasing tidings to his anxious and expectant friends: but, alas! Providence seemed now to interfere to blast his fondest hopes. Almost at the instant that he considered them crowned with the most happy success, an unpropitious rain, which had fallen that day, had swelled the stream of a river which he was obliged to ford on his return, to such a degree as to render it impassable! For many hours he was compelled to pace the bank with bursting brain, and gaze upon the waters that threatened to defeat his fondest expectations! At the earliest moment that a ford was practicable, he dashed through, and arrived at the place of execution just in time to — see the last struggles of his unfortunate Sister! who was launched into eternity, but a few minutes previous to his arrival at the fatal spot, with her pardon!

He was a witness but for the moment of the heart-piercing spectacle, when in a state of insensibility he fell from his horse, in which situation he was conveyed by his friends to the habitation of his distressed parents!

This was a shock too severe to be easily overcome. For many months he remained in a state of perfect delirium; and from the moment that his senses were partially restored, he declared that the wound he had received was incurable;