

at the house, or the design and end with which they might have been there, it is my duty to tell you, and your's to mind what I say, that you *ought to acquit them*; upon the humane principle, mentioned by the learned Council for the prosecution, and *candidly* mentioned by him, *That it is better any number of guilty persons escape punishment, than that one innocent Man suffer.*

If you have no doubt, but think that the finger of Providence has as plainly pointed the prisoners out, doing this deed, as if one had come and told you he saw them do it, in that case, and in that case only, you will find them guilty.

With one single exhortation more, I leave the matter to you. Take the whole into your serious consideration, *but be not hasty in forming a judgment of guilt*; remembering, that no delay, or deliberation can be too great, where life depends. Therefore, weigh every circumstance; and in giving each its due weight, give it no more; but do equal justice, leaning to mercy; and draw such a conclusion from the whole, as is proper for you to draw, judging upon your oaths.

The jury withdrew; and after having been out about an hour and a half, returned into Court with their verdict, That George Frederick Boutelier. and John Boutelier, were both *Guilty*.

The Chief Justice then said,

“Mr. Sheriff, Let the prisoners be carried back, and taken care of, for their lives are forfeited; and let them be brought up again to-morrow morning at ten to receive their sentence.”

The Court then adjourned to the next day at ten.

Thursday 5th of May.

The Court being met, the prisoners were sent for; and being set to the bar, they were severally asked, what they had to say, why Sentence of Death should not be passed upon them according to law; and neither of them offering any thing in arrest of judgment, the Chief Justice (proclamation having been first duly made for silence, while Judgment of Death was passing upon the prisoners) addressed them as follows:

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