

existed as to the jurisdiction of the Court and the sufficiency and credibility of the evidence of the sole witness upon whose testimony Cadien was convicted, would have given weight to our petition; from the well known doctrine of the law of England that any, the least doubt, in a case of life and death, should have its full weight in favor of the accused.

We take, now, the liberty, once more, humbly, to address His Excellency, and to request that, as the unfortunate Cadien is now no longer to expect mercy from man, he may have a respite granted to him to prepare him to hope for mercy from God. We beg His Excellency to take into consideration the ignorance of the truths of the gospel in which Cadien has been brought up and lived, and though his spiritual advisers have done their utmost to instruct him therein, that it would require a few weeks more to prepare him for the awful passage to eternity. Hoping and earnestly trusting that His Excellency may take this, our request, into his favorable consideration and grant a further respite, we have the honor to subscribe ourselves, with every degree of respect and consideration,

Sir, Your most obedient humble servants,
Signed, THOS. COOKE, G. Vicar.
JOYER, Pretre.
HARPER, Pretre.
FORTIN, Pretre.

Colonel Rowan, Civil Secretary,
Montreal,

To this letter, no answer was received, but Cadien was shortly after respited to Friday the fourth day of May, 1838. Whereupon, the Advocates of Cadien addressed the following petition to His Excellency Sir John Colborne:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN COLBORNE,
&c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

The humble Petition of the undersigned, Advocates of the town of Three Rivers, humbly represents:—

That they were, in the month of September last, by the Court of King's Bench for the District of Three Rivers, ap-