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Dear Sir,

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Proceedings under the Special Commissions are closed, and, I trust, I may venture to anticipate that you will think they have terminated most satisfactorily.

Sentence of Death has been passed by the Lord Chief Baron upon all the Prisoners, who have been convicted after Trial, and upon those who have pleaded guilty, without any Intimation from the Bench that the Lives of any of them would be spared.

The Right Hon.^{ble}
J. H. Addington

That rests upon an Understanding between
The Attorney General & Mr. Deuman (the
Prisoners Counsel) that a Recommendation to
that Effect should be submitted by the Attorney
General to His Majesty's Ministers.

I have now only to congratulate you
upon the Result of these Proceedings. The
Power, the Dignity, and, to use an Expression
of one of the Prisoners Counsel, the Majesty
of the Law have been upheld, and conspicuously
display'd throughout the whole Course of them.
The Effect will, I trust, be most salutary,
not to the People of this County only, but to
the People of England at large. We have
succeeded even beyond our utmost Expectations.

Remain
(signed) H. C. Litchfield