

Lord Suffolk
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Aug. 3 1772

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Lord Suffolk has this instant received Mr. Justice Willers's Report, which he has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty; And for any Light that it throws on the affair, or Satisfaction that it affords, the Preference might as well have never been made. Whether the Judge means any thing favourable to the Convent by reminding Lord Suffolk that the Execution is fixed for Wednesday
next

rest, is humbly submitted to your
Majesty's mercyfull Interpretation.

Upon the whole, it seems clearly the
opinion of all the Lawyers, who are
acquainted with the case, that by Law
the Wretch ought to suffer: on the other
hand, many sensible & honourable
Men fear, that, whatever may be the
Truth

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Truth of the Fact, it is proved by a
Testimony in its nature so suspicious,
and so equally applicable on any future
occasion to the Innocent as to the Guilty,
that the Judgment, in consequence of it,
cannot be executed without great & general
Danger to the Lives & Honour of many.

Hampton Court

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 Lord Suffolk, The Judges opinion on the case of Jones does not
 give the smallest assistance; I own all that has passed since the
 Report only confirms me in his being guilty. but that every room
 may be given to getting to the bottom of the Affair, I do not object to
 your humane wish for a short respite, but the wretch ought to
 know that he is not to build upon it. I cannot see great reason for
 apprehending that this case will give rise to attempts of charging
 persons with this crime without foundation, for both the Judges
 and Jones ought to be very cautious on such occasions, and unless
 there is not much the tale cannot well be supported; but I think
 his being executed may alarm others who are I fear but too
 guilty of the same vice, for they will see that it is difficult
 sooner or later not to be brought to Justice.

New Aug. 16th 1772.
 on 40. Oct. 7. A. M.

Franklyn & answer
 New Aug. 14. 1772. 40 p. 17. A. M.

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 Hampton Court Aug. 13. 1772.
 on 59 p. 11. A. M.