

Henry Coulburn to Col. Mchabou

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Whitehall

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1811

20 m. p. 6. P.M.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary  
Pydie to transmit to you the enclosed letter  
from Mr. Battye with the accompanying  
petition in favor of William Crenkiff now  
under sentence of death for a Burglary  
in Lancashire jail, and to request that you  
will be so kind in submitting it to the con-  
sideration of His Royal Highness the  
Prince Regent

The petition was not presented here till  
half past two and as some doubts existed  
as to the day of execution which is stated

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in the petition to be the 20<sup>th</sup> (although from  
the Gaoler's report to this office it appears not  
to be till the 27<sup>th</sup>) Mr. Hyde thought it  
proper to submit the case immediately to  
Baron Thomson, by whom the prisoner was  
tried. His opinion, formed upon the evidence  
adduced at the trial, was that it was a case  
of Burglary of a very aggravated nature;  
having been long premeditated, and attended  
with circumstances of peculiar atrocity; that  
nothing was stated on the trial which could  
at all confirm the belief stated in Mr. Battley's  
letter as to the prisoner's insanity; that  
there was reason to suspect him from some  
circumstances to be an old offender and

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that he (the Judge) therefore thought them a proper  
person to be left for execution -

I am also directed to request that you would  
communicate <sup>to Mr. Ryceley</sup> His Royal Highness's pleasure  
with respect to this unfortunate man as  
early as possible; as in case His Royal  
Highness should be pleased to consider him  
deserving of any remission of his sentence  
it will be necessary that no time should be  
lost in transmitting a respite to Lunear  
-tre to night in order to guard against the  
possibility of the execution's taking place  
on Saturday morning next as stated in  
the petition

I have the honor to be

Sir  
Your most obedient  
Humble servant  
Henry Goulburn

18 April 1807  
Henry Goulburn

reprieve