

Ld. Moura to Col. McKeane -

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Montalto, Dec 15th
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My Dear Colonel

One of whom you have
seen so much mention in the Irish Papers, was
executed yesterday at Carrickfergus. It is
with great concern that I give you the
intelligence, because an event more fatal
to the British Interest in this Country could
scarcely have occurred. I do not think for
near could be found in the Province of Ulster
who have a death of the sufferers innocence.

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His execution, therefore, bears the stamp of political violence, which is fatally referred to England, & will make most mischievous impression upon people here. I cannot conceive how Lord Camden could do so impolitic an act. The extent of the folly, not to speak of the injustice, will be obvious to you when you see the affidavits (which will certainly be published) of two Clergymen to whom I shew'd evidence against Mr. De-lared the honor of his mind at having fallen.

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...ly worn away the life of a man. The validity of
... their testimony is supported by P. O'Keefe (him-
... self violent in favor of the system of Coercion,
... from his knowledge of the exemplary charac-
... ter of these two gentlemen. He was a
... man highly respected in his neighborhood,
... but strenuous for Parliamentary Reform.
... will infinite odium attaches upon Government
... for the scandalous artifice of having pro-
... de-...legated in the leading newspapers that
... he had made a confession of guilt. I have
... fallen.

seen the copy of a very early letter from him
to the Lt Lieutenant on that subject, in which
he distinctly says that before his trial he
was offered of free pardon if he would but
confess himself to be guilty, which he ^{had} ~~refused~~
rejected with indignation. His ill-^{considered} ~~judgment~~
violence will be the source of dread ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the}
-hed if insurrection happens: for you can
-not have a conception of the effect which
it appears to have had on the mind of every
one in these parts. Adieu. Believe me
very faithfully yours
Moira

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