

You followed the child—seized and choked him until life was extinct. You returned to the house. There, your aged mother-in-law was engaged in baking, and you struck her senseless, and then cut her throat. You covered her up in bed. Then with your rifles, you returned to the mow of the barn to await the arrival of John; and, on reaching his father's dwelling, you killed him, as before described. You dragged him under his mother's bed—washed up the floor—then returned to your hiding place in the barn with the two rifles loaded, to await the return of the father of this family, and the father of the wife of your bosom. You took the handle off his door, and when he came to it, he could not find entrance: he turned partly around, looking for his aged wife, and you fired and missed him. You took up your other weapon of death, and fired, and slightly wounded him. His eagle eye saw you; and you fled in his presence from your hiding place. For barbarity, treachery and depravity, your cruelty and wickedness have not been surpassed by the pirates of the West Indies, or the savages of the wilderness!

This brief detail is not wantonly made to distress you. Our object is to draw your attention to your situation; and to impress upon you that it is our solemn opinion that there is no mercy for you on this side of the grave! that your days are few, and your end not distant! We beseech you, seriously and solemnly, to turn to the fountain of mercy—to that Saviour who died upon Calvary for the sins of the world! Attend to the ministers of the Gospel, those messengers of peace, who will visit you, and pray with you, and point out to you the road of repentance. God knoweth our most inmost thoughts. Let your cries be for mercy to the throne of grace! And let your reliance for that mercy be upon the Saviour of the world!

The sentence of the law is, that you, Robert McConaghy, be taken hence to the place from whence you came, within the jail of Huntingdon County, and from thence to the place of execution within the walls or yard of the said jail, and that