

CONCERNING THE PRICE PETITION.

Letters from Members of the Coroner's Jury and Dr. DuHadway.

To the Editors of the JOURNAL:

We, the undersigned members of the jury of inquest over the body of Sallie E. Dean, who was brutally murdered on March 26th, having seen in the JOURNAL of last week a statement that there was a petition, praying Governor Brown to appoint a commission of doctors to inquire into the mental condition of the prisoner, who is now under sentence of death for one of the most dastardly, unmanly and brutal crimes that has ever been recorded in the history of Maryland, and that said petition had been signed by three members of the jury; wish to state to the readers of the JOURNAL, that we do not wish to be included in the minds of any as being one or any part of the three.

We wish to express thanks to the commissioners and the State's Attorney of Caroline county for the great help and the deep interest taken in the execution of the law for the protection of our people and the happiness of our homes and families.

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Fowling Creek, May 28, 1895.

TO THE PEOPLE: I wish to invite your attention to an error which some of the public seem desirous to cherish, as is often the case among modern Pharisees, who would sooner believe that which reason would teach them is not true than to give a statement just consideration. Without further preliminary, I will recall to your minds the fact that I am said to have signed a petition addressed to Governor Brown, asking him to appoint a corps of physicians to investigate the mental condition of Marshall E. Price, the murderer, and if according to their opinions he is insane praying the Governor to commute his sentence and let the criminal be incarcerated in the penitentiary for life. Such a petition was brought to me by the father of the condemned man. I refused to sign it, giving my reasons at the same time, but told him that while I would not countenance the petition I would willingly express my sympathy for the parents of the prisoner, as I was mindful of the fact that we are not accountable for the deeds of our kindred, and, therefore, I wrote these words: "I, John DuHadway, M. D., hereby express my heartfelt sympathy for the parents of Marshall E. Price, the confessed murderer of Sallie E. Dean." If you will examine the document you will find that I wrote those words and no other. If I had signed the petition I would simply have written my name thereto. But I will tell you that I would be one of the last, if not the last, to respect any article that would either directly or indirectly modify or mitigate the just sentence pronounced upon one who wilfully and premeditatedly committed so atrocious a crime, and who, not content with his slaughter, implored the wrath of his country upon the innocent that he might shield himself from punishment. Hence, while I am willing under all circumstances to acknowledge my sympathy for his parents, my will is as firm as my sympathy is profound that the just penalty of the law shall be meted out to the transgressor. Know ye, therefore, that I never sanctioned any sentiment to protect the criminal from justice nor to avert the lawful end of his unmerciful career.

J. DUHADWAY.

Fowling Creek, May 28, 1895.