

THE
Solemn Declaration

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RICHARD COLEMAN,

Who was Executed at KENNINGTON-COMMON, in the
County of *Surry*, on *Wednesday, April 12, 1749,*

F O R T H E

Murder of Sarah Green, Widow,

W I T H T H E

Behaviour, Confession, and Dying Words,

O F T H E

Four other **MALEFACTORS,**

Who were Executed at the same Time and Place.

Delivered to the

Reverend Mr. WILLIAM WILSON,

Lecturer of *St. John in Southwark*, who attended them whilst
under Sentence of Death.

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An Account of the Five MALEFACTORS, &c.

AT the King's Commission of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal Delivery at the Assizes for the County of Surry, held at the Town of *Kingsstone-upon-Thames*, from the 16th to the 22d of *March*, 1748-9, before the Justices assigned by our Sovereign Lord the KING to deliver the Goal for the said County, six Men were by the Jury found guilty of capital Crimes, and received Judgment of Death, *wiz.*

Patrick Rena, Thomas Dobbings and Bartholomew Kenneday, for assaulting *Richard Hazlewood*, on the King's Highway, in the Parish of *St. Mary, Rotberbithe*, putting him in Fear, and taking from him three Guineas in Gold, nine Shillings in Silver, and a Hat, on the 12th of *January*.

Thomas Walker and Arthur Gibbons, for assaulting *Henry Allison* in a Boat on the River *Thames*, near *Cuckold's-Point*, in the County of *Surry*, on the 5th Day of *February* last, putting him in Fear of his Life, and forcibly and against his Will taking from him a Silver Coffee-Pot value 8 l. a Silver Watch value 40 s. one Pair of Silver Shoe-Buckles, one Pair of Silver Knee-Buckles, one Guinea in Gold, six Shillings in Silver, two Bottles of Rum, and a Hat, his Property. And

Richard Coleman, for the Murder of *Sarah Green*, by cruelly tearing her private Parts (with two other Persons not yet taken) so that they were lacerated and became mortify'd, of which Laceration and Mortification she languished in *St. Thomas's Hospital, Scutbwerk*, for seven Weeks, and then died in great Agony. The Murder was committed on the 23d Day of *July* last, in the *Parsonage-Walk*, in the Parish

of *St. Mary, Newington-Butts*, and on the 19th Day of *September* the said *Sarah Green* departed this Life.

Bartholomew Kenneday was reprieved, in order to be transported; and the other five Malefactors were ordered for Execution.

A few Days after their Condemnation, I visited them in the New Goal, and they all appeared to be devout and penitent. I continued daily to give them such Instructions and Exhortations as were necessary for the future Welfare of their Souls. They all at first profess'd themselves unworthy Members of the Church of *England*; but on *Friday* last (the 7th Instant) *Patrick Rena*, to my great Surprize, told me he was a *Roman Catholick*, a *Romish Priest* being then present. I gently rebuked him for telling me a Lie, and deceiving himself in his last Moments, and called his Fellow Prisoners before him, to testify that he had declayd himself to me, from my first Visit to that Time, that he was of the Church of *England*. He answer'd, (after some Hesitation) that he might say so, and that he was sorry for it. He was a silly Youth, not 17 Years of Age, and appeared to me to know but little of his Almighty Creator, or of any Religion whatever. He was born in the City of *Dublin*, of poor Parents, who procured him Admittance into a Protestant Charity School, to learn to read and write, and he was afterwards put Apprentice to a Baker, but not liking that Trade, and being of a roving Disposition he ran away from his Master, and came to *England* about seven Months ago, and lived with his Mother at *Cherry-Garden, Rotberbithe*. He soon became acquainted with some of his

his Countrymen and other dissolute People who had no other way of supporting themselves, but by Theft and Robbery, which soon brought him to this untimely End. As to the Fact of which he was convicted, he declared he was innocent, and said it was a drunken Quarrel, and that they had no Intention of robbing Mr. Hazlewood, neither did he or *Dobbings* see any of the Money that the Prosecutor swore he was robb'd of: He did indeed confess, that he took up two Hats, which he gave to *Dobbings*, and that *Dobbings* threw away his Hat, and put on the Prosecutor's, which was found upon him. I did not converse with this unhappy Youth from the Time he profess'd himself a Member of the Church of *Rome*; and therefore I had no further Confession from him.

The other four Criminals constantly attended divine Worship, and appeared to me to be truly sensible of their manifold Sins. Some few Days before the Execution, an intimate Acquaintance and Companion of Mr. Coleman's, came to visit him, and Coleman, with a becoming Decency advised him to remember, *how full of Vanity this Life was; how soon it must be ended, when all must answer for all they had done in it. Let it, (said he) be your first and principal Care to have no other Aim than the serving GOD faithfully in every Action: This will bring the Blessing of GOD on all your Affairs; his Providence will continually watch over you, and so order all Things which relate to you, as to make them conduce to your Happiness in the World to come: Let my Fate warn you, and let it also amend you.* — Their Behaviour from the Time of their Condemnation to their last Moments was serious, devout and regular in Time of divine Service, and they all along shewed outward Signs of Contrition. *Dobbings* delivered the following Paper to me, written and sign'd with his own Hand, relating to the Robbery for which he suffered; the Copy of which follows; and is directed thus:

To the Rev. Mr. WILSON.

I THOMAS DOBBINGS, about 20 Years of Age, was born and bred in the City of *Dublin*, of honest Parents, who gave me some Education, but my Inclination was always to go to Sea, and I served on board several of his Majesty's Ships of War, viz. the *Royal George*, the *Yarmouth*, and the *Crown*; and I thank God I had a good Character till this Affairs happened with Mr. *Hazlewood*, who has taken away my Life, and the Life of my Fellow Sufferer. I do confess that we met on the Road much about the Time and Place that he swore to; I believe he was in Liquor, and I was not very sober; he rush'd upon *Patrick Rena*, who was at some Distance before us, and turning round, said, I hope no Offence. *Rena* reply'd, none at all, Sir. But passing *Rena*, he came foul of *Donavan*, and began the Quarrel with him; I being the hindermost Man, had the Opportunity of seeing them changing Blows, and at high Words; but what those Words were I am no Judge of, for I was not nigh enough to hear them; I soon came up to *Donavan's* Assistance, and struck Mr. *Hazlewood* and hit him a Blow with my Fist, which cut him under the Eye; he said it was my Hanger, but I declare to God it was not. *Thomas Cheers* came to Mr. *Hazlewood's* Assistance, and *Patrick Rena* came back to my Assistance, and struck Mr. *Cheers*, on which he took to his Heels, and ran away, but I believe I struck him one Blow or two before he ran; I took Mr. *Hazlewood's* Rattan out of his Hand, and struck him with the same; and I believe I knock'd his Hat off, and I dropp'd my own at the same Time, which fell into a Ditch, and the other fell in the Pathway, upon which *Patrick Rena* took them up, and gave them both to me; I put Mr. *Hazlewood's* Hat on my Head, and threw my

own away; but as to his Money, I declare to God and the World, I never saw any, nor did I strike him with Intent to take any Money from him, tho' he swore I did, and said there were six Men in Company, and *Cheers* swore to seven, and that every Man had a Hanger; but I solemnly declare there were but five, which were the two *Rena's*, *Welch*, *Donovan*, and myself; and I declare there was but one Hanger among the Company, and that I had, but never struck either of them with it. As to *Kenneday*, who was condemn'd with me for this Fact, I declare he never was in our Company that Day, nor did I ever see him before I saw him in the New-Goal: This I declared at first, and I do still say the same; and I hope the Almighty God, thro' the Merits of my dear Saviour and Redeemer *Jesus Christ*, will have Mercy on my Soul.

Sign'd **THO. DOBBINGS.**

The following Paper was delivered to me at the Place of Execution, by Richard Coleman, which he earnestly desired I would publish.

To all CHRISTIAN PEOPLE.

THE dreadful Sentence passed upon me, I shall meet with Cheerfulness, being in no Degree conscious of the least Guilt of that most inhuman and most unnatural Crime that I have been found guilty of. I am very sensible that it is not in my Power to make the incredulous World believe me innocent. I leave the following Account with the Rev. Mr. WILSON, who I am very greatly obliged to, and return him my hearty Thanks, for the comfortable Relief I have received from him in a Preparation for a future State of Bliss, and I hope he will cause it to be published for my Satisfaction, that it may pass the impartial Examination of all Persons. Namely, on the 23^d of July, 1748, I went about One o'Clock in the Afternoon to Mrs. *B———t's*, my Wife's Mother, at the

Sign of the *Bear Alehouse* in *Queen-Street* in the *Park, Southwark*, and dined there with her, my Wife, and Mrs. *A———t*; I do not particularly remember what we had there for Dinner; about half an Hour after Three o'Clock the same Afternoon, I went to the *Brewhouse*, and returned back to Mrs. *B———t's*, and drank Tea with the same Company I had dined with; from thence I went to the *Brewhouse* again; and between Five and Six o'Clock the same Evening, Mr. *G———s P———e*, the Officer that survey'd us came to the *Brewhouse*; I asked him if he would take a Walk to *Lambeth Marsh* with me. He said his Business would not permit him to go; and as I was coming out of the *Compting-House*, I met Mr. *B———y*, my Master going into the *Brewhouse*; he asked me where I was going; I told him to Mr. *K———l's* to *Lambeth Marsh* to receive some Money; he said he would take a Walk with me, and did so accordingly; and we received of Mr. *K———l* 17*l.* and some Shillings. We there had Dispute about two or three *Kilderkins* of Small Beer, which detained us some Time before we settled it. We came away about seven o'Clock, and had not come far from the House, but I reminded Mr. *B———y*, that he had forgot to do what was customary on receiving a Bill, which was to give something to the Servants; we went back, and I think he gave the Maid Five Shillings. We then came directly to Mr. *S———t's* the *Prince and Princess Alehouse* in *Gravel-Lane, Southwark*, where we drank some Punch, and came away about Ten o'Clock at Night, and Mr. *B———y* and I walked directly to his Door in *Queen-Street*, where I wish'd him a good Night, and went directly to Mrs. *B———t's* in the same Street; and as soon as I came in, Mrs. *B———t* desired I would go to Mr. *C———n*, the Undertaker, and tell him, *Joe O———m's* Wife was dead. I went directly thither, but he was not at home; I met with him at the

Greyhound

Greyhound Alchoue just by. I called him aside, and told him my Errand; He came with me directly, and we went to Mr. O—'s Door; he went in, and I return'd directly to Mrs. B—'s, and in about a Quarter of an Hour Mr. C— came in and said, *Name-Sake I thank you, but the Job is gone*; and he immediately went out of that Room which is the publick Room. This was about half an Hour after Ten o'Clock; Mr. C— was no sooner gone out, but J— G—, an Officer came in fuddled; I was at Supper with my Wife, Mrs. A—, and Mrs. B—, on some Beef Stakes and mutton Chops. Mr. G— behav'd very bad to all the Company, and would not let us broil any more Stakes; he behav'd very ill to Mrs. A— in particular; I reprimanded him for it, on which he gave me abusive Language, so I said no more to him. I have reason to believe that Mr. C— was in the House at the same Time: I was told so by Mrs. A— and a little Girl of 14 Years of Age, who lives with Mrs. B— as a Servant; and what has confirmed me in that Opinion, Mrs. B— came into my Room in the New Gaol the 6th of this Instant *April*, and abused me very much concerning an impudent Letter she had received from some Low-life, ignorant Wretch, reflecting upon her about my approaching End; and at that Time acknowledg'd before Mr. F—, that Mr. C— was up Stairs at that Time. Mr. C— had a Suspicion of it and attempted to go up Stairs, but Mrs. B— prevented him by pulling him back by the Skirts of his Coat; there was a great Struggle in the Passage between them; Mr. C— had a particular Reason for hiding himself from Mr. G— that Night; I am certain it was not for fear of being arrested by him for Debt; about half an Hour after 11 o'Clock at Night my Wife and I, and Mrs. A— went to the Door,

and left G— and Mrs. B— in the publick Room. We were there near an Hour and a half. About One o'Clock, the Quarrel between Mrs. A— and Mr. G— was made up by his asking her Pardon several Times. About the same Time Mr. C— was seen by the Girl upon the Stairs; between One and Two o'Clock in the Morning my Wife and I took our Leaves, and left G— there with Mrs. B— and Mrs. A—, and went directly home to Bed. I have Reason to believe that G— staid there all Night; for the next Day Mrs. A— told me, that he went to Bed there, and she was surprized at the Behaviour of Mrs. B— for putting her to Bed with the Girl, because when she tarried there o' Nights she always lay with Mrs. B—. On *Sunday* the 24th of the said *July*, I rose about Eight o'Clock, and my Wife and I went to Mrs. B—'s, and Breakfasted with Mrs. A— in the publick Room; and Mr. G— and Mrs. B— breakfasted in the Back Room. Mrs. B—'s own Son and I had the Curiosity to go into the Yard, and look through a Hole into the Room to observe their Behaviour, which caused Tears to appear in the Eyes of her Son; afterwards Mr. G— went away, and Mrs. B— dress'd herself and went after him, and dined out; I, my Wife, and Mrs. A— and Mrs. B—'s Son, dined there. About Six o'Clock in the Evening Mrs. B— came home in a Coach a little in Liquor; and about eight or nine o'Clock Mr. G— came in; and as he and I were drinking a Pint of Bumbo, Mr. G—'s Wife came in, and was very angry with him for lying out all Night. This caused a great Disturbance and a Mob, so that I was obliged to stand at the Door to prevent the Mob from entering the House. Soon after he went home with his Wife.

The Reason that I have been so particular in relating every Thing that passed at Mrs. B——'s that Night and the next Day, is because Mr. G——n has wickedly reported several Times before and since my Condemnation, *that if he was supened he should do me more Harm than Good*: At other Times he declared, before several Persons of Credit, particularly Mr. S——n, Mr. G——e P——e, Mr. M——t, Mr. G——; and W——C——, Esq; *that he was on the 23d of July last at Night at Mrs. B——'s, and jaw me there at Supper as before related*. It was always my Desire that he should be subpœned, and Mr. M——, the Attorney, sent for him and talked to him about it; but on his declaring to him, *that he should do me more Harm than Good, and that I had deserved hanging long before*; Mr. M—— thought it not advisable to subpœna him. The Occasion of expressing himself in that severe Manner, I suppose, was owing to his being unluckily found by me with Mrs. B—— in very indecent Actions soon after her Husband's Death; and having been often detected by me in the same Manner, it has caused ill Blood between us. Mr. C——n, for Reasons best known to himself, has pretended that he did not remember any of the Transactions of that Night at Mrs. B——'s, or of my coming to the Greyhound Alehouse, to inform him that Mr. O——'s Wife was dead.

On Monday the 25th of July I heard that a Woman had been used very ill by three of our Men; but no-body was taken up for it till a Quarrel happened between me and one F——n, at the Queen's Arms Alehouse in *Bandy-Leg-Walk*, which was as follows:— On the 27th of August last, about 10 o' Clock in the Evening, Mr. M——w F—— and I went to that House; I must confess I was very much in Liquor; we had a Pint of Bumbo in the publick Room; and as I was stirring it with a-Spoon, F——n, an entire Stranger to me, very abruptly asked me what was done with the Pig, (meaning a Pig

that our Men had taken and killed belonging to a Neighbour, and had been in Custody for it.) I protest that I was not privy to taking the Pig, or any ways concerned in it. I acknowledge that early one Morning they brought out some baked Pig, and I eat some of it, which cost me a Shilling in Drink to the Men; the Reason I mention this is, because some malicious People have said, *that I was concerned in taking the Pig*. I said to F——n, *D——mn the Pig, what is it to me*. He d——mn'd me, and I him; we gave each other very bad Language, and because it had been reported that three or four of our Men committed the Cruelty on *Sarah Green*, he made use of the following aggravating Words, namely (says he) *Don't you know Kennington Lane*. I reply'd yes, I do, d——mn you, what of that? He said again *don't you know the Woman that was so cruelly treated*, Yes, said I *D——mn you what of that?* Said he, *was not you one of the Persons concerned in doing it?* I reply'd if I was, you Dog what then, and immediately threw the Spoon at him. He returned it in the same Manner at me, and had it not been for the Persons present we should have fought. Mr. F——r and I went away directly; I don't remember particularly what Words passed between me and F——n. I remember there was a Woman there that abus'd me very much: She appeared before W——C——, Esq; and was examined in regard to the Words that I had spoken. As to Mr. N——y, the Evidence that appeared against me on my Trial, I don't remember seeing him at the *Queen's Arms* that Night. I suppose that the Woman could not answer it to her Conscience to swear to the Words that I spoke, therefore this N——y was introduced in her Stead. I should have been better satisfied if he had appeared before the Justice, and given his Testimony. The Morning after the Quarrel happened I called at the *Queen's Arms* Alehouse; and Mr. C——, who keeps the House, said to me Mr. Coleman,

advent you was silly last Night. Why
 did I, what did I do, and he repeated the
 Discourse aforesaid; and told me I did not
 consider what Advantage bad People might
 make of such unguarded Expressions. I
 reply'd that I was much in Liquor, and did
 not remember what I said. Mr. T—r told
 me the same as Mr. C—e had done be-
 fore. Two Days after this, was the 29th
 of August, six Weeks after the Fact was
 said to be committed. I was charged on the
 Oaths of T—n and a Woman before W—
 —, Esq; on Suspicion of committing that
 Violence on *Sarah Green*, and was carried
 to the poor Woman in *St Thomas's* Hospi-
 tal, to see if she knew any Thing of me;
 and when I came before her I was particu-
 larly pointed out by Mr. C—P—e, who
 laid his Hand on me, and said, is this one
 of the Men; which was not fair, for she
 should have fixed upon me without being
 incited. Upon that she said I believe he
 is one. I said to her consider well what you
 say, for my Life is at Stake. Will you
 swear I am one of the Persons. She reply'd,
 No I won't; and likewise said if I was one
 of them we walked a good Way, and talk'd
 of indifferent Things, and you behav'd
 much like a Gentleman; but when she was
 assaulted, I ran away, which was not be-
 having like a Man. I was carried to W—
 —, Esq; again, who finding no substan-
 tial Circumstances against me would have
 discharged me, but Mr. W—n the
 Master of *Sarah Green*, was desirous that I
 should go before the injured Woman once
 more; the Justice took my Word for my
 Appearance. On the *Thursday* following
 I appeared accordingly, and Mr. H—d
 that keeps the *King's Head* in *Kennington-
 Lane*, and his Maid, and Mr. T—r the Gar-
 dener being then present, on their Oaths
 said that they believed I was not one of the
 Men who was at Mr. H—d's House
 with *Sarah Green* the Night she received
 the Injury. That those Men were dirty ruf-
 fianly Fellows, much taller than me, and

they never saw me before. After this Exa-
 mination the Justice's Clerk, Mr. W—d,
 Mr. L—e, Mr. T—r, and I, went to
 the Hospital, when Mr. P—e the Apo-
 thecary went to *Sarah Green* first, to exa-
 mine what Condition she was in; and find-
 ing her a little delirious, thought it not
 proper for me to see her at that Time;
 and Mr. P—e gave Orders that she should
 be kept cool and not disturbed; and ap-
 pointed to meet W—C—, Esq;
 and all Parties the next Morning; and we
 met at the Hospital according to Appoint-
 ment. W—C—, Esq; and Mr.
 P—e went first to her to examine what
 State she was in: And finding her very
 sensible and cool, asked her what sort of a
 Man *Mr. Coleman* was. She reply'd that he
 wore his Hair, and had a Carrotty Beard.
 As to having my own Hair she was mis-
 taken, for I have not wore it these 14 Years.

His Worship asked the Deceased if she
 could swear that I aided or assisted in the
 Assault, She said No, I cannot, for it was
 dark.

I was called in, and she made the fol-
 lowing Information.

Surry, } The Information of *Sarah Green*,
 to wit } Widow of of *John Green*, taken
 on Oath before me one of his
 Majesty's Justices of the Peace
 for the County of *Surry*, this 2d
 Day of *Sept.* 1748.

“ T H I S Informant on her Oath says,
 “ that on *Saturday* Night the 2d
 “ of *July* last between the Hours of 11
 “ and 12 o'Clock, as she was going thro'
 “ *Newington* Church-Yard to her Lodging
 “ in *Bandy-Leg-Walk*, she was assaulted and
 “ cruelly beaten by two Men to her un-
 “ known, and that *R. Coleman* was present
 “ in her Company at the Time she was as-
 “ faulted and cruelly treated.”

The Mark of [+] *Sarah Green*.

Taken on Oath the Day and Year above
 written before me *William Clark*.

Upon

Upon *Sarah Green* making the above Information, the Justice took my own Word for my Appearance, and gave me till the next Day to bring my Sureties; I came accordingly with them and entered into Recognizance to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Surry, to answer *Sarah Green* for the Assault. About the 19th of September the poor Woman died in *St. Thomas's Hospital*, and the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder* against me and two Persons unknown; pursuant to which a Warrant was granted for the apprehending me, and being advised of this, I thought proper to avoid the miserable Calamities of a Prison, without any manner of Intent to abscond from Justice, and I do solemnly protest I should have surrendered myself and taken my Trial; an Advertisement was drawn up and carried to the Printer of the *Daily Advertiser* by *Nathaniel Coleman* and *Charles Sweetland*, where it continued several Days. On Saturday the 13th of November my Brother *Nathaniel* called on the Printer for his Answer; and in his Presence several Alterations were made and agreed to; he paid 2 s. and he promised my Brother it should be inserted in the *Daily Advertiser* the Monday following; not being so good as his Word, he called on him on the *Thursday*, and the Printer gave him the 2 s. and the Advertisement wrote upon *rejected*, without assigning any other Reason, than he was advised not to publish it. I have been very credibly informed that *Mr. W——d* was the Man that advised the Printer to reject it. The Reason of the aforesaid *Mr. W——d* for doing so is best known to himself. He has been extremely busy in the Prosecution, and was heard to say before my Trial, *that he was afraid he should not be able to get sufficient Witnesses to convict me.* The following is a Copy of the Advertisement as altered, namely,

I Richard Coleman, seeing myself adver-

tised in the Gazette as absconding on Account of the Murder of Sarah Green, knowing myself not any ways culpable, do assert, that I have not absconded from Justice, but will readily and willingly appear at the Assizes, knowing my Innocence will acquit me

Richard Coleman

My Brother Nathaniel has the Original.

On the 22d of *November*, I was taken a Pinner in the County of *Middlesex* and committed by *W—— C——, Esq;* to the *New Gate Southwark*, and am under Condemnation for that most barbarous murder. I shall make a few Remarks on the Proceedings against me. First, *A—— C——* swears, *That from the first of Sarah Green's receiving the Injury she declared that the Clerk who belonged to Mr. Taylor's (since Berry's) Brewhouse was one of the Men who used her so ill; that she knew not my Name but my Face; and that she declared this to the last.*

Several other Witnesses swear much to the same Purpose. Now if this was true, would ask how it came, That she did not cause me to be taken up for above six Weeks after the Fact was said to be committed; and I believe I should not have been taken up if that Quarrel had not happened at the *Queen's Arms*. When I was first carried to the poor Woman, and particularly pointed out to her, *What did she say Why, That she believed I was one of the Men* but when she was asked if she would swear I was one, she absolutely refused it, and did not pretend to charge me with any Crime only, *by behaving not like a Man, and running away, leaving her in Distress.*

The next Time, which was the last that I saw her, she was so ready to swear positively, that I was in her Company at the Time she was assaulted, that the *J——e* observed she had been tutor'd; which every impartial Person will believe when he compares the two Examinations. In the next Place I shall make some Remarks on *Mr. R——t L——d*, and the Evidence he gave

He swears that he saw me pass his Door at *Newington* after Eleven o'Clock at Night on the 23d of *July* last in Company with a Woman; that he knew me very well and spoke to me, it being a light Night; he said he heard me ask the Woman if she would go to the *Peacock*, and drink a Mug of Beer; the *Peacock*, he says, was shut up. Is it natural to think, that if there was any Desire of drinking some Beer, any House that was open would have done for that Purpose; and his House being the next Door, which by his own Evidence appears was open, I am not in the least doubt but he would have been very ready to have entertain'd us with a Mug of Beer, and other Accommodations. He says we went towards *London*, and he saw two Men near us, and that the Deceased asked me *who they were?* He says, I replied, *Pob! Pob! never mind them.* As to its being a light Night, he is contradicted by *T—n* an Evidence on the same Side, who swore it was a very dark rainy Night. Every Particular of these Remarks must not be compared with the Account in the Sessions-Paper, which was not printed at large. If the Men that were with the Deceased at Mr. *H—d's*, and came away in Company with her from thence were the same Men that Mr. *L—d* gives an Account of seeing at *Newington*, it is very extraordinary that she should ask who they were, for she could not have forgot so soon those two Persons were in her Company. Mr. *H—d* swore she was very much in Liquor. It is surprizing that *L—d* who swore he was near enough to know me, and took such particular Notice of the Discourse that passed, did not observe she was in Liquor. He says likewise, that immediately after we were gone out of his Sight, he made a Memorandum of the Day of the Month. I shall be glad to know for what Purpose or End he made that Memorandum. The barbarous Usage committed on *Sarah Green* soon made a great Noise, and certainly could not escape the

Knowledge of *L—d*, who keeps a Publick House near the Place where the Fact was said to be committed. Was it not a proper Time for him then to make use of his Memorandum? Sure it was! When I was taken up on Suspicion of committing this enormous Crime, sure then it was a very proper Time for *L—d*, if he had a Grain of Honesty, to have come and charg'd me with what he knew; and ought to have gone to *Sarah Green*, and reminded her of the Discourse he heard between us. That might have corroborated other Circumstances; and certainly it would have been very commendable in him to have endeavoured to have brought the Guilty to Justice. When Mrs. *Green* died, and the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body, his Evidence then would have been very necessary and material: Notwithstanding all this, he never once appears to give his Testimony, but keeps it *in petto*. The Truth is, that *L—d* had not joined in the Scheme to take away my Life till after that Time. He never saw me there that Night, no, nor any one else.

As to the Character of *L—d*, I appeal to all impartial People who have any Knowledge of him. I shall in the next Place make some Observations on the Evidence that were examined on my B. First, Mr. *T—r*, who is an entire Stranger to me, swears, that he does not believe me to be one of the Persons in Company with *Sarah Green* that Night; nor to his Knowledge did he ever see me till I was taken up. Mr. *H—d*, their Evidence, swears much to the same Purpose. Mr. *S—y*, a Man of good Credit swears, that about Ten o'Clock that Night, the 23d of *July*, I and my Master, Mr. *B—y* went from his House, the Prince and Princess, in *Gravel-Lane* together. Mr. *B—y* would have been subpœna'd, but could not be met with. Mr. *J—s G—n* very well knows, that I was at Mrs. *W—t's*

the 23d of July last from half an Hour after Ten at Night till Two the next Morning. His wicked Threats was the Occasion of his not being subpoena'd. Mr. C——n who knows the same as G——n, was at *Kingstone*, but went away before my Trial came on. I thought he had been subpoena'd, neither did I know to the contrary till the 10th of this Instant *April*. Mrs. B——t swore positively that I was at her House from half an Hour after Ten till Two in the Morning. Some Persons perhaps may say that she would be wicked enough to perjure herself to save my Life, on Account of my Wife being her Daughter. So far from that I do declare that her Behaviour, both to me and my Wife, both before and since my Condemnation, has been such, that I am thoroughly convinced and believe, that she would have rather strained a Point the other Way, and am sure she is pleased at my approaching End. Mrs. A——r swore positively to the Time also. In regard to her Character, I declare I know no Harm of her, and I believe she has a Maintenance from what her Husband left her when he died.

There has been a Report that I came to the Shop of Mrs. *Pilbury* one Morning after *Sarab Green* was dead, and that I sho'd say before several Persons there, *D——n the Bitch, she was drunk*. I don't very well remember what I said, but verily believe I did not d——mn her. Ignorant People wou'd infer from thence, that I must be the Person that committed the Fact; surely I had an undoubted Right to speak after several People that had deposed the same on their Oaths.

As I shall answer before the Tribunal of *Christ* at the dreadful Day of Judgment, the foregoing Account to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, is the Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

I do also most solemnly protest, that I am not in any Manner of Degree guilty of that most inhuman Murder of *Sarab Green*,

neither was I at *Newington*, or in *Kennington-Lane* that Night that the cruel Fact was committed on *Sarab Green*.

This I declare as a dying Man, and I sincerely believe (as the Rev. Mr. *Wilson* told me several Times) if I was either directly or indirectly guilty of that Murder, and should go out of the World with denying it, that eternal Damnation would be my Portion.

Since I have been under Sentence of Death, various idle malicious Stories have been reported by wicked People, concerning my Behaviour under my present Dilemma. I have the Satisfaction to declare myself to the World (as I have often done to the Rev. Mr. *Wilson*) that I never was so serene in Mind, or so easy in my Conscience in my Life, as I am at this Time, and I heartily wish that every wicked Sinner may have the Opportunity of so good a Divine as the Rev. Mr. *Wilson* has been unto me, which must be a great Means to the Enjoyment of eternal Bliss.

It is an inexpressible Pleasure to me, that I am soon to leave this very wicked World; and I hope that GOD Almighty of his infinite Mercy and Goodness, will, through the Merits and Intercession of my blessed Redeemer, his only Son our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, pardon all my Sins, and receive my Soul into eternal Happiness.

I should be very remiss in my Duty, if I did not acknowledge the many Favours I have received from Mr. *Jones* since my unhappy Confinement; for which I most sincerely return him Thanks. I hope GOD will reward him for it. I wish that every unhappy Wretch in Confinement had so humane a Keeper.

There is nothing that gives me so much Concern as the Distress that I leave my poor Wife and two Infants in. She has been very good to me under my unhappy Misfortune; and so have my poor afflicted Brothers. I hope that the Almighty will be the Guar-

lian of my Wife and Children, and that
 if good Christian People will commiserate
 their unhappy State.

I do most humbly desire all and every
 one whom I have offended, that they wou'd
 vouchsafe to forgive me, and I do freely
 and heartily forgive my Prosecutors, and
 all the World wherein any hath offended
 me, or done me any Manner of Injury
 whatsoever, even as I desire to be forgiven
 of GOD, and to be absolved from my
 Sins thro' the Merits of my blessed Re-
 deemer.

RICHARD COLEMAN.

April 10th, 1749.

Witness,

John Grace,

J. Bosworth,

Nathaniel Crips.

ARTHUR GIBBONS, 17 years of age,
 was born in King-street, Gravel-lane, Wap-
 ping; his father was a carpenter by trade,
 but has been dead upwards of eight years, and
 his mother died about six years ago. After he
 came from School his cousin Langley put him
 apprentice to Mr. Nott, a waterman at king-
 and-queen-stairs, Rotherhithe. He lived
 three years with his Master, but having got
 acquainted with Walker, Partin, and some
 other wicked lads, they agreed to cut the ca-
 bles from the ships, and supported themselves
 by robbing on the river and on shore. He ac-
 knowledged the truth of every thing the Pro-
 secutor swore, and hoped for mercy through
 the intercession of Christ his redeemer.

THOMAS WALKER 19 years of age,
 was born in Red-Lion Court. Bermondsey-
 street, and at a proper age put apprentice to
 Mr. Dines, a hatter, in Green-Alley, but
 not liking that trade, went apprentice to one
 Walter Allen, a waterman at Rotherhithe,
 whom he served near four years. He as well
 as Gibbons, was always ingenuous, open,
 and consistent in all the questions I put to him.
 The first robbery they committed, he said, was

a bottle of rum from Mrs. Bailey, who was
 a Tenant to his master. A week afterwards,
 he said, they broke open a hut of Mrs. Stock-
 bridge's at the soap-ale-house, and stole a
 couple of ducks, which they had dressed at the
 plaisterers-arms. They afterwards agreed to
 go and thieve some ropes, which they called
 Junck, and sold them at an old-rope shop at
 Limehouse, pretending they were taken in a
 French Prize. They denied cutting the cable
 of a West-Indiaman at Limehouse, which
 overset, and damaged her cargo, but confess'd
 several trifling Robberies they had committed.

The Day, the fact they died for, was com-
 mitted, they came from Dulwich, having in-
 toxicated themselves with a liquor called Hot-
 pot, and coming to Tooley's water-gate,
 they took away a Boat, and went to Tower-
 Stairs, their own and Partin's boats being
 left at their usual plying-places. Having
 ply'd Mr. Allison, and taken him into the
 boat, the Watchword was given to Gibbons,
 of, Now is the Time; but his Heart relent-
 ing, he could not strike him. Walker there-
 upon got into the Stern, and imagining the
 unhappy gentleman to be out of reach of any
 assistance, redoubled his Blows with a hatchet
 most furiously, till he fell to the bottom of the
 boat.

Partin, on account of his discovering this
 matter to Justice Hammond, is to be trans-
 ported.—— They both declared Partin
 took the money from Mr. Allison, and kept
 the guinea, so that they only shared the silver
 and four penn'orth of halfpence. Walker
 had the coffee pot, and the watch, the first of
 which he hid a little way in the earth, and
 the latter he sold to Mr. S—n a watchmaker
 in the Borough. They said Mr. Allison was
 so kind, on their complaining of the coldness
 of the weather, to give them a dram of rum
 while they were rowing him, and told them he
 would satisfy them handsomely if they put him
 on board the Constant Jane.

When they had done this wicked deed, they
 all went to Mother-red-caps, in Kent-street,
 and

and lay there. Partin was taken up in Love-lane; Rotherhithe, and Gibbons was soon after taken on Partin's information. Walker narrowly escaped being taken with Gibbons in Kent-Street, but by running down a Passage, he made his Escape from his Pursuers, and that Night he lay under a Hay-rick in a Field at Camberwell: The next day he made the best of his way to Gravesend. in order to enter on board a ship, but a Fisherman's boy who knew him, and had heard of the Robbery, happening to meet him there, told his master's son at his return to town, that he had seen Thomas Walker at Gravesend; a proper person was sent down, and as Walker was going to take Boat, in order to go on ship-board, he was seized on Gravesend-bridge, and carried before Mr. Redding, the mayor, to whom he made an ample confession of the robbery in hopes of being admitted an evidence. Mr. Redding committed him to Maidstone Goal, from whence he was removed to Surry, and at the Assize's justly convicted, and deservedly suffer'd. I ask'd them what use they had for a hatchet in the boat; and they confess'd it was the hatchet with which they cut the ships cables, &c.

The Day of EXECUTION.

ABOUT Eight in the morning I attended them, and Richard Coleman and Thomas Dobbings received the Blessed Sacrament, when both of them declar'd, that they were innocent of Crimes for which they were to suffer. They all appeared to be devout and penitent.

About Twelve in the Forenoon, Walker, Gibbons Rena, and Dobbings were put into a Cart, and guarded to the Place of Execution by a Comptny of the Foot-Guards.

Coleman went in a Landau, in which I attended him; he was very fervent in Prayer from the Goal to the Gallows. I prayed with him and the others some Time in the Cart; and when Prayers were ended, he gave me the beforementioned Paper, and declared as he should soon appear before the great Tribunal of Almighty GOD, what was contained therein was the Truth, and earnestly desired that it might be published for the Satisfaction of the World.

He then called out to an Officer that attended the Execution, and desired him to tell Mr. G———n that he was innocent, and that G———n knew he was; but that he freely forgave him and all the World.

On my taking Leave, he said, Sir, as you have been so good to take Care in instructing me for the Welfare of my Soul, I hope you will do the last Office to my Body, by saying the Ceremony at my Funeral: And then I left him.

Soon after they were tied up to the Gallows, and the Executioner did his Office whilst they were calling on the Almighty to receive their Souls.

This is all the Account given by me

W. WILSON.