

**THE**  
**LAST DYING WORDS OF DOMINIC DALY AND**  
**JAMES HALLIGAN,** *Pronounced by Daly at the gal-*  
*lows and delivered by him in writing to General Mattoon*

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June 5, 1806

At this awful moment of appearing before the tribunal of the ALMIGHTY and knowing that telling a falsehood would be eternal perdition to our poor souls,

We solemnly declare we are perfectly Innocent of the Crime for which we suffer, or any other Murder or Robbery; never saw, to our knowledge, Marcus Lyon in our lives; and as unaccountable as it may appear, the boy never saw one of us, looking at him, at, or near, a fence; or any of us either leading, driving, or riding a Horse; and we never went off the high road. We blame no one; we forgive everyone; we submit to our fate as being the will of the almighty; and beg him to be merciful to us, through the merits of his divine Son, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.

Our sincere thanks to the Rev. John Cheverus for his long and kind attention to us, as likewise every other friend that served us and comforted us during our long confinement.

Dominic Daly

James Halligan