

THE EXECUTION OF JOHN BROWN.

REMARKS IN THE JAIL AND AT THE GALLOWES

—ANGRY WORDS WITH COOK—THE TRIAL SCENE.

The telegraph has already put the public in possession of the main features of the execution of Captain John Brown, for his treasonable and insurrectionary doings at Harper's Ferry. The following embraces all the particulars of the memorable event that seem worthy of recording.

At an early hour the town was in more than usual stir, even for the stirring times that have fallen upon this neighborhood. Soon the movements of the military drew all the citizens of the place, and all others who had been able to gain admittance to the town, to the vicinity of the place assigned for the execution.

BROWN'S INTERVIEW WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS.

The prisoner was brought out of jail at eleven o'clock. Before leaving he did adieu to all his fellow-prisoners and was very affectionate to all except Cook. He charged Cook with having deceived and misled him in relation to the support he was to receive from the slaves. He said he was led by him to believe they were ripe for insurrection, but he had found that his representations were false. Cook denied the charge, and made but little reply to Brown. The prisoner then told the Sheriff he was ready, when his arms were pinioned, and he walked to the door apparently calm and cheerful. He wore a black slouched hat, and the same clothes worn during his trial. As he came out he was taken under guard of the military. Six companies of infantry and one troop of horse, with Gen. Talliaferro and his entire staff, were deployed in front of the jail.

THE EXECUTION.

At the door of the jail an open wagon with a pine box, in which was a fine oak coffin, was waiting for him. He looked around and spoke to several persons whom he recognized, and, walking down the steps, was asked to enter the wagon, and took his seat on the box containing his coffin along with jailor Avis. He looked with interest on the fine military display, but made no remark.—The wagon moved off as soon as he had taken his seat, flanked with two files of riflemen in close order.

On reaching the field the military had already full possession, and pickets were stationed at various points. The citizens were kept back at the point of the bayonet from taking any position except that assigned them—nearly a quarter of a mile from the scaffold. Through the determined persistence of Dr. Rawlings, of Frank Leslie's paper, the order excluding the press was partially rescinded, and the reporters were assigned a position near the General's Staff. The prisoner walked up the steps firmly and was the first man on the gallows. Jailor Avis and Sheriff Campbell stood by his side, and after shaking hands and bidding an affectionate adieu, he thanked them for their kindness. They then put the cap over his face and the rope around his neck. Mr. Avis asked him to step forward on the trap. He replied, "you must lead me, as I cannot see."

The rope now being adjusted, the military order was given. The soldiers marched and counter-marched and took their position as if an enemy were in sight. Nearly ten minutes were thus occupied, the prisoner standing meanwhile. Mr. Avis inquired if he was not tired.—Brown replied—"No not tired; but don't keep me waiting longer than necessary." The arrangements of the military having been completed, at fifteen minutes past eleven the trap fell. A slight grasping of the hands and twitching of the muscles was visible, and then all was quiet. The body was several times examined and his pulse did not cease beating for thirty-five minutes. It was then cut down and placed in the coffin and conveyed under a military escort to the depot, and there put in a car to be conveyed to Harper's Ferry by special train, at 4 o'clock.

The whole arrangements were carried out with a precision and military strictness that was most annoying.—The general conviction is everywhere entertained that the rumors of the intended rescue were altogether an egregious hoax.

INCIDENTS PREVIOUS TO THE EXECUTION.

This morning Capt. Brown executed an instrument empowering Sheriff Campbell to administer on all property of his in this State, with directions to pay over the proceeds of the sale of his weapons, if received, to his widow and children.

Sheriff Campbell bid Brown farewell in the cell. He returned him thanks for his kindness.

Brown was then taken to the cell of the negroes, Copeland and Green. He told them to stand up like men and not betray their friends, then handed to each a quarter of a dollar, saying that he had no more use for money, and bid them good bye. They made no remark except to return his salutation. He next visited the cell in which Cook and Coppie were confined, chained together. To Cook he said, "you have made false statements."

Cook replied—"what do you mean?"

Brown—"Why, by stating that I sent you to Harper's Ferry."

Cook—"Did you not tell me in Pittsburg to come to Harper's Ferry and see if Forbes had made disclosures?"

Brown—"No, sir. You know that I protested against your coming."

Cook closed the conversation by replying—"Captain Brown, we remember differently," at the same time dropping his head.

Brown then turned to Coppie and said:

"Coppie, you also have made false statements, but I am glad to hear you have contradicted them. Stand up like a man."

He then handed Coppie a quarter, shook him and Cook by the hand and left the cell.

He then returned to Stevens' cell and spoke kindly to him.

Stevens said—"Good bye, Captain; I know you are going to a better land."

Brown—"Yes, I know I am." He then counselled Stevens to firmness, warned him against betraying his friends, and closed by also presenting him with a quarter.

He did not visit Haslett's cell, having always persisted in denying any knowledge of him.

On his way to the scaffold, Mr. Sadler, the undertaker, who was in the wagon with him, remarked—

"Capt. Brown, you are a game man."

Brown—"Yes, I was so trained up. It was one of the lessons of my mother. But it is hard to part from friends, even when newly made." Brown continued the conversation by remarking on the beauty of the country, which he said "he never had the pleasure of the seeing before."

On reaching the gallows-field he said—"Why are none but the military allowed within the enclosure. I am sorry the citizens have been kept out." Observing Mr. Hunter and Mayor Green standing by, he said to them—

"Gentlemen, good bye," his voice not faltering in the least.

Whilst on the scaffold Sheriff Campbell asked him if he would take a handkerchief in his hand and drop it as a signal when he was ready. Brown replied, "No, I do not want it. But do not detain me longer than is actually necessary."

MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

It is understood that a portion of each of the military companies now assembled here are to have leave of absence, but that all are to return and be present at the execution of the other prisoners on the 16th.

THE REMAINS OF BROWN.

HARPER'S FERRY, 10 P. M.—the remains of Brown arrived here in a special train at 9 o'clock, and will be taken on by Mrs. Brown and her friends, by express direct to Albany, New York. It is their desire to avoid all public demonstrations, and it is determined that the body shall not be visible anywhere off the route to North Elba, New York, where it will be interred in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Brown acknowledges very warmly the courtesy and kind treatment extended to her by the citizens and authorities of Virginia. She is, of course, in great distress, but has favorably impressed those who have come in contact with her, as a woman of fine feeling, and having great affection for her husband.