

EXECUTION,
FOR HORSE AND NEGRO STEAL-
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BARNWELL COURT-HOUSE, S. C.

February 9th, 1813.

William Cluff, alias *George Barnett*, was executed this day, pursuant to his sentence, for *Horse* and *Negro* stealing, having been respited thirty-two days, by his Excellency JOSEPH ALSTON, the present Governor of this State. During confinement, after sentence, the prisoner was visited by Clergymen of different denominations, as well as professing Christians among the laity, and was supplied with very suitable books. He appeared very grateful for every favour shewn him, and desirous to clear up false reports circulated to the injury of others. When he was conducted up the ladder, Nature began to shrink; he wished to stay a little longer—Yet he at length summoned resolution, bade the world adieu, committed his soul to God, and was launched out of Time into Eternity!

He was strongly guarded by the Militia, both foot and horse, as it was rumored a rescue would be attempted, the sentence, by many, being thought too severe—Executive clemency having been strenuously withheld, notwithstanding repeated strong applications in his favor.

The day before the execution, the history of his life was written from an account given of himself, from the age of 18. It contains but few incidents—he was born in Kent County, Va. of wealthy parentage; was raised in the mercantile line, was unsuccessful; tho' never addicted to drunkenness, became a most unhappy and unfortunate GAMBLER, which led to those crimes which terminated his short career, and deprived him of the residue of his days in the prime of life.

N. B. Since writing the above, I have learnt that the criminal's name was Geo. Barnett.