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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, BURKE COUNTY

Superior Court of Law—Fall Term, 1845. Summary & Foreclosure to the use of J. J. Summey, et al.

James Owen, Thomas Owen, James Goodwin and John L. Goodwin, Executors of the last will and testament of John Owen, deceased.

Whereas it appears to the Court that the Legatee William Owen has failed in his duty...

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at the City of Asheville, this 12th day of February, 1846.

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MISCELLANEOUS

From the High Register

Remarks on the Penitentiary Question.

No. III. PUNISHMENTS.

The object of punishment is twofold. 1. To reprove. 2. To deter. 3. To reform.

As when an honest and upright public servant is desired to be succeeded, to make room for an aspiring successor, the attack is made by heaping on the good man all sorts of odious, opprobrious and slanderous epithets.

The punishment now in use are stigmatized as "cruel," "degrading," "demoralizing," "infamous," "abominable," "bloody," "draconian," and the laws that inflict them are denounced as "sanguinary."

But let us see further. Is it the punishment that is degrading and infamous? I had thought it was the crime.

But it is most apparent, that if the degradation incident to crime could by this mode of punishment, or any other means, be effaced, it would not be at all desirable or safe it should be done.

It, therefore, being neither possible nor desirable that such men should be restored to their position in society, "the brand of Cain" can do them no injury.

About the time of the French revolution, a set of pretended philosophers sought to subvert all the ancient, long established usages of society.

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