

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”*

After the unfortunate insurrection, commonly called Shays' Rebellion, was quelled, and the honest, though deceived and deluded, insurgents had laid down their arms, returned to their homes and submitted as peaceable Citizens, a proposition was brought forward in the Legislature to recommend to the Governor and Council, all those unfortunate persons for a pardon. — Mr. GERRY was then a member of the General Court, and, in a most violent manner, opposed this *humane and prudent measure*. He declared in his place, that instead of granting a general pardon, a Resolve ought to pass, directing the Supreme Court, to go immediately into the Counties of Worcester, Hampshire and Berkshire, and hold a special Session of the Court, and try the Rebels, as fast as they could be apprehended, and **HANG THEM UP** immediately! But humanity prevailed over violence, the hanging system was discarded, a general pardon was granted, and we now have among us, as friends and neighbours, many good and peaceable Citizens, who would, long since, have gone to their final account, if the wishes of Gerry had prevailed.

This fact can be proved by many living witnesses, and the writer received it from the mouth of a respectable member of the then Legislature, whose character is above impeachment. Make your own comments.

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