

To His Honor Gordon Drummond Esquire President,  
 Administering the Government of the Province of Upper  
 Canada and Lieutenant General Commanding His Ma-  
 jesty's Forces in the West &c. &c.

The Petition of sundry inhabitants of  
 the District of Niagara West, &c. most humbly and respectfully  
 sheweth

That John Johnston has been convicted of High  
 Treason at the sessions lately held at Ancaster, your Peti-  
 tioners are well aware of the guilt of the unhappy man, but  
 they most humbly hope that the humanity displayed by  
 him in assisting and relieving a wounded Loyalist, who  
 had been made prisoner by the party with whom the  
 said Johnston was taken, as well as the deplorable situa-  
 tion to which a family consisting of a wife and six small chil-  
 dren will be reduced when deprived of their only support,

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may induce your Honor to extend the Royal mercy to this  
unfortunate man and your petitioners as in duty bound  
will ever Pray 4<sup>th</sup> July 1714

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