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His behaviour during his confinement, and when upon his trial, was decent, and while under sentence of death, penitent and resigned; he seem'd to have a due sense of the heinousness of the offence for which he suffered, said he had no accomplices, and that he died in peace and charity with all mankind, whom he had never defrauded preceding this unfortunate attempt for which he now suffered.—Since his receiving sentence of death he has been duly attended by the gentlemen of the clergy, to whose pious exhortations he gave the greatest attention, and seriously lamented that poverty had urged him to deviate from the paths of virtue; yet notwithstanding the ignominy of his death, he hoped, through the merits of JESUS CHRIST, to awake to a blessed immortality.

Source Notes

According to information supplied at the bottom of the broadside, *The Confession and Dying Words of John Jubeart* was "Printed for the Sober John Stewart, Esq; and Co. and sold from their Fists in every Quarter of this City [New York]." The short broadside account of Jubeart's life and death was not reprinted and little notice of Jubeart was taken in the newspapers. On July 31, 1769, *The New-York Gazette* mentioned Jubeart in a list of cases tried before the state's Supreme Court: "Saturday last the Supreme Court ended here, when John Hennesey, for Felony and Sacrilege, in stealing the Sattin Covering of the Cushions of St. Paul's in this City, and John Jubeart, on two Indictments, for passing Counterfeit Dollars, knowing them to be such, were found guilty, received Sentence of Death, and are to be executed the 23d of August." A brief notice in the September 4, 1769, issue of *The New-York Gazette* stated that Jubeart's execution was "respited until next Wednesday the 6th of September." A week later (September 11, 1769) *The New-York Gazette* published a final notice: "Wednesday last John Jubeart, late of Staten-Island, was executed at the Gallows near this City, for passing counterfeit Dollars. He died with great Appearance of Penitence, and denied having any Accomplices." In his comprehensive *Counterfeiting in Colonial America* Kenneth Scott did not mention Jubeart as belonging to any of the counterfeiting gangs operating in and around New York.

T H E
Confession and Dying Words
O F
J O H N J U B E A R T,

Who was Executed at NEW-YORK, upon Wednesday the Sixth of
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For Coining and Passing Counterfeit Dollars.

JOHN JUBEART, the unhappy Criminal, who was executed this Morning, was Sixty-Eight Years of age; said he was born upon Staten-Island, that his Father came over from England to this City, with, and in the employ of Governor Dungan. He was bound an Apprentice to his elder Brother, who had served a regular Apprenticeship to a Black-Smith in this City, learnt that business from him, and became so great a proficient therein, that he not only knew every part of it, but was also capable of repairing Clocks and Watches. His Parents were industrious honest People, and gave him as genteel an Education as their circumstances would allow; they early instilled into his mind, the principles of Virtue and Piety; and exhorted him, both by Precept and Example, to fear and love his Creator. — During their lives he conducted himself entirely to their satisfaction; and, at the age of Twenty-Four Years, was married to a young Woman of a reputable Family, in New Jersey, whose name he did not chuse to mention, lest some evil minded Persons, whose malice is as insatiate, as their hearts are corrupt, should unjustly reproach her family with his unhappy fate. By this Woman he had several Children, all of which are dead, except Two Daughters, whose virtuous deportment, and, the then unexceptionable character of their Parents, recommended them to the esteem of every person who had the pleasure of their acquaintance; and induced Gentlemen of family and character, to commence an alliance with *their* family, by joining with them in the bands of Matrimony. Soon after this alliance their Mother died; this misfortune threw him (Jube[ar]t) into a deep melancholy, which preyed upon him a considerable time; and ever since, he found himself quite unsettled, and even at some times, a little delirious: the place of his former residence became very disagreeable to him; and the uncomfortable ideas with which he was perpetually haunted, he imagined, could only be alleviated by keeping himself in continual agitation of body, by removing from one place to another. Pursuant to this determination, he settled his Estate, which was not inconsiderable, upon his Children, and rambled about the Country, working at his business wherever he came, for his support, and he had always the happiness to gain the esteem of those who employed him; he followed his vocation for a considerable time, at Salisbury, Kent, Canaan, and Hartford and most of the towns and villages in New-England, he then came to the Fish-kill, where he resided three years with an unblemish'd character; he then removed to a place called Quaker-Hill, in the great Nine Partners, at which place he heard there was a silver mine, which he visited, and from whence, with great aliduity and hard labour, he extracted a small quantity of base silver from the ore he found there; this silver he melted down with five Spanish Dollars, and from that composition he fabricated ten counterfeit ones; but he declared upon the word of a dying man, that it was more for the sake of trying an experiment than any fraudulent intention he had to impose upon the public; but his simplicity, and being badly paid for his work, had reduced him to low that he was greatly in want of linen and several other necessaries, and although he might have been supplied by his children and friends, yet he did not chuse to apply to them while he was able to earn a subsistence for himself; in fine, his necessities urged him to endeavour to pass the dollars he had coined: he came to New-York for that purpose; was detected in the act, carried before a magistrate, and after examination committed to goal. At the Supreme court held in July last, he was tried, convicted, and sentenced to be hang'd on Wednesday the 23d of August; he was respired by his Excellency the Governor untill Wednesday the 30th of said month, and then obtained a further repite till this day. His behaviour during his confinement, and when upon his trial, was decent, and while under sentence of death, penitent and resigned; he seem'd to have a due sense of the heinousness of the offence for which he suffered, said he had no accomplices, and that he died in peace and charity with all mankind, whom he had never defrauded preceding this unfortunate attempt for which he now suffered. — Since his receiving sentence of death he has been duly attended by the gentlemen of the clergy, to whose pious exhortations he gave the greatest attention, and seriously lamented that poverty had urged him to deviate from the paths of virtue; yet notwithstanding the ignominy of his death, he hoped, through the merits of JESUS CHRIST, to awake to a blessed immortality.

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