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Free Translation from the "Khalsa Shancher"
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What our beloved brother, Mewa Singh, said before
ascending the scaffold.

"Those men are true patriots who fight for their
country and who prefer to be cut to pieces rather than desert
the fields of their birth."

"I cheerfully face that death, of which the world is
afraid. By death we do come to a knowledge of God."

These words of brother Mewa Singh are true, and
proof of his courage is to be found in the fact that he had
increased his weight by ten pounds during his imprisonment.
The faithful and true are those who are patriotic through sheer
love of their country. They fear nothing, taking their lives
in their hands, as also their swords. The death which ordinary
mortals dread, is a source of pleasure to patriots; such men face
the scaffold unflinchingly and without complaint or regret.
They follow the example of their Gurus (Govind Singh) by whose
order patriots rise to action, in the same way as a string rises
by tightening. The men who sin are punished by God. Evil
men are cowardly and hide themselves, as the kid does from the
lion, but a true patriot is as brave and strong as the tiger.
The true are not afraid of death, whether by hanging or by the
sword. They are weak who do not pray to God, but the true
patriot is strengthened by prayer. True patriots show up as
the light from a brilliant moon, but evildoers are shrouded in
a dark pall of fear. The patriot cannot tolerate tyranny, but
immediately draws his sword. Read the following letter from
martyr M. Singh - it rejoices the hearts of all.

The address written by the hand of our beloved brother Mewa Singh, prior to his execution and sent to the Stockton "Khalsa Dewan" is as follows. We hope that our compatriots will read with pleasure this letter, whose value can only be measured by the sacrifice of the life of its author:

"In the name of one God. Victory to the army of the Guruji." To the "Khalsa Dewan" Stockton salutation.

Yours faithfully, Mewa Singh, the servant of all nations, offers to the Sikh sect this letter, because I am desirous of leaving to you and your posterity this letter in remembrance of myself. I am destined to ascend to heaven, therefore your servant has penned this letter. I am in jail. Mit Singh told me that a telegram had come from Stockton to find out the date of my execution, because it will be necessary to read the concluding chapter of the "Guru Gurunth Sahib" (Sikh bible). This news has brought a great gladness to me, because I now know that the Sikh sect at Stockton, believe in me. I am only an humble individual, but am so glad, oh, so glad to think that the sect believes in me and remembers me. I leave this earth thanking you a thousand times. It is impossible to write my thanks - they are so great. I have committed the act for which I am to leave this earth, with the greatest pleasure. The Guru (Religious teacher) has said "A good man neither dies nor does he return to this earth in his next incarnation, but is sent on earth to do work for others." I wish you to call a special meeting and read to all this text of the Guruji's; 'The first Guru said 'all works that I do are directed by God, but as for me, I am nothing.' Let all at the meeting rejoice and clap their hands. Forgive me for any faults that I had. I am not afraid of death. If any one grieves for my death, he is no friend of mine. 'Victory to the Guruji' should be

proclaimed aloud by the meeting and they should rejoice
and be happy. I clasp my hands and salute the meeting
and say: 'Victory to the Guruji,' Call a meeting and let
them hear the contents of this letter - don't forget. My
property I have left to help the cause. The 'Guru Sahib'
says: 'The wealth that men seek can only be obtained on
earth by calling on the name of God.'

(Signed) Your servant,

"Mewa Singh."

N.B. .. Brother Mewa Singh's, Brother Badan Singh's,
Brother Bhag Singh's photos, and that of their families,
are being prepared by the Khalsa Dewan Committee, to be
sent to anybody desiring them.

Yours truly,

"B.S. Indar Singh."

Secretary Khalsa Dewan.