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nations do to hang an offender; at the same time  
same light as we do the hanging  
of a criminal (condemned by the laws  
of his country), and that the disgrace  
reflected on the surviving relatives  
of the victim is nearly the same as  
that reflected <sup>upon the</sup> family in Europe  
by the public execution of one of  
its members. <sup>of the sufferer</sup>

When I informed them  
that this was a custom unknown  
in Europe and considered there  
as a great disgrace to the nation  
which practises it — they seemed surprised  
and Shunphee, tho' a man of great  
authority, has since told me that  
he thought it was wrong and that  
his people would never be guilty  
of it again: — a few others made a  
similar promise. — I took opportunity  
as an occasion offered, to convince them  
of the inhuman nature of this practice  
by picturing the horror it excited  
in the bosoms of all good men — of  
other nations — in whose opinion they  
were disgraced and chafed on its  
account.

It may be proper to remark  
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