

In the matter of Marcus Brutus, herein charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Julius Caesar: The defense clearly established the necessity of "diminished capacity" as a mitigating circumstance in establishing the guilt or innocence of a suspect. During the course of the examination, attorneys and witnesses discussed two particular statements by Brutus which seem to offer a clear perspective on this issue:

The first:

And so it is. For this time I will leave you:
To-morrow, if you please to speak with me, I
will come home to you; or, if you will, Come
home to me, and I will wait for you.

This statement by Brutus appears to show a deliberate desire to reflect on the proposal made by Cassius and the other conspirators.

The second:

Our course will seem too bloody, Caius Cassius,
To cut the head off and then hack the limbs
Like wrath in death and envy afterwards;
For Antony is but a limb of Caesar:

While planning the killing, Brutus advises restraint and measured response in terms of the breadth of the killings about to take place. Again, this statement, discussed by both attorneys and witnesses over the course of the trial, shows Brutus to be in a clear, deliberate, and sensible state of mind, even in light of the heinous acts under discussion.

Based on these statements, and their subsequent discussion in the trial, we the jury find the defendant, Marcus Brutus, GUILTY of murder in the first degree. So say we on this day, the 11th of January, two thousand-nineteen.