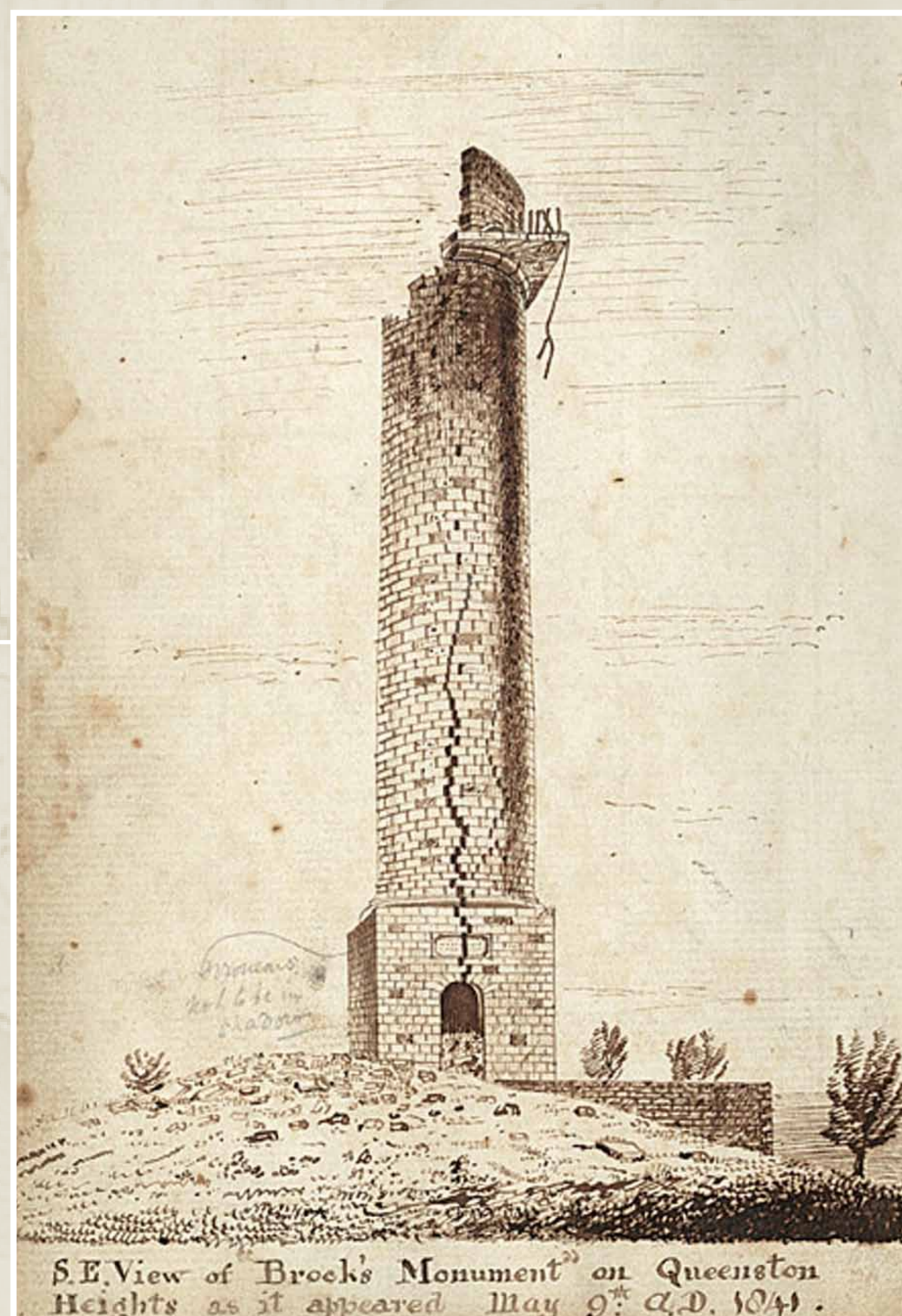


BETRAYED, THANK GOD!

During a number of delays in carrying out their plans, one of the conspirators, Henry J. Moon, thought better of his involvement and was able to personally warn D'Arcy Boulton of the plan. On July 29, a "body of trusty men" with names such as Boswell, Ruttan, Boulton, Chatterton, surrounded the Ash homestead and demanded entrance "in the Queen's name." Some of the conspirators escaped through windows and into the woods, but the principals, including Hart and Ash were caught. (One who may have escaped was the, later notorious, Ben Lett who (debatably) blew up Brock's Monument in 1842.

One of the leaders of the 'Cobourg Conspiracy' against Robert Henry's bank was Benjamin Lett, a notorious "Patriot". Lett left mayhem in his wake and a reputation for both avoiding and escaping capture. Whether involved or not, he was justifiably accused of the bombing of Brock's Monument in 1840.



The conspirators were brought to trial on Friday, September 13. Acting as **their defence attorney was the same D'Arcy Boulton** against whom they had allegedly plotted! Samuel Hart was sentenced to 7 years hard labour in the Penitentiary and Joseph Ash, 6 months in jail and a fine of 100 pounds.

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