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When the motive of malice is absent - Cruelty does not & ought not to excuse a violation of the law.

The object of the law is to work by way of example and punishments are inflicted by the courts for the purpose of deterring others from the commission of similar crimes. It may be that the good ^{which was} intended by the court to be effected by the sentence, which is passed upon this prisoner has already been accomplished and if so there would be no further object
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to be expected by any further
imprisonment.

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