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To behead.

[Latin *dēcollāre*, *dēcollāt-* : *dē-*, *de-* + *collum*, neck; see *k^wel-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de'col·la tion *n.*

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