

the request of William Outten Sub Sheriff to Benjamin Handy Gent, High Sheriff of the County aforesaid went with the said William Outten to Assist him in the Execution of sundry precepts one of Which was against one John Willy that on their way to the House of some of the persons for whom the said Outten had precepts it was agreed that the Company should Divide and one part proceed to the House of One Mullinex and the other part to The House of the said John Willy which was accordingly done, that the said William Outten with one part of the Company went to the House of the said John Willey and the other part (one of which this deponent was) went to the House of the said Mullinex that after Some time this Deponent with those that were with him Left the House of the said Mullinex and went to the House of the said John Willy where they found the said William Outten with the others his Company the said John Willey being then up the Loft of his House and the said Outten Endeavouring to Take him by making an Attempt to get up through a Vacancy of two or three planks (the Loft not being Covered by that many) but Without effect as the said Willey Struck at him with a Large Stick when col<sup>o</sup> John Dennis who was then present Proposed to the said William Outten and the said John Willey that all endeavours to take the said John Willy should be Stopt and the Matter referred to the Magistrates of Worcester and Sussex Counties to be by them Amicably settled which was readily agreed to by the said William Outten and the said John Willey upon which the said John Willey requested the said Outten and all those with him to sit down, which they or the Greatest part of them did that in a very Short time afterwards when the said William Outten with all those who were in Company with him were about to return home without any further to do in the matter a certain John Sharp and Pennington Welch Came up, Sharp with a Stick in his hand and Welch with an Iron rod, Sharpe calling Out where is the Damn'd Sheriff I will Splitt him to the Earth or words to that Effect upon which Outten went out of the House (he not having gone out untill then) with a Cutlash (which had that day been Taken from the afs<sup>d</sup> Mullinex) in his hand that then the said William Outten and John Sharpe engaged and after Several Strokes had passed Between them, the said Welch made a Stroke at the said William Outten which fell on his Shoulder with such Violence that the Rod did bend and fly Out of the hand of the said Welch when both Welch and Sharpe ran off but as Sharp turned to run Outten made a Stroke at him which wounded him on the Left shoulder upon which the Engagement ended and the said William

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