

in his hand and Welch with an Iron rod and Sharpe calling out where is the Damn'd Sheriff I will split him to the Earth or to that effect Outten went out of the House and Some Blows past between them and Welch and after some Little Time both Sharp and Welch left Outten and this Matter being thus ended William Outten and the Company with him went to get their Horses in order to Return home but sundry persons Coming up some with Guns and others with Clubs a Little Girl (supposed to be Willeys Daughter) ran to and told Willey that two or three more Guns were Come upon which he said he woud go and Accordingly did go Out of the House and called out "give me a Gun and I will Shoot the Son of a Bitch" upon Which Sharpe who had now got a Gun and had cocked and presented it at Outten instead of firing delivered it to Willey with these Expressions "Shoot the Damned Son of a Bitch" and Willy Accordingly presented it at Outten Somebody told Outten they were going to Shoot him, and he turning about Willey Instantly fired and Shot him in the Lower part of his Belly of which in five or six minutes he died

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Several of those of Willys party expressed great Satisfaction in and much Applauded, this Action and one in particular Walking up to the Corps lying on the Ground said "it was a well done Action in Willy shooting the said Outten and that he had saved him the Trouble of doing it himself," and Willy himself going up to the Corps said that Outten had got his Deserts and that he told him before he Undertook the Office of under Sheriff he would be shott and that if he had not undertaken the Office no other person would. Immediately upon perpetrating this Action Willy and Sharpe fled unto Sussex County for the protection of that Court then sitting (upon which it seems they have not a Little relyed) and having Surrendered themselves there the Magistrates of that Court seem so far from taking any Steps to Secure the said Willy and Sharp for their Regular Tryal for the Death of Outten, that they have Actually Examined both as Witnesses and upon their Testimony presentments are found by the Grand Jury of Sussex against Several persons Residents in this province Viz' John Collins Son of Andrew Gerard Hitchens Moses Timmonds John Kelly William Wainwright Peter Dolby Col^o John Dennis William Connaway Levin Disharoon John Wooten and Elijah Long some of whom are Taken and bound over to appear at next Sussex Court for that Riot Wherein Outten was killed with design we presume to Justifye or excuse the proceedure of Willy and Sharp or the Murther of Outten; and we think our selves Warranted in this presumption from the Extraordinary Be-

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