

Lib. J. R. & U. S. haviour of some of the Magistrates of Sussex County, who tho Sharpe upon his Examination before them confessed that himself Willey and Several Other persons had before the death of Outten agreed together to withstand & Murther the said Outten if he should Attempt to Execute any process upon them & who repeated by Cautioning the said Sharpe to take Care of what he said that he was Certainly Mistaken and that they could never combine to do such an Act and tho he as Often in relating the Transaction repeated the agreement to withstand and murther Outten and at Last Declared it signified nothing denying it they did agree as aforesaid and Altho Sharpe upon his Examination aforesaid Declared that he and the several other persons whom process had Issued against, out of Worcester County Court would have Submitted to such process but that the great men of Sussex County would not permit them would not Suffer either of these Declarations to be Inserted in his Examination And We have too much reason from what appears from the view of these papers to Conclude that the Magistrates and great men of Sussex County have Not a little Contributed to raise in the Borders that malevolent Spirit which has so manifestly discovered it self in the Death of the Deputy Sheriff of Worcester County, It appears from the Depositions of Several Antient Witnesses that the place were this fact was committed to wit John Willeys dwelling plantation is Considerably within the antient reputed Bounds and Limits of Maryland and that Several Inhabitants to the Eastward of this place have for many years past (till very Lately) owned them selves to be Inhabitants of Maryland and have paid their Taxes and other dues to this Government. We observe that the Magistrates or great men of Sussex County have Transmitted to his Honour the Governor of Pennsylvania and the three Lower Counties Some papers Relative to this Affair and amongst the rest is a Copy of a Warrant granted by the proprietaries of Pennsylvania to one Ephraim Polk dated the 5th Feb^{ry} 1747 and by him on the 5th November 1755 Assigned to one John Willy Jun. who we presume is the Same person that killed Outten, and this warrant and Assignment are we Likewise presume, Adduced to Shew, that the Land Willey then lived on and where this fact was Committed is the Land Surveyed by Virtue of this Warrant, Whence it is to be Inferred that the fact being done on Land Surveyed under a Pennsylvania Warrant, was done in Sussex County and Consequently within the Jurisdiction of that Government, But as we think it undoubtedly appears from the Depositions that John Willey at whose House this fact was perpetrated, lived at that time a Considerable distance