

and gave it to M^r Iohn Knellin of the Convention the house being off he read the same and told me that they were accused for the death of M^r Iohn Payne the K.'s Collector and nott Cap I: P: as in the Petition was mentioned upon that I struck out Cap^t and put in (M^r) then he told me M^r Carroll was Improper to be of councell being a Prisoner at abington for high misdemeanors soe his name was struck out that M^r Dent was under the same or as great circumstances and was sent for butt as for M^r Thomson and myselfe he knew nothing butt wee might be admitted as in the Peti: desired of w^{ch} Pet: I should have answer on the morow that evening I mett M^r Blackeston the Speaker and told him of the Petⁿ lodged wth theire & gave him acc^d of the substance of it who told me the prisoners should have all the faire Dealeing Imaginable for theire lives or to that Effect & next morning I should have answer the Pet: Thus fairly and openly I acted for these pris^{ers} Intending to search for Records & gett Coppys of what necessary and take out spās: next day I went haveing my Papers about me M^r Knellin brings me the order w^{ch} was that Tuesday the 21: was the day appointed for tryall and that they might have what yet they pleased butt Council for them none could be admitted I went to carry them this order and short Tyme they had to prepare themselves butt goeing in to the guard room I was there Imediatly seized upon my Private noates and the Prisoners papers and other my present concerns taken from me and I detayned in Coustody att the Country house without knowing my cause till Munday morning I Rec^d a Copy of my Commitmt. for mutenous Rebellious Treasonable Practices and Endeav^{rs} by me used to Disturbe theire Maj^{ty} p^{ca}cc and the p^{ca}cc of the Province and was to be in Coustody till the s^d 21: day being the prov^l Co^{tt} then to appeare and answer and on Munday I was Removed to another house and kept close Pris^r and thence removed to the horse guards att Lynes and there kept by the sherriff till fryday after sentence past and then I was admitted to Bayle to appeare next Court being the first thursday In Iully next M^r Carroll being at M^r Abingtons was the Sunday before removed up to Notley Hall and since the Court admitted to Bayle allsoe M^r Geo Thomson haveing d.d. a paper to some of the members by way of contrary advice how they proceeded upon that authority soe the Tryall of the Prisoners was Comm^{ted} to Custody for a seditious and Treasonable Pamphlett butt after admitted to Bayle M^r Dent allsoe Bayled out butt in open court told he must nott plead there till he had cleared himselfe of the accusation ag^t him soe all the Councell Prayed by the Prisoners was thus taken of and they left to defend themselves deprived allsoe of theire Papers as afores^d

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