

Liber K. Letter for the Peruseall of the Board for that they did rationally suspect some treasonable treacherous matter therein Contained being Certainly Informed of his having publicly abused & bespattered the Governm^t He prays to be excused in the matter & denys the Delivery of the Letter for that he Conceives he is in no wise bound to accuse himself or Ridicule M^r Randolph

The Sheriff of S^t Marys County called in & hath Committed into his Custody the Body of Sir Thomas Lawrence with his mittimus in Writing as follows (viz^t)

By his Excellency the Gov^r & Council &c^a
Maryland ss

Whereas it hath sufficiently appeared and been made manifest to this Board that Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet is Guilty of several high crimes & misdemeanors by him done & committed & wherewith he stands charged in the misfeazance of his Office the breach of his Oath & the trust reposed in him the open violation of the known Laws & Statutes of England the betraying of their Majestyts Interest and Sovereign Authority here legally Established associating & confederating with Countenancing aiding & cherishing & abetting their open & professed as well as private and Secret Enemies contrary to the Peace of our Sovereign Lord & Lady the King & Queen their Crowne & Dignity and tending to the disturbance of their Majestyts good Subjects the Inhabitants of this Province and to divert them from their due and natural Love & Affections, true faith & allegiance to their said Majestyts & also to deceive & defraud them of their Iust rights & Properties.

These are therefore in their Majestyts Names to will & require as also to charge & command you Rob^t Mason Gent high Seriff of S^t Marys County or your Deputy forthwith to apprehend & take into your Custody the Body of s^d S^r Thomas Lawrence if he shall be found in your Bailywick and him safe
p 182 keep so as to have & Convey him with all expedition to the Sheriff of Charles County to whom (together with this precept) you are to deliver him (and who is hereby straightly Charged & Comanded to receive and take him into his Care & Charge & him in safe secure & Close Custody keep without Bail or Mainprize until he shall be thence delivered, or otherwise disposed of by Order of this Board whereof let there be no fail at Perill & for so doing this shall be a Sufficient warrant dated at the Councill Board the 8th day of April Anno Domini 1693 in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William & Queen Mary &c^a

Sign'd p Order

J LL Cl Councill