

ance, you appear to me to be a very clever man for business and I promised myself a great deal of pleasure in having cultivated an acquaintance with you, but you seem to me to make a mystery and secret of this Affair, pray candidly tell me the reason of your refusing to shew me all M^r Kilbys last Letter to you, for I will lay you a Wager that when we get to N York M^r Kilby will shew it to me, men of his Character never give any thing under their hands, but what every body who have any concern in it may see, and you will be convinced in the end, that notwithstanding you have been so much alarmed that you will be so far from being blamed, that you will have an opportunity of doing a good natured thing by introducing me to M^r Kilby, in return I will continue to give you all the information relating to provision, which my acquaintance with the back woods enable me to do, and which at present you have a strong connection with. he replied that there were some things in the Letter which he thought was not proper to be communicated to me and looked very serious, well says I, M^r Howell do you not think that your talking and acting in this manner is not enough to raise a Suspicion in me, that M^r Kilby has some way repented of the promise he made to Governor Sharpe in his Letter of the 19th of June, and wants to leave it with you to get him off from that promise, tho I can never believe it possible 'till I hear what M^r Kilby himself says, and more particularly when I reflect on the high character M^r Peters gives me of him, but pray tell me now candidly would you have even paid me the £1500, if you had received that Letter from M^r Kilby before you paid me the money, as I saw M^r Howel was not inclinable to give me an answer, I endeavoured to turn the conversation by saying, that I would say no more about it 'till we should see M^r Kilby, that I could with half an Eye discover that he had taken the affair in a wrong light, and that he intended to do a peice of Service to the General and M^r Kilby which I was persuaded they did not expect, about this time the tea things were carryed away, and I observed to him that I was only taking up his time which might be better employed, and asked him if he could give any guess when he would be ready but if he could not then tell me, I had for my part nothing to do but wait on him, and got up to come away, he then told me but with a great deal of Confusion that he never intended to go to N York and that he was advised by his Friends to take other Steps with me, and immediately opened the Room Door and called to the under sheriff, who it seems had been standing all the while in the passage to come in and do his duty, he stept into the Room and arrested me, I asked him for a Sight of the Writ and Saw it was for 4950, I turned to