

M^r Howel with the Writ in my hand, and told him that this convinced me now that I was pretty right in what I had only mentioned in Jest, for he had sued me for the whole money and had included M^r Kilbys £1500. soon after a Gentleman or two I do not remember which came into the Room as if by chance, M^r Howel began to inform them of the steps he had taken with me, tho I soon found from the conversation that they were very well apprised of it before, they joined in opinion with M^r Howel, and used many arguments to induce me to comply with M^r Howels request and seemed to think he did me a great favour if I was allowed to keep the £1500 that M^r Kilby had agreed to advance, I told them they were Strangers to me and it could not be expected their arguments could have much weight with me, and that M^r Howel had used me very ungentlely in laying me under a restraint from speaking on the subject to any body while it appeared to me he had been all the time consulting with his Friends and with Lawyers, who often preferred what was expedient and profitable, to what was Lawful and honourable, that we had that afternoon I thought settled every thing before M^r Peters, that he had invited me home from his House with him and had in the grossest manner violated the Laws of decency and hospitality, that in the whole affair there seemed to be a mystery I could not comprehend, and which M^r Howel was no ways inclinable to unravel, in such conversation we past the time till it began to grow late, when M^r Meredith whether by chance or design opened the door and Stept into the Room, and immediately M^r Howel addressed himself to me and said he did not want to send me to jail, that If I would only leave the Bills with friend Meredith 'til to morrow morning at ten of the Clock, he should give me his note to deliver them again to me at that time. I took a turn once or twice on the floor, and then told M^r Howel that I had repeated over & over, that the only favour I had requested of him from the first, was to allow me time for an Express to return from the General or Governor Sharpe, that if either of them directed me to return the whole money I must comply, but that it was impossible for me to do that before to morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and if I must go to Jail then, the difference was not great for me to go to night at eight, that I supposed his Lawyers had put him on some new trick to distress me, that in time the secret if there was any would come out, and requested of him to call in the Sheriff for I was ready to go along with him: which was accordingly done. After I got into the street as my acquaintance was very slender in Philadelphia, I stood some moments thinking to whom I should apply to prevent me from going to the common Jail, and then asked the under-