

sheriff to walk with me as far as M^r Nelsons, and I prevailed on him to go with me and speak to the high Sheriff to permit me to stay in his House 'till I could look a little about me next morning I wrote to M^r Peter as you will see in N^o 6 and his answer in N^o 8 that Gentleman was so kind to come to see me at M^r Coultis and I opened my mind very freely to him.

When I came to write to you my Letter of the 19th Aug^t N^o 9, I found I could not avoid using the abstract of M^r Kilbys Letter of the 14th which M^r Howel had given me, and recollecting the promise I had made of not making use of it without his consent, that occasioned my writing to him N^o 10. M^r Howel came up to the sheriff just at the time I heard that M^r Chew the Kings Attorney had come to Town, and when M^r Howel came in, I was requesting M^r Coultis to go and speak to him to favour me with his company, we began first with the news of the day but afterwards I enquired if he had brought M^r Kilbys Letter with him to compare it with the parts he had given me, to see if he chose that any addition should be made to it or any thing struck out of it, he looked it over but would by no means agree that I should send a Copy of it to the General or to you, I requested of him to write himself to the General or you and for me to refer to the reasons he gave from M^r Kilbys Letter, but he would not even agree to that. I then endeavoured to shew him, that it was impossible for me to give the General or you the least Idea of what had hapned, without referring to M^r Kilbys Letter, but in spite of all I could say, he insisted on my promise on Honour that I should not make use of it without his consent. at last I told him that when we were before M^r Peters the extract he gave me was read to inform him of the Affair, and I begged he might allow me to mention it as from my memory on hearing parts of it Read, and told him that as I imagined from his whole conduct, he would rather choose to have it mentioned in that way than any other, I had made use of it as such in the rough Draught of what I intended to write to your Excellency which I would shew him, and he seemed to approve of it but required time to think on it. We then fell into other conversation relating to the affair, I told him I was already tired of my confinement, tho I had a very good Landlord in the Sheriff M^r Coultis, and would not have delayed so long sending an Express to you, but that I wanted to consult the Kings Attorney who had been out of Town ever since the Affair hapned, and I shewed him the Copy of what I had wrote to M^r Peters and his answer, and told him I hoped he would put it in my power to dispatch the Express as soon as possible, for by any thing I could foresee I must remain where