

I was 'til his return which I could not expect to be less than 14 or 15 days or perhaps more, If you had gone to Annapolis or the General had left Shippensburgh he told me that M^{rs} Howel was very sorry for what had hapned and had been persuading him to set me at liberty, for that she did not think I looked like one who would go away until every thing was settled. I desired him to return my compliments to M^{rs} Howel for the good opinion she entertained of me and wished that I had been so luckey as to have had an equal share of his, soon after he asked me if I had given a fee to M^r Chew, I told him I had not but that he was engaged, and aded that I hoped he would not take any Step to deprive me of his advice which I rather wanted as a Gentleman than in the Law way, for from my long Experience in business I was clear the Law was on my side, and that I had even learned so much Law since I came to Philadelphia to be informed, that by an Act of Assembly made for the benefit of Strangers, I had a right to move for being carryed before their chief magistrate and that they had a power to examine into the cause of Action and determine whether I could be held to bail or not, but I would not take any Step of that sort, for I was fond of having the affair settled to our mutual Satisfaction before I offered to leave the place, tho the prospect of my being detained so long even in the Sherriffs house was extreemly disagreeable.

M^r Howel shewed great impatience to leave me, and I was equally solicitous to engage him to favour me with his company for a Longer time, as he seemed to be in great emotion when I communicated to him that I designed to consult M^r Chew, which from his former conduct, raised a Suspicion in me, that I had acted imprudently in telling him so much, and that he would endeavour to deprive me of M^r Chews advice in case he should see him before M^r Coultis could meet with M^r Chew, and indeed I guessed right for I was afterwards informed by M^r Chew that he came to retain him against me, at the very time M^r Coultis was Speaking to him on my account.

Soon after M^r Chew came to me at M^r Coultis's, and I laid the whole affair before him, and he seemed to think that from the manner I had conducted the matter to that time, and as I was at all Events resolved to Stay 'till the return of the express I was going to send to you, I could not go amiss and that I had little occasion for any of his assistance, but Offered to become security for me to the sheriff, and told him to allow me to return to my Lodgings whenever I thought proper, but as I had heard nothing from M^r Howel after he left me, and was impatient to send away the Express, I wrote in the Evening to him the Copy of what is annexed