

his Confession together with a Copy of a Letter he wrote to his Wife soon after he was committed to Prison which will shew what People he is connected with there & perhaps lead to a Discovery of other Crimes. On its being represented to Me that the Sheriff of Frederick was apprehensive an Attempt might be made to rescue Depriest & one Jn^o Cox who had been also committed on a like Suspicion I have ordered them to be brought hither & secured in this Jail till next April when they will be remanded to Frederick County Assises but I much question whether there will then be sufficient Evidence to convict them tho Circumstances against them are exceeding strong; Should any Discoveries be made in the mean time that may subject them to punishment in Virginia you will be pleased to give me timely Notice that an Order might issue for their being delivered up to a Virginia Officer. Since I am writing to you I cannot help taking some Notice of a Piece which M^r Rind your Colony Printer thought fit to publish in his Gazette of the 24th Ult. replete so far as it relates to me or to Transactions here with Misrepresentations & absolute Falshoods. M^r Rind may perhaps think every Printer has a Right & ought to publish whatever Paper is sent him be it ever so personal & abusive tho he should himself disbelieve the Allegations it may contain but to you Sir I am persuaded such Conduct will not appear in a very good light, & that his affixing M^r Grymes's Name to the piece does not entirely exculpate himself. The unhappy Circumstances into which M^r Grymes hath brought himself & the Chagrine occasioned by the melancholly prospect before him seem to have put him almost beside himself & to have rendered him an object of Pity rather than of ones Resentment, nor do I think it at all necessary to give any answer in a publick manner to any thing he has advanced but if his Ruin hath been at all precipitated by the Naval Officers seizing his Vessel here he should consider that his own shuffling disingenuous Conduct for several years past & his entire Disregard of our Laws laid M^r Ridout under the necessity of acting in that Manner, I am sure that instead of Rigour he has been treated here on many Occasions with great Indulgence, infinitely greater than he deserved or had a Right to expect. His Assertion that a Precept was obtained here from Me to seize some of his Slaves is I find a direct Falshood & tho I suppose what he insinuates of my ordering a Demand to be made on the Manager for the Shippers Wages be as well founded as many other of his Assertions or Insinuations I do assure you I was not apprized of any such Claims being made or to be made, much less of a Suit to be brought till sometime after the Writ had been served, my Servant who presented the