

Lib. R. R. R. to take into his custody the s^d Coll Talbott and Safely keepe him at his the s^d Sheriffs owne house with a guard of six able men, at the choice of the s^d Sher. & in whom he can best confide with power also given him to press Corne and other provisions (if occasion be) necessary & sufficient for such men. according to the foll precept (viz:)

By the Councill

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Ordered that the Sheriff of S^t Maries County take into his custody the body of Coll George Talbott accused and committed for the murder of Christopher Rousby late of this Province Esq^r decd: and him safely and securely keepe at the house of him the said Sheriff, with a guard of six able men by him to be Impressed, such as he shall think fitt to make choice of, and in whom he cann most confide, soe that he have him securely guarded before his L^{sp}s Justices of the Provinciaall Court at the next Provinciaall Court to be holden for this Province at the City of S^t Maries on Tuesday the 26th of this Instant May to be proceeded against according to Law. And the s^d Sheriff is hereby authorised and impowered by himself or his Lawfull Deputy to press in any part of his Bailywick corne and other provisions necessary & sufficient for the maintenance of the said guard (if occasion shall require) ffor all w^{ch} this shall be his sufficient warrant. And hereof lett him not faile at his perill. Dated the ffifth day of May in the Tenth yeare of the Dominion of the R^t hon^{ble} Charles &c. Annoq Dmi. 1685:

To Cap^t Joshua Doyne high
Sher. of S^t Maries County
These.

Signed p ord^r
J Llewelin Cl Consil

The hon^{ble} Maj^r Nicholas Sewall givinge the board to understand that he had lately committed into the custody of the Sher. of Calvert County one Philim Murry, and one Hugh Raily upon suspition of haveing held correspondency with Coll George Talbott, & assisting him in his Escape, but noe Evidence or other sufficient matter of Charge since appeareing ag^t them, he craves the opinion of the board, whither they ought not to be released & discharged, or what further to be done therein.

Ordered that they continue and remaine in custody as afores^d untill the next Provinciaall Court, and then (if noe Evidence appeare, & nothing be proved against them) they may be cleared by proclamation as the most legall way of proceeding in such case, otherwise to be punished according to Law and as the meritts of their Case shall require.