

Dep^{ty} Sheriff that One Edward Abbot a Taylor of this County Liber R.
and now a Trooper did abuse your L^{dsp} in a very gross
manner at the house of M^r John Stone, but in what respect or
what the words were I cannot be positive in, But John Ham-
ilton the Informer and John Wright who were in his Company
at that instant can give your L^{dsp} a more exact Acco^t then at
p^rsent I am capable off: he likewise saith that the said Abbott
was very much overtaken in drink at the time of uttering
those Expressions, This Comeing to my knowledge thought
my self bound in Duty and Conscience to give your L^{spp} an
Accompt thereof, the Consideration of which I leave to your
L^{dsp}: The discourse of the said Abbott was directed to the
abovesd. John Wright who I suppose will hardly Declare all
he knows without swearing: I shall observe your L^{dsp}s ord^r
in sending Owen downe on Tuesday next, My Lord I must
confess my fault in not waiteing upon your L^{dsp}: all this while,
the reason is the Souldiers at the ffort are almost every Day
sending for One thing or other, and our Press-Master being
not very apt in his place, and Sister Rozers Concerns together
hath been the cause thereof, which considered I hope your
L^{spp} will please to pardon the neglect in that particular of

Your L^{dsp}s most ffaithfull & Obedient

Portobacco the of Servant W^m Chandler

November 1681;

Directed

To the R^t hon^{ble} The L^d Prop^{ry}

at Pottuxen

Mattapony

These

humbly Present

Whereupon issued these following precepts to the Sheriff of
Charles Co: viz.

By the Lord Prop^{ry} & Councill

Mary^{ld} ss:

Whereas Edward Abbott of Charles County Taylor hath
lately uttered divers false mutinous and seditious speeches
ag^t his L^{spp} the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} of this Province tend-
ing to the breach of the peace and disturbance of the Quiett
Rule & Governm^t thereof, according to Information to his L^{dsp}
& Councill this day given.

You are therefore hereby strictly charged and Commanded
forthwith upon sight hereof to apprehend the said Abbott and
him safely keepe soe that you have his body before his L^{dsp}
and Councill at the City of S^t Maries on Monday the four- p. 283
teenth instant then and there to answer to the premisses,
whereof faile not, and for soe doing this shall be your war-