

B. M. & shewed him the Commission & Patent he had from the
 Vol. 25. Earl of Romney in relation to Prizes and told him that he
 heard there was one Rob^t Chinton Edmund Lassell and a
 Dutchman that were in Prison w^{ch} were suspected to be of
 Everyes Crew saying the Goal was insufficient to keep them
 therefore desired they might be better secured, who said they
 should that night. The next morning M^r Cole the Landlord
 of the house where this informant lodged came up into his
 bedchamber & told him that Rob^t Chinton & a Edw^d Lassell
 had broke Prison & were gone. That about ten of the Clock
 that day he waited upon the Govern^r again & told him it was
 a very ill-managed business to lett the two Principal Crimi-
 nalls about Town escape after manner, who for answer said
 that he was neither Sh^{ff} nor Goaler & th^t the County ought to
 be fined for leting th^r Goale be insufficient. That the same
 day or next day after be went to the Prison to see the Place
 where they were said to make their escape & at the bottom
 of the doore did see where there had been a board about 14
 inches long & 10 inches broad ript off but could not possibly
 believe th^t men of th^t bulke could get through at such a place
 especially Chinton who is said to be a very fat gross man
 That the s^d morning they brake Prison the Govern^r issued out
 a Hue and Crye to take them wth a promise (by the Bellman)
 of a reward of five pounds a piece to any one that should
 apprehend them. That in the afternoone one Hannah Witt
 came to this Informant & M^r Francis Jones before whome she
 made oath she had seen the s^d Chinton & Lassell three times
 that day among a parcell of bushes neer a place called the
 Centure in Philadelphia, Chinton having a sword by his side a
 pistoll in one hand, another stuck in his girdle & a musket
 upon his shoulder. One John Claypole Sheriff of Philadelphia
 County being then by told the woeman that he was sure she
 was mistaken for th^t they were not there. Whereupon this
 Informant went to the Govern^r & acquainted him with these
 matters & desired he might have his speciall warrant to appre-
 hend them seeing they were so nigh, to w^{ch} the Govern^r made
 auswer that he knew of no business this informant had with
 any warrant nor that he need trouble himselfe about them;
 however told him afterwards that if he would write a warrant
 himselfe he would signe it, which accordingly this Informant
 did by direction of the s^d Govern^r Ordering the same to be
 made directable to the Sherriff wth a blanck to be left for other
 persons names to be inserted by the s^d Sherriff, whom, he
 thought fitt. That this Informant carried the s^d warrant to the
 sherriff & acquainted him wth the Govern^r's Comands relating
 thereto, but he utterly refused to fill up the warrant & said he
 would not go unless this Informant went with him, by which