

Lib. M. your Petitioner only for altering a wrong Direction of a Warrant wrote by Order of the Magistrate by your Petitioner as the worshipful M^r Leeds declared upon Oath, by means whereof Your Petitioner was put to a very great Expence; That your Petitioner was no sooner discharged of that Affair, then the said Robins procured an Information to be exhibited against your Petitioner for saying that the said Robins had not done him Justice in the Dispute with Sutton abovementiond as appears by a Copy thereof herewith presented to your Excellency, and which, if at all said, was spoken in private Conversation, and as your Petitioner is advised by Council, that the Words though spoken are not any Offence, nor within the Letter or Meaning of the Act of Assembly upon which the Information is founded; Your Petitioner doubts not but the Prosecution will appear to your Excellency as malicious as groundless; That your Petitioner being called upon in the Absence of his Attorney and obliged to plead to the said Information, that is not guilty, whereby your Petitioner is given to understand he hath waved his Right of Demurer, and as the Prosecutor has joined Issue on the fact, and inasmuch as your Petitioner is already almost ruined the Sheriffs fees, and Officers and Evidence which the said Robins has caused to be summoned their fees amounting to a large Sum of Tobacco, so that if your Petitioner is obliged to undergo a Tryal by the Country, the Expence thereof will entirely ruin your Petitioner though he be acquitted of the Charge, Your Petitioner not being in Circumstances to wage Law with a Man of M^r Robins Power, Influence and Wealth, so as to recover Satisfaction for the great Damage he has sustained by the unjust Prosecution stirred up, and carryed on against him by the Procurement of the said Robins; Under these unhappy Circumstances Your Petitioner begs Leave to prostrate himself at your Excellencys feet, whose noble Soul abhors Oppression, and whose vigilant & compassionate Care for his People will be a perpetual Monument of his Mercy and Justice, and to crave your Excellencys Protection against this undeserved and cruel Prosecution, and that your Excellency, by paring the Talons of those who abuse the Authority vested in them by your Excellency, and convert the wholesome streams which proceed from so pure a fountain into the most pestiferous Draught, will restore Peace to the minds of many of his Lordships Tenants of Talbot County who groan under the Insults of those, whose Authority was designed for their Protection. And Your Petitioner with very many more, for Your Excellency, as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

Upon reading and considering the said Petition, It is ordered that a Copy thereof be sent to M^r Robins; and that both