

the Directions of the Act of Assembly, at what Time I issued them, and what Constable I charged with them, whether all or any of the Persons named in the said Certificate have been yet brought before me or carried before any other Magistrate, and what Excuse each of the Persons that were brought before me, made for not marching in Obedience to Captain Brownes' Order, I give your Excellency and Honours the following Information, and Answer to every particular Quere. First. The Certificate mentioned to be sent me the first of March by Captain Browne & bears that Date, and of which you have a Copy herewith, never came to my Hands till Saturday the 11th of March between three and four o' the Clock in the Afternoon, at which Time it was delivered to me by M^r Samuel Budd and a Monday Morning following I made out a Warrant thereon directed to John Williams Constable of the Hundred wherein the People lived (of which you have herewith also a Copy) and sent the Warrant immediately by a Person to the said John Williams the Constable who delivered it to him before ten o' Clock that Day; that Warrant included all the persons that Captain Brown certified to me had obstinately refused to appear and serve in Arms except the Constable who is exempt by Law. the other Persons named in the said Certificate of whose Excuses Captain Brown thought proper to take upon himself to judge, as he did not certify to have obstinately refused, I thought I had no Authority to include in the Warrant, I did not hear any Thing more of the Matter 'till Saturday the twenty fifth of March when the said John Williams came to me during the Sitting of our County Court at Chester Town. and told me he had taken five or six of the Persons named in the Warrant I had sent him, and asked me if I could hear their Excuses, I told him the Court was sitting, and there was Justices enough in Town, if I left it to hold the Court but if they would appoint a day the next Week to come to my own House, I would attend, and they might bring their Witnesses if they had any, and I would hear the Matter, the People agreed on the next Saturday as most suitable, and by which Time they could be prepared, and accordingly on that Day being the first of April the Constable brought before me, James Hull, John Redding, Benjamin Greenwood, Thomas Bryant, George Brown, James Jackson, John Edmonson James Poole, and Thomas Honour, and I proceeded to hear their several Excuses, and their Proofs to support them, which I at that Time took Minutes of and are as follows.

James Hall proved by the Oath of a credible Witness that he was at the Time in a very ill State of Health, and had the Ague and Fever very bad so that he was not able to go and

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