

way to William Laws's Plantation, whereupon the Examinant asked them to sit down and warm themselves by his Fire side and they did so for about a quarter of an Hour, in the mean Time, he the Examinant went into his yard where he saw the aforesaid William Outten and his Possey of Armed men making up towards the yard & House of the Examinant Whereupon he retired into his said House and bolted and barred the Doore, upon Which the said William Outten and his Company Retreated and Dispersed them selves in the Woods for Some time; Whereupon he asked the aforesaid Garret Hitchings and Moses Timmonds whether they were concerned in any Design to take him as assistants to the said William Outten to which they answered no, but the Examinant was soon after made sensible that they were concerned in the s^d Design for they laid hold of him in order to Deliver him up to the said William Outten and his Company but he rescued himself out of their hands; in a Little Time afterwards the said William Outten & his Company returned again to the Doore of the Examinants House, and while they were breaking open the s^d Doore he called to them and forbid them and retired into his Loft, but the said Outten having then entered the House Swore he would have the Examinant dead or alive, and in order to take him Attempted to do it by removing some loose plank of the Loft floore, and threatning him that he would kill him, with a Grubbing Hoe with which (before) he had broken open the Door, Whereupon the Examinant desir'd the said Outten and his Company to peaceably Retire, telling them that if they had any Lawfull Complaint against him he would go with them to Sussex Court which was now sitting and Answer it there, but he the said Outten refused doing so, repeating again that he would have the Examinant dead or alive, Whereupon a certain John Sharpe and one Pennington Welch came to the Examinants House, and desired the said Outten and his Company to desist from Such Violent Action, Whereupon with a cutlass or hanger that he held in his hand drawn, gave the aforesaid John Sharpe a wound on his Left Shoulder, upon which Pennington Welch came to the said Sharpes Assistance, Whereupon the said Outten made an Attempt to run the said Weapon through the said Welches Body, but the Examinants Wife Laid hold of the said Outtens right Arm, by which he was prevented from Wounding of the said Welch, upon Which the Examinants Wife called out to him & desired him to Come down from the Loft, for there was murder Committing in the yard saying that she was afraid that John Sharpe was killed whereupon he came down and a certain Matthew Coverdale (who had then a

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