

Lib. J. R. The Attorney General laid before the Grand Inquest a Bill
& U. S. of Indictment, against a Certain John Willey for the Murdering a Certain William Outten, the which Bill was returned to the Courts and endorsed Ignoramus: Whereupon another Bill was drawn against the said Willey, for Manslaughter which was returned by the Grand Jury a true Bill, to which Bill the Aforesaid Willey Pleaded Guilty, Prayed the Benefit of Clergy, had it granted and hath been branded with the Letter M, on the brawn of the left Thumb.

The Judges before they left the Bench, gave Strict Charge to the Inhabitants of Sussex in General and to the Borderers in Particular; to Demean themselves in a quiet Peaceable and inoffensive Manner to the Inhabitants of the Government of Maryland in General and to those who live on the Confines thereof in Particular and doubt not, their said Charge will be Punctually Obeyed.

But so it is may it Please your Honour, that this day we have been informed that Several of the Back Inhabitants of this County live in dread of having Officers sent among them by the direction of the Justices of Worcester County (Maryland) in order to Compel them to Give in their Names as Taxables, who they Claim to live and reside within the Jurisdiction of Worcester County aforesaid of which information we think it our duty to Give your Honour this Plain and early Account that Some Measures may be fallen on between your Honour and the Governor of Maryland for Quieting the minds and Preserving the peace of Our Honourable Proprietaries Tenants, who live on the Confines of Sussex County aforesaid

We are Sir your obedient Humble Servants
Lewis June 27th 1759 R^s Holt, W^m Till, Wining
A True Copy Richard Peters Secretary

p. 324 Ordered by his Excellency that the following Letter be Entered

Annapolis the 21st August 1759

Gentlemen

Governor Denny having lately informed me that the Judges of a Court of Oyer and Terminer which was held at Lewis in Sussex County the 25th 26th & 27th June last have represented to him that several of the Back Inhabitants of that County live in dread of having Officers sent among them by the Justices of Worcester County in Maryland in Order