

that legitimate power in a court of Justice, which is not only necessary to its protection, but to its very existence. Can I refrain from observing, that nothing will so securely preserve the liberty of the press as the punishment of its licentiousness. And have we not daily experience of the most wanton carnage of character, from which neither piety, virtue, public services nor patriotism, can shield the victim, from the poisoned shafts of the masked assassin?

I have taken the liberty of briefly signifying my reasons for not interfering in the case.

I have the honor to be

J. Kell } Esquires
J. L. Donaldson }
and J. Glenn } Baltimore

Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Servant
Robert Wright

The State of Maryland to the honorable William Polk chief judge of the fourth Judicial District and John Done one of the associate Judges of the same and Stephen Purnell Genting Whereas it has been represented to me that a certain John Warralon alias John Whirlow alias John Warralon has been committed and is now confined in the Gaol of Worcester County on a charge of Burglary which cannot be tried till the ensuing Court on the fourth Monday in May next without a special Commission for that purpose and that the said Gaol is too insecure to keep the Prisoner and whereas it appears necessary to justice Now know ye that I have appointed and commissioned and by these presents do appoint and commission you the said William Polk, John Done and Stephen Purnell jointly or any two or one of you to hear and determine all crimes offences and misdemeanors and to deliver the Gaol of said County from all persons therein confined for any crime offence or Misdemeanor. And I do command you that on Thursday the seventh day of April Instant you