

against some of my Negroes for stealing some Turkeys from him, Mr. Smith issued his Warrant, and that the Constable came to my House & shewed it to me, upon which I told him that the Negroes were not at One Quarter, and that I would take care they should appear before Mr. Smith the ensuing Tuesday at the Church, where I understood a Vestry was held, and that Mr. Smith would be there as being Clerk of the Vestry and accordingly I caused the Negroes to go thither, but Mr. Smith happened not to be there, and it was almost Night and very cold and One of the Negroes barefoot, and the rest very thinly clad, and therefore I ordered them home; I likewise acknowledged I put the Warrant in my Pocket, but I declare it was not with design to keep it, and that I intended to return it to the Constable, but he went away unknown to me, and I sent it him early next Morning by Virtue of which Warrant the same Constable afterwards apprehended the Slaves and carried them before Mr. Smith, who ordered them to be corrected according to Law

This is really the Truth, and I protest I had not the least Intention of contumning Authority, and that what I did was not the Effect of any personal Prejudice or Disregard to Mr. Smith, but entirely occasioned by Want of considering the Thing, as I ought to have done, upon the whole I submit to your Excellency's Determination, and humbly hope for your Pardon & Indulgence for what is past for which I hope my future Conduct which I intend shall be blameless and inoffensive will atone.

Sam Chew

It appearing to this Board that the said Samuel Chew had been guilty of a great Offence in the Obstruction of Justice, It is therefore Ordered by this Board that the Attorney General prosecute the said Mr. Chew for such his Offence; And It is