

His Excellency is Pleas'd to lay before this Board the following Letter and report

I transmit to you a Copy of a Letter which I Received from the Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer lately held at Lewis for the County of Sussex. The Grand Jury rejected a Bill laid before them by the Attorney General against John Milley for the Murder of William Cutler, but found one for Manslaughter, to which he pleaded Guilty and was branded with the Letter M, on the brawn of the left Thumb.

The Judges at my Instance gave a strict Charge to the Inhabitants who live near the Borders to be Particularly Careful of their Behaviour and to live Peaceably and friendly with their Neighbours of Maryland giving no just cause of offence: and I am Persuaded if the Magistrates of the Bordering Counties in Your Province are order'd to do their Duty and will forbear to extend their Process to Places quietly Posses'd for a course of Years by M^r Penn's Tenants and not reputed to be within the Maryland Jurisdiction that the Peace will be Well Pursued and no more of these Unhappy Quarrels break out.

We may every day expect to hear that the agreement between the two Proprieties of the two Provinces which is said by M^r Penn to be so far Advanced will be completed and an end thereby put to all doubts about Property and Jurisdiction. I am Sir

His Excellency's Governour's Obedt^t

Your Excellency's most Obedt^t
and most Humble Servt^t

William Denny

At the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Goal delivery held at Lewis on the 25th, 26th and 27th Instant. The Attorney General laid before the Grand Inquest a Bill of Indictment, against a certain John Milley for the Murdering a certain William Cutler, the which Bill was returned to the Court and endorsed Cognovimus. Whereupon another Bill was drawn against the said Milley, for Manslaughter which was returned by the Grand Jury a true Bill, to which Bill the aforesaid Milley Pleaded Guilty, Waived 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 Borders in Particular, to Demerit 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 do not, that the Charge will be punctually Obedt^t.

But so it is may it Please your Honour, that this day we have been inform'd 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 so some Measures may be fallen on between your Honour and the Governour of Maryland for quieting the minds and Preserving the peace of our Honourable Proprietaries Tenants, who live on the Confines of Sussex County aforesaid.

Lewis June 27. 1759

Yours Obedt^t Humble Servants
W^m Hall, W^m Hill, W^m King

I send Copy Richard Peters Secretary