

The Confession of William Depriest alias William Williams taken before me, One of His Lordships Justices for Frederick County Sayeth That a certain Joseph Wilcox and John Cox, both of said County, did sometime last May bring an Eighth Dollar Bill of Credit of Maryland to the said Depriest's House, on Harrowbone Creek Smiths River, Jefferson County in the Colony of Virginia, to get him to endeavour to counterfeit it, that one Nathaniel Honey found the Printing Types to make the Stamp and Ink both which he got from Williamsburg that one David Lyles who lives in said County printed the Money, and one Michael Hill Rogers signed the same. The sum which was counterfeited was Five hundred Eight Dollar Bills. That William Redman and John Ethrington of Loudon County in Virginia, were to receive it from Michael Hill Rogers at an appointed place in order to pass the same, That if they could not pass the Counterfeit Money there was a proposal made by the said Rogers, Redman and Ethrington that the said William Depriest should join them in Robbing on the High way and plundering the Houses on the Frontiers of Virginia Maryland, and Pennsylvania in which the said Depriest refused to join them

Taken before me, Sept. 25th 1767.

Signed Thomas Price

Signed

William Depriest

Sir

Inclosed you will please receive a Copy of the Confession of William Williams, alias William Depriest, charged with counterfeiting and passing the Bills of Credit of this Province, now here safe in Custody, as also Copy of a Letter wrote by him to a Person suspected as an accomplice. Since he made this Confession all diligence has been used to secure the Rest, and in consequence of that John Cox is committed - as it is supposed that their Confederates are pretty numerous, there is great reason to suspect they will make an attempt to set at Liberty those in Custody, therefore should be glad to have directions, whether I might not order a Guard on the Prison in the Night time - for without orders from his Excellency to that purpose I find the People will not comply.

I am with due respect Sir

To the Honble John Rutcut Esq^r

Your very humble Servant
G. Scott.

On consideration of the foregoing Letters and Confession it is the Advice of this Board that his Excellency give orders to the Sheriff of Frederick County to bring the said William Depriest alias William Williams and John Cox immediately and deliver them to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County - In consequence whereof his Excellency was pleased to issue the following Warrants.

Maryland^d.

By His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland. - To the Sheriff of Frederick County. Whereas it hath been represented to me that there is great Reason to suspect that an attempt will be made to set at Liberty William Depriest alias William Williams and John Cox now in your Custody being committed on Suspicion of having counterfeited the Bills of Credit of this Province and knowingly passed the same and whereas it is of great Importance that they should if Guilty be brought to condign Punishment, this is therefore to order and require you that immediately on the Receipt hereof