

Parishioner of mine who I am well satisfied has with dutiful pains brought up his Children in  
in the Principles of Piety and virtuous Industry and altho' it be too apparent his Son Joseph's present  
Circumstances are not the natural fruits of such an Education yet I am far from thinking he has over-  
acted intentionally upon different Principles but know he has been partly reduced by Sickness and I  
am apt to believe upon credible Information partly by the unsuspected Injustices and Cunning of  
others who have made a Prey of his honest Simplicity, his apparent orderly Behaviour from his  
Childhood when I had every Sunday almost an opportunity of observing at Church and at other  
times at his Fathers House and else where long ago pre-engaged my Opinion in his favour which  
induced me some few Years past and soon after he set up as a House Carpenter to employ him to do  
me some Jobs, I then became more intimately acquainted with him and found he did not satisfy my  
former Opinion for I experienced him to be not only a diligent and faithful Workman but a sober  
honest Lad and one that paid a strict Regard to Veracity and I must say further I never heard  
any one worthy of Credit say anything of him inconsistent with this Character but a great deal  
in support of it. — As to William Wrights whom you mention in a Postscript tho' I under-  
stand he has sometime lived in my Parish yet it is in a distant Corner where I have seldom  
had occasion to Visit and have no manner of Knowledge of him but expecting the pleasure  
of hearing that your Son shall make it appear that his and the Complaints of his Conscience  
rates are mere Calumnies — I remain with great Respect Sir —

To  
The Honble Richard Lee Esq.

Your most Obedt. & humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Isaac Campbell  
May 1. 1770.

Charles County 25 of April 1770. The Deposition of George Sorogin Aged forty four Years or  
thereabouts being Sworn on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith that he hath  
been at Richard Lee Jun<sup>r</sup> Goal several different times and saw a great plenty of Victuals handed  
to the Prisoners in Goal such Victuals as this Deponent thinks he could very well Breakfast or  
Dine upon This Deponent further saith that a Negro Girl came to M<sup>r</sup> Lee and informed her that  
the Prisoners could not eat Hommony upon which she Ordered hot Bread for them which was  
sent to the Prisoners and told the Maid to give them a Plenty This Deponent saith that the above  
happened while John Boncastle and Will Wright was in Goal —  
Sworn before John Winters

Charles County 25 April 1770 The Deposition of William Math Aged thirty Seven Years or there-  
abouts being Sworn on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith that on the Second day  
of January 1769 he was brought to Goal to Richard Lee Junior Sheriff and continued there until  
some time in March 1770 This Deponent had not been in Goal above three or four Days when  
one William Wright then a Prisoner applied to him to break Goal for which he then gave him  
a Silk Handkerchief and told this Deponent before Ignatius Green and John Naib that if he would  
get Tools he the said Wright would break out upon which this Deponent applied to his Wife to bring  
Tools for that purpose which was accordingly done and delivered by the Deponents Wife to William  
Wright, two or three days after this Deponent found several holes in the Prison made by William  
Wright and informed Wright that if he made his Escape M<sup>r</sup> Lee would lay all the blame on  
him upon which Wright replied that he would be damned if M<sup>r</sup> Lee should know that he  
knew anything about it, but this Deponent being very uneasy took all the Tools and gave them  
to his Wife and desired her to carry them away which she accordingly did Immediately after the  
Tools was carried away Will applied to the Deponent and his Wife at several different Times for the  
Tools again and the Deponent told William Wright that he would never consent to have them  
brought