

In Council Annapolis 10th March 1748.

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No 117. We inclose you the Letters and Papers received from Somerset and Worcester Counties about the 22^d Sept^r giving an Account of the Insurrection which was just then suppressed, and Copies of the Letters from this Board to Genl. Hooper & Col^o George & Col^o Joseph Dashiell, from whence you will perceive the Charge was not a bare Intention to disturb the Public Peace, but for an open and deliberate arming and actually making use of their Arms against us. People may perhaps think the Imprisonment of those Insurgents severe, from the long Continuance of it and may hastily conclude it to be irregular in the Manner of it: but they ought to consider that an Imprisonment in the Counties where those People respectively lived, would have been no way secure nor is it clear that the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties could have committed to any other Jail than those of their respective Counties and indeed there is no Jail in this State sufficient without a Guard. It is not unlikely that if Judges of the General Court had been qualified, the Persons charged would have been ordered before them to examine & discharge or commit, as the Evidence would warrant. There are but three Prisoners on this Shore, Thomas Wright. The Papers respecting him are inclosed. Laliloe & Doct^r Cheney, the Evidence respecting the two last are, we believe, amongst the Papers in Mr. Martin's Hands, the others of them have been discharged from Custody, either on giving Bonds or without, according to the Circumstances. A list of such Persons as had been discharged from Confinement before the Papers were sent to Mr. Wright, were, we believe, sent with them. The Treasury is in such a Situation at present, that we cannot, as we wish, send the Money to Col^o Mordaunt. His Expences and any other incurred, under your Orders, shall be reimbursed and we hope we shall be able very soon to do it. We shall send over Wright, Laliloe & Doct^r Cheney.

To John Goldsborough, John Bracco
Henry Banning, Jos^h Bewley & Tho^s Harrison Esq^{rs}
Judges of the Special Court in Talbot County

We are Gent^l Y^{rs}