

Sir

Lib. C. B.
No. 20

Inclosed you will please receive a Copy of the Confession of William Williams alias William Depriest, charged with Counterfiting 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 his 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

Your very humble Servant

G. Scott

To the Honble John Ridout Esq^r

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 ss:

Hor^o Sharpe 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, you conduct the said William Depriest alias William Williams and John Cox or either of them, that shall then remain in your Custody, well guarded and them safe deliver into the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand and Seal at Annapolis this 12th day of October in the Seventeenth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1767. p. 8