

Liber M^r Washington
P. C. R.

Vppon yo^r Complaynt to mee th^t M^r Prescott did in his uoyage from England hither cause a Woman to bee Executed for a Witch, I haue caused him to bee apprehended vppon suspition of ffelony, & doe intend to bind him ouer to the Prouinciall Court to answeere it, Where I doe allso exspect yo^u to bee, to make good yo^r Charge. Hee will bee called vppon his Tryall the 4th or 5th of Octob^r next, att the Court to bee held then att Patux^t, neare M^{rs} ffenwicks howse. Where I suppose yo^u will not fayle to bee. Wittnesses Examined in Virginia will bee of noe ualew here in this Case, for they must bee face to face wth the party accused, or they stand for nothing. I thought good to acquaynt yo^u wth this, that yo^u may not come unprouided. This att present S^r is all from

Yo^r ffreind

Josias ffendall.

29th Septemb^r

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Yo^{rs} of this 29th instant this day I receaued. I am sorry th^t my extraordinary occasions will not permitt mee to bee att the next Prouinciall Court, to bee held in Maryland the 4th of this next month, Because then god willing I intend to gett my yowng sonne baptized, All the Company & Gossips being allready inuited, Besides in this short time Wittnesses cannott be gott to come ouer. But if M^r Prescott be bownd to answeere it the next Prouinciall Court after this, I shall doe what lyeth in my power to gett them ouer, S^r I shall desyre yo^u for to acquaynt mee whither M^r Prescott be bound ouer to the next Court, & when the Court is that I may haue some time for to prouide euidence & soe I rest

yo^r ffreind & Seru^t

30th of Septemb^r 1659.

John Washington.

To w^{ch} Complaynt of John Washington the s^d Edward Prescott (submitting himselfe to his tryall) denyeth not, but that there was One Elizabeth Richardson hanged in his ship, as hee was outward Bownd the last yeare from England, & comming for this prouince, neare unto the Westernne Islands, by his Master & Company, (Hee hauing appoynted one John Greene for th^t Voyage Master, though himselfe was both merch^t & owner of the ship) But further sayth, That he wthstood the proceedings of his s^d Master and Company, & protested agst them in that busines. And that therevppon both the Master & Company were ready to mutiny. And it appearing to the Court by the Printed Custome howse Discharge & Light-howse Bills or acquittances produced & shewen by the s^d Edw: Prescott taken or gyuen in John Greenes name; that the s^d Greene was master for th^t Voyage, & not Edward Prescott. And noe One comming to prosequete, The s^d Prescott therefore prays that hee may bee acquitted.