

labor, and carried away from thence; and that he hath just cause to suspect, and doth suspect, that C. D. late of York in the County of York, barename the said Tolony and bisillery did commit, Will all therefore, in his said Majestys Name, to command you, that immediately upon sight receiv you to apprehend, the said C. D. and bring him before me, to answer the premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law, herein fact not. Y. W. & C.

Bills of Credit

Bills of Credit are made Current by the legislative Power, by which it is Tolony.

Information against a Person counterfeiting Bills of Credit.

Lancaster County f.

The information of A. B. of the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster aforesaid wherein taken on the last before me W. H. Esq; one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, on the Day of in the year AD.

This informant on his oath deponeth and saith that on the — Day of last past, at the House of situated in the Township of Manheim C. D. had in his possession several stamps, plates or signs, proper for Counterfeiting the Public Current Bills of this Province of Pennsylvania, and that he the informant, saw the said C. D. make or print, ten shillings Bills, in imitation of the Public Current Bills of credit of the said Province; and further that he saw the said C. D. offer one Bill thereof in payment to E. T. of the Borough of Lancaster aforesaid, who refused the same, as justly fearing it was counterfeited.

Taken before me the Day above written W. H.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for counterfeiting Bills.

Lancaster County f. To the Constable of the

Whereas A. B. of the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster aforesaid wherein taken on the Day made before me W. H. Esq; one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid that on the — Day of last C. D. of Manheim Township in the County aforesaid, did print and make several Bills of credit in imitation of the Current Bills of credit in Manheim Township aforesaid, in imitation of the Current Bills of credit of this Province of Pennsylvania, contrary to Bills of credit of this Province of Pennsylvania, contrary to the laws of Assembly in such case made and provided. — That he is therefore by his Justices Name, to request you, to apprehend the said C. D. and bring him before me, or some other of his Majestys Justices forthcoming before me, or some other of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined in the premises, and to be dealt with according to Law. Y. W. & C.

Warrant to commit a suspected Person.

Lancaster County f. To the Constable &c and to the

Whereas a certain quantity of Printed Paper, cut & printed in imitation of the Bills of credit of this Province of Pennsylvania with types (as the case maybe) were lately found and seized in the possession of A. B. of B. of Print. Paper, and with which said

types it is suspected he the said A. B. has forged and counterfeited the Public Bills of credit of this Province of Pennsylvania. And Whereas upon examination of the said A. B. Taken before me this present Day upon oath he hath not made sufficient Oath, that he was being the paper so aforesaid, in any lawful occupation, nor given any reason to think he was not forging and counterfeiting, as aforesaid, according to the law of this Province of Pennsylvania in that place made and provided. That is to say to command you, to convey the said A. B. to the commissioners of this County of Lancaster aforesaid, and to deliver him thence to the Justice thereof, together with his Goods, commanding all you the said Justice to receive the said A. B. into your Custody, and good & special care and keep them safely to keep, until he shall be from time delivered by due Course of Law. Hereof fact not given under our hands & seals this 10.

A Warrant for Fidony.

Lancaster County f. To the Constable of

Whereas A. B. of the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster aforesaid wherein taken on the Day made information and complaint upon oath before me W. H. one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the said County that on the — Day of last past divers Goods of sum the said A. B. were, have feloniously been stolen, taken, and carried away from the House of sum the said A. B. at Lancaster aforesaid in the County aforesaid, and that he hath just cause to suspect and doth suspect, that C. D. late of — wherein feloniously did steal, take and carry away the same. These are therefore to command you forthwith to apprehend him the said C. D. and to bring him before me, to answer unto the said information and complaint, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Herein fact you not. Given D.

Search Warrant

Although, it is not unusual for the Justices to grant general Warrants to search all suspected places for stolen Goods, and there is a precedent in Dalton, requiring the Constable to search all such suspected places as he and the party complaining shall think convenient; yet such practice is generally condemned by the best Authors. And Lord Hale in his Pleas of the Crown 93 says a general Warrant to search for Stolen or Stolen Goods is not good — Hawkins in his Pleas of the Crown condemns General Warrants 3 H. 83. 84. But in case a complaint and oath made of good stolen, and that the Party suspects the Goods are in such a House, and spes to Godd this suspicion; the Justice may grant a Warrant to search in those suspected places mentioned in his Warrant, and to attach the Goods, and the Party on whose Custody they are found, and bring them before him, or some other Justice to give an Account how he came by them, and further to abide such Order as to law shall direct. 1 H. H. 13. 15. And Hale says that it necessary that the Warrant require the Search to be made in the Day Time, but yet he says, he will not affirm that they are unlawful without such restriction and that are inconvenient without it, leading to bad consequences. — However it is thought, that upon just cause (not of probable suspicion only) it ought to execute the Warrant in the Night Time, but the Offender and Goods shall be gone before morning.

Citation of a Search Warrant

Lancaster County f. To any Constable of said County
 WHEREAS it appears to me William Henry Egg one of his Majestys Justices of our Lord the King, appointed to keep the Peace in the said County by his Commission in unto of A. B. of — in the County before me yeoman that he following goods, wares & merchandises have within daye last past, by some Person or Persons unknown been feloniously taken stolen and carried away out of the King's Bench of the said A. B. of Lancaster aforesaid in the County aforesaid; And that the said A. B. hath probable cause to suspect, and doth suspect, that the said goods or wares aforesaid, are concealed in his dwelling House of C. D. of — in the said County aforesaid. These are therefore in the Name of our said Lord the King, to witness and assure you, with necessary color of Authority and Justice that with necessary color of Authority to enter in the Day Time into the dwelling House of the said C. D. at — aforesaid in the County aforesaid and there diligently to search for the said goods; and if the same or any part thereof shall be found upon such search, that you bring the goods so found, and also the Body of the said C. D. before me, or some other of the Justices of our said Lord the King, assigned to keep the Peace in the County aforesaid, to be searched of and dealt withal according to Law Given under my hand.

Surety for the Peace and good behavior.

The Justice, at the instance of the Party, before he grants his Warrant, is to administer an oath to the Person who requires the same; which oath is to the following effect.

You swear, that you are in fear of your life, or some personal injury to be done to you by A. B. of — Yeoman and that you do not demand the Peace of him for any malice or revenge, but for your own safety and the cause aforesaid.

This Oath being administered, the Justice may grant his Warrant to bring the Party offending before him; which Warrant being directed to a poor Officer, he need not shew it to the party, but he ought to inform them of the Contents, and then he may justly breaking open doors to take him. Dalton 578.

A Warrant for the Peace, or good behavior

Lancaster County f. To the Constable of C. D. and the Keeper of the Gaol, in the said County

WHEREAS A. B. of — hath this Day made oath before me W. H. one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, That he hath been grievously threatened by C. D. of — and is afraid that the said C. D. will beat or wound him, he being in fear of his life, Whereupon he hath prayed Surety of the Peace against him. These are therefore in his Majestys Name, to command you to apprehend the said C. D. and bring him before me, or some other Justice of the Peace for this County, to find sufficient Surety for his personal appearance at the next Court of

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held at Lancaster for the County of Lancaster to stand there and there to bind and to be bound, which shall be required by the said Justice, and also in the Mean Time to keep the Peace and behave well towards the said A. B. And if the said C. D. shall refuse to do so, then you are hereby required to convey him to the Gaol of this County to be confined, and to deliver him safely to the keeper thereof commanding also you the said keeper, to take the said C. D. into your custody, and him there to keep, until he shall find security for the Peace as aforesaid. Given the

And that Warrant for the Peace or good behavior

Lancaster County f. To the Constable of C. D.

Forasmuch as A. B. of the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster aforesaid Yeoman, hath grievously come before me W. Henry Egg, one of his Majestys Justices of our Lord the King, aforesaid to break the Peace within the said County, and hath taken his Borough Gaol, that C. D. of the Borough aforesaid in the County aforesaid Yeoman, hath assaulted beaten, and wounded him the said A. B. and further threatened him concerning his Body in so much that he the said A. B. is afraid that the said C. D. will beat, wound, maim, or kill him the said A. B. or do him some other bodily harm; And whereupon he the said A. B. hath prayed security of the Peace [or of the good behavior] to be had or granted to him, against the said C. D. Then are therefore required you in the Name of our said Lord the King, immediately upon his sight hereof, to bring the said C. D. before me, to find sufficient Sureties for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held at Lancaster for the County of Lancaster aforesaid, there and there to answer the Prisoners, and in the Mean Time that the said C. D. keep the Peace [or shall be of the good behavior] towards our said Lord the King, and all his Majestys Liege Subjects, and especially towards the said A. B. Given the

Mistresses for want of sureties

Lancaster County f. To Constable of Lancaster Township, and to the Keeper of the Gaol, in the said County

WHEREAS C. D. of — in the said County aforesaid is now brought before me William Henry Egg, one of his Majestys Justices, aforesaid to keep the Peace in and for the said County, requiring him to find sufficient Sureties to be bound with him in a recognizance for his Personal Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held in and for the said County and in the Mean Time to keep the Peace [or be of good behavior] towards our said Lord the King, and all his Liege People, and especially towards A. B. of Yeoman; And Whereas the said C. D. hath refused and doth now refuse before me to find such

sureties

Sheriffies. There are therefore in the Name of our said Lord the King, to command you the said Constable forthwith to convey the said C. D. to the common Gaol of our said Lord the King at Lancaster in the said County, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof there, together with this precept: And I do in the Name of our said Lord the King, hereby command you the said Sheriff, to receive the said C. D. into your Custody in the said Gaol and him there safely to keep, until he shall find such Sheriff as aforesaid Given under my Hand and Seal at Lancaster the — Day of — in the — year of the Reign of our said Lord George the Third of Great Britain France and Ireland King & Defender of the Faith. W.

Swearing & Drunkenness.

This Warrant is purvishable under our Act of Assembly 19 ye 2d 16 by force & imprisonment the Personation must be given Day after the offend committed

Information

Lancaster County Jr.

The information of A. B. of — in the County aforesaid Yeoman, made on oath this — Day of — in the — year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third before me W. H. Esquire one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the said County: Whereby

That on the — Day of — now last past, at — in the Township of — in the County aforesaid he heard C. D. of — in the said County Yeoman swear one profane oath in these Words, Court. W.

Warrant thereupon

Lancaster County Jr. To the Constable of

Whereas information hath this day upon been made before me W. H. Esquire one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the said County, upon Oath by A. B. of Yeoman, that on Sunday the — Day of this present Month of — he heard C. D. of — swear one profane Oath. These are therefore to command you to apprehend the said C. D. and bring him before me to answer the Promises, and be further dealt with according to Law Given under my Hand & Seal this to

Commitment

Lancaster County Jr. To the Constable of & and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in the County of

Whereas C. D. of — in the said County Yeoman is and stands convicted this Day before me W. H. one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the said County, of swearing one profane oath, on the — Day of this present Month of — at Manheim Township in the said County, whereby he hath forfeited the sum of two shillings to the Poor of the said Township of Manheim. And Whereas the said C. D. hath refused and doth refuse to pay the said sum of five shillings for the use of the Poor aforesaid. These are therefore to require you the said Constable, to convey the said C. D. to the House of Correction at Lancaster aforesaid, and to

to deliver him to the keeper thereof, together with this Warrant: And I do hereby command you the said Keeper to receive him the said C. D. into your custody in the said House of Correction, and there to detain and keep him, to Hard Labour, and to fed upon Bread and Water only for the Space of five Days And for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given v. l.

Summons (for a Debt)
Lancaster County Jr. To the Constable of

These are to require you, pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province of Pennsylvania to summon A. B. to appear before me at Lancaster on Tuesday the — Day of — next, to answer C. D. in a Plea of Debt, under forty shillings [or above forty shillings and not exceeding five pounds] and have of said C. D. Given W.

Warrant

Lancaster County Jr. To the Constable of

You are hereby required in his Majestys Name, required and commanded to apprehend the Body of A. B. of — in the said Township, and bring him forthwith before me, or some other of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the said County, together with this Precept, to answer C. D. in a Plea of Debt, or Demand, under forty shillings [or above forty shillings and not exceeding five pounds] and have of said C. D. Given.

Subpoena for an Evidence

Lancaster County Jr. To the Constable of

These are to require you, to subpoena A. B. of the Township aforesaid, to appear before me at Lancaster on Thursday the — Day of — next at two o'clock in the afternoon, to give Evidence in a Case depending between C. D. Plaintiff and C. T. Defendant, in Behalf of the Plaintiff; and have of said C. D. Given W.

An Execution after Judg't.

Lancaster County Jr. To the Constable of

Whereas Judgment against A. B. for the sum of two Pound & four Shillings lawful Money of Pennsylvania was had the — Day of — last past before me at the suit of C. D. These are therefore in his Majestys Name to command you, that if the Goods & Chattels of the said A. B. in your Township, you cause to be made and levied the said sum of two Pound & four Shillings as also three Shillings and four pence which to the said C. D. I have adjudged for his Cost and charges which he sustained by reason of the Detention of that Debtor. And after the sale of the same, pursuant to the directions of an Act of our General Assembly of this Province of Pennsylvania: — and, in such case made and provided, and the Defaulter if any be, after deducting the Debts & Costs aforesaid, together with legal and reasonable charges of Execution, return unto

and in case he want of sufficient
goods and chattels wherein to do, to take the P.D.
of the said A.B. and him convey and deliver to the keeper
of the common gaol of the said County, who is hereby com-
manded to keep the said A.B. in his safe custody, in
his said Gaol, until the said Debt and Costs above
said, shall be fully paid, or he be thence delivered by
the course of Law, given under my hand.

C O M M I S S I O N

A Millenium for Felony.

Lancaster County, the — To
William Henry Esquire, one of the Justices of
our Lord the King, by signed to keep the thief in the said
County, and other felonies and Misdemeanors in the said County,
committed. To the keeper of the gaol of our said Lord
the King at Lancaster in the said County preceding.
Whereas A.B. late of — in the said County labourer
hath been arrested by the Constable of Hanner Townehip
in the said County, for suspicion of Felony by him, as
it is said committed, in stealing one silver Watch of
the value of forty shillings, the property of C.D. of
the said Township of Hanner Townehip (therefore)
on the Behalf, our said Lord the King, I command
you that you receive the said A.B. into your
custody in the said Gaol, there to remain till he
be delivered from your custody by due Course of Law,
given under.

Another.

William Henry Esquire, &c. To the keeper of the
common gaol at Lancaster in the said County:
This is in his Majesty's Justice Name to charge
and command you, that you receive into your
jail Gaol, the Body of A.B. late of — in the said
County Yerman, taken by P.T. constable by E.T.
of — in the said County, and by him brought before
me for suspicion of Felony, that is to say for
stealing of — and that you safely keep the said
A.B. in your said Gaol, until the next General
Justiciary for the said County [if he be not
bailable; but if he be bailable, then thus] until
he shall have been discharged by due Course of
Law. Attest Robert Boyd Esquire.

Or thus on the King's Name.

Lancaster County, the —

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great
Britain, France and Ireland King of Defender of
the Faith &c. To the keeper of the Gaol at Lancaster
in our said County of Lancaster preceding. Whereas
A.B. late of — in our said County Yerman is
arrested for suspicion of Felony by him, as it is said
committed, in feloniously taking and carrying away
one silver Watch of the value of four pounds the
property of C.D. We therefore command you, and
cautiously that you receive him the said A.B. into
your custody in our said Gaol, there to remain till
he be delivered from your custody according to Law
Witness William Henry Esquire at Lancaster the —
Day of — in the tenth Year of our Reign.

Commitment of Rioters upon view.

Lancaster County, the —

William Henry and Robert Boyd Esquires, two
of the Justices of our Lord the King, by signed to keep
the

The peace within the said County, and To the
Right of the hand of our said Lord the King at L.
in the said County greeting

Whereas upon complaint made unto us by
J. H. of Yemian we held his Indent- Draft
ye to the House of the said Cittie of Lancaster before
said and there desig'd J. H. of Yemian to be
of the same place Yemian - & by the said place
Yemian, and other Malefactors to us unknown,
Assembled together, in an unlawful riotous and
vicious Manner, to the terror of the People, and against the law
the Peace of our said Lord the King, and against the form
acts of Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania, the
Statute in that Case made and provided. We
therefore send you by the messenger hereof, the
Warrant of the said A. B. C. D. & E. commanding
you in the Name of our said Lord the King, to
receive them into the said gaol, and them and every
of them respectively there safely to keep, until they
and every of them, be thence discharged by due
Course of Law. Given the 1st June 1772.

Commitment of a vagrant to the House of Corrections
Lancaster County to To the Constable of the
House of Corrections at Lancaster in the said
County

Forasmuch as A. B. a vagrant and vagabond,
was this day found wandering and begging in the
Township of — in the said County, not having
shelter any legal Settlement there, and was then
upon apprehended and is now brought before me
William Henry Deane one of the Justices of our Lord
the King, appointed to keep the Peace within the said
County, that he may be punished and dealt withal
according to Law. These are therefore to command
you the said Constable, to carry the said A. B. to
the said House of Corrections, and to deliver him to the
said Keeper thereof, together with this Warrant. And
I do hereby command you the said Keeper to receive the
said A. B. into your custody in the said House of Corrections
and him there safely keep until he shall be turned and
discharged by the course of Law. Given the 1st June 1772.

John Stock a subscriber to the War
Bingoquin's government of Hanover
Resides at Henry Deane of
Chestnut St. Lancaster County
June the 1st 1772

James Horner Knimer of Wm.
Resides at James Hollingsworth

2. The right granted us to stop and search
John Schenck who deserted from the
Army with eight others to break prison
and discharged in July 1778 on the way
from Lancaster to New York