

Thomas Carter's Letters to the Warden of the Mint, to Isaac Newton, to Mr Secretary Vernon, and to Isaac Newton

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Thomas Carter's Letter to the Warden of the Mint

Sunday afternoon

Sir After M^r Whitfield' was with you at the Dogg Chaloner was a litle suspicious of his fidelity to him then yesterday the Iustice sending for both of us down in the Celler made him guilt of him but I hope I have got as good an Instrument if you please to think will of it will get out of him all that he has done and all that he intends I sent last night to Iustice Railton a Copy of a Note that Chaloner sent to me which M^r. Lawson has in his pocket under Chaloner's own hand which he is willing to deliver himself or sent it if you please to command M^r. Whitfield has endeavoured all he can to get more out of him as farr as is convenient but all his discourse to him is that he hopes he is a man of honour and will not talk of any thing els to him his Misstress was with me last night and fell down on her knees to me and hanged about me so that I had not hardly know what to do with her begging me that I would not be an evidence against Chaloner m^r Whitfield told me you would call here before session this is all I know at present from

your Worships obedient servant

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Tho Carter

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Thomas Carter to Is. Newton Esq^r Warden of his Majestys Mint

Honoured Sir

Chaloner assisted Price with the water that he counterfeited the Exchequer bill with and often proposed to counterfeit Exchequer Tallys if I would get people to dispose of them he urged me mightily to get him a Blanck bill of a hundred pounds to make a Plate by but because he could not perswade me to that he mightily

insisted upon me to get him a written Blanck bill telling me that that was not Felony <63r> then he was at me to joyn with him to robb a house that an acquaintance of his would set to him which had a great deal of money in it but I told him I would not have to do with any such thing but he often telling me that any way of getting of money contrary to Law was all togeather as bad as Robbery tho the Law was not so hard in some cases as others and that if I would not do it I might find out such as would if I would make it my buisines being I was so long in Newgate as I was he oftentimes melted down money and mixt it with other Metalls and made it into money again there was a piece of steel which Chaloner had out of the Tower which I think was never yet understood who got it for him which I can give a very good account of who and how he had it it had the impression of a Guinea but something broader and as thick as 4 Guineas which as he has often said before some People as I can produce that he can have one when he pleases These and many such like practises of his I can make out by good Witnesses if I might be heard if it be your honour's pleasure to take any notice of what I say I shall for the future make it my earnest endeavour to detect all such vice as farr as in my power lyes

and for your honour shall ever pray

Tho Carter

Carter's Letter to m^r secretary Vernon

honoured Sir

The insolent carriage of Chaloner's tongue not only to the reputation of the Warden of the Mint the Recorder and even your honour had been such and the intollerable disquiet which he begann to give me the very minute he came in here without the lest regard to my sickness which he found me in has provoked M^r. {Tre}ll the Keeper of this place to forbid his access to me his first complement to me being in these words viz^t. wee have played the fool one with another hitherto for want of an understanding betwixt us but now if you'l joyn with me nothing hurt us + we'll <63v> fun them all I askt him why he informed your honour that I was outlawed he said because I should not be an evidence against him as to what he said of your honour + others I ommitt that untill you think fitt to command I was fearefull when I was before your honour to own any thing concerning the Coyn because of my Circumstances but I have now well considered of it and will be ingenious in declaring all I know of him as particularly to his coyning of shillings last summer I can produce another to justify it besides myself and I believe I can produce some of his work all this which he has said I can bring good witnes to justify it I humbly lay my self at your honours feet hoping your honours favour as I shall endeavour to deserve it

your honour's most dutifull + most
servant

Tho Carter

Carter's Letter to Is Newton Esq^r

Worshipfull Sir

The night before Chaloner was executed his sister and the rest of his acquaintance brought a Commitment and lodged at against me and with all says they'l hang me the next sessions as surly as Chaloner was hanged. I hope it is your pleasure now to let mee know how I shall obtaine liberty for my condition is so that I have nothing to subsist with all I am every day threatned to be turned to the Commonsides of the Prison I hear Chaloner dyed no otherwise then he lived but persisted to the last how inosent he was for what he dyed I

humbly desire your favourable answer and when at liberty I shall make it my endeavour to do the Government what service in me lyes as {becomes} your worships {person{al}} Servant

Tho Carter

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[2] I shall have Irons put on me
to morrow if your Worship do not order
to the contrary

[3] M^r Lawson says you want one Deverell
I believe M^r Davis can tell where to find
him

[4] Newgate Thursday
