

# William Chaloner's Letter to Isaac Newton

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William Chaloner's Letter to Isaac Newton Esq<sup>r</sup>.

most mercifull Sir

I am going to be murdered allthough perhaps you may think not but tis true I shall be murdered the worse of all murders that is in the face of Iustice and unless I am rescued by your mercifull hands

Sir pray consider my unprecedented Tryall 1 That no person swore they ever saw me actually coyn but that I should own it 2<sup>ly</sup> that Holloway, Abbott Coffee Hitchcock Peck and hanwell what they swore were facts done in the City + Surrey which is directly against Law to be taken before a Iury in Middx yet their evidence was given in charge against me to the Iury I do not arraign none for the same nor the Court but such a thing tho against Law has been done against me and I like to loose my life thereby 3<sup>ly</sup> that all the evidence (except that perjured Carters wife) swore to 8 years ago yet the Indictment sets forth only the 24<sup>th</sup> of aug<sup>t</sup>. last now that was not proved nor could be for I was then out of Towne not coyning in her house as she falsly swore 4<sup>ly</sup> That all the Evidence against me was perfect mallice I haveing convicted some and others given evidence against them 5<sup>ly</sup> That there is no precedent of a person being convicted of Coyning without some Circumstances to corroborate the evidences testimony nor indeed can a man be convicted of any other Crime whatever without some Circumstances to prove the fact besides the evidence bare swearing of it Some body must have lost something to prove the Thiefe some person robbed to prove the highway man besides Evidence only High Treason against the King must have But poor I am Convicted by malicious evidence without any Circumstances at all 6<sup>ly</sup> It was hard for me to be taken out of my 5 weeks sick Bedd the last 3 weeks light headed so that I was not provided for a tryall nor in my senses when tryd <103r> 7<sup>ly</sup> what M<sup>r</sup>s Carter swore against may appear direct mallice I having 3 yeares before Convicted her husband of Forgery and discovered where he and she were coyning for which he is now in Newgate But I desire God Allmighty may Damne my soul to eternity if every word was not false that M<sup>rs</sup> Carter and her maid swore against me about coyning and Mault Tickets for I never had any thing to do with her in coyning nor ever intended to be concerned in Mault Tickets nor ever spoke to her about any such thing M<sup>rs</sup>. Holloway swore false against me or I desire never to see the Great God and I desire the same if abbot did not swear false against me so that I am murdered + God allmighty knows I am murdered Therefore I humbly begg your worship will consider these Reasons and that I am convicted without Precedent and be pleased to speak to M<sup>r</sup> Chancellor to save me from being murtherd O Dear Sir do this mercifull deed O my offending you has brought this upon me O for God's sake if not mine keep me from being murdered O dear Sir no body can save me but you. O God my God I shall be murdered unless you save me O I hope God will move your heart with mercy and pittie to do this thing for me I am

Your near murdered humble servant

