

Holograph draft warrants to the keepers of the relevant prisons.

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Newton to the Keeper of the Marshalsea Prison for the County of Surrey

Whereas you have in your Custody the body of Charles Eccleston Committed to you by Warrant under the hand & seale of M^r Rich one of his Majesties Iustices of O the peace for the said Country for High Treason in counterfeiting the current coyne of this Kingdom, & forasmuch as Isaac Newton it is by their Excellencies the Lords Iustices of England referred to me Isaac Newton Esquire one of his Majesties Iustices of the Peace for the said County & Warden of his Majesties Mint to make such person or persons evidences in cases of clipping & coyning as I shall think fit, & I being well satisfied of the good service of the said Charles Ecclestone to the Government do hereby intend to make him one of his Majesties Evidences: These are therefore in his Majesties name to require & command you forthwith upon sight hereof to deliver him the said Charles Ecclestone into the safe custody of the Bearer or Bearers in order to give his evidence at Hicks Hall in S^t Iohn's street against several persons for coyning & for so doing this shall be your Discharge. Given under my hand & seale this seventh day of September Anno Domini 1696.

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To the Keeper of New Prison for the said County

Receive herewith sent you into your safe Custody the Body of Charles Ecclestone being charged upon Oath with High Treason in counterfeiting the current Coyne of this Kingdom, & he being now intended for one of his Majesties evidences against several clippers & coyners of false & counterfeit money: These are therefore in his Majesties name to require you to keep him in safe custody untill further Order & untill he shall be discharged by due course of Law, & for your so doing this shall be your warrant. Given under my hand & seale this seventh day of September Anno Domini 1696.

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To the Keeper of the Gate house for the said City of Westminster

Whereas you have in your Custody the body of Joseph Gregory committed to your Warrant under the hand & seal of M^r Railton one of his Majesties Iustices of Peace for the said County & city & forasmuch as it is by their Excellencies the Lords Iustices of England referred to me Isaac Newton Esquire one of his Majesties Iustices of the Peace for the said County & Citty & Warden of his Majesties Mint to make such person or persons evidences in cases of Clipping & Coyning as I shall think fitt & I being well satisfied of the good service of the said Joseph Gregory to the Government do hereby intend to make him one of his Majesties Evidences These are therefore in his Majesties name to require & command you forthwith upon sight hereof

to deliver him the said Joseph Gregory into the safe custody of the Bearer or Bearers hereof in order to give his evidence at Hicks Hall in St John's street against several persons for High Treason, & for your so doing this shall be your discharge. Given under my hand & seale this seventh day of September Anno Domini 1696.

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To the Keeper of New Prison for the said County.

Receive herewith sent you into your safe custody the body of Joseph Gregory being charged upon Oath with High Treason in counterfeiting the Current cyne of this Kingdom & he being now intended for one of his Majesties evidences against several clippers & coyners of false money, These are therefore in his Majesties name to require you to keep him in safe custody untill further Order & untill he shall be discharged by due course of law & for your so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given under my hand & seale this seventh day of september Anno Domini 1696.

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[1] Surrey Ss.

[2] Middlesex Ss

[3] Let him not be discharged without my knowledge.

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Middlesex &
City of Westminster } Ss

[5] Middx Ss

[6] Let him not be discharged without my knowledge.
