

Sir

I never in my life have gone through greater fatigue, nor have suffered more uneasiness than within these three days. I intended to have sett out this morning from hence, & hoped to have been by night at York, but Mr Appleyard sent me word from Hedon, that he had a Coach and six horses there, to carry Jennock Ward, Moor & Fairbridge he could not persuade Ward to go, being very ill of the goat. upon this I went over my self to visit him, and carry'd with me Doctor Chambers who has made the enclosed affidavit, & it will be brought to you, by an apothecary of Hull, who attended us, saw him likewise, & will make the same affidavit, or supply any defects of form in it, supposing there are any. Ward has certainly no mind to go to York, if he can avoid it, & at the same time he is as certainly very ill of the goat. If we can bring him, I am persuaded he will tell the whole truth, & I will stay here til Friday, but I will bring him; should I come just, & trust to his following me, I fear I should be disappointed, wherefore I think it prudent to see him on the road before I come my self. Mr Constable of this neighbourhood I am told has a horse letter, & I have sent to borrow it, & should I not get that, the Doctor tells me, as the goat seems to be going off, he may be brought in a Coach by Thursday next, so as to be there that night or the next. could the Trial therefore be postponed til Saturday or Monday, to be sure he might be present, unless some unforeseen accident (many of which I fear may arise from malice, art, or <sup>the by</sup> providence) should prevent it. but then how shall we prevail on the special Jury to stay so long, I have wrote by this Post to Mr Bethell who is one of them to entreat the favour of his attendance a day or two longer, in consideration of this unhappy incident. Ward assured me this morning if he could possibly help himself, or be helped by others, he would certainly endeavour to sett out to morrow, & by his asseverations would should be inclined to think him sincere. I know Robinson depends on his not coming, & it is that that keeps up his spirits, but if we can possibly make him go, I am persuaded when he is on his oath he will not prevaricate. one thing Ward told me this morning, & by his manner of saying it, I find it is a point our antagonists think of consequence

which is this; That, he word, had money both from Chute and Robinson  
and gave ten pounds each to Bower & Billamy, but whether it was  
Chute or Robinson's money he cannot take upon him to say, &  
moreover that we take upon us to say it was all Robinson's  
whereas in no light can it appear to be above half his. &  
possibly it might be all Chute's money. This is a quibble I  
do not understand, & know not what to say to.

I cannot write to Waterland, nor is it needful, since you will  
shew him this. both causes must be put off because word is  
equally material in each. Adieu Dear Sir

& believe me most sincerely your  
faithful friend & Servant  
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