

The Governour

of the Massachusetts Bay in New England

Yo... ] GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God,  
of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, KING,  
Defender of the Faith, &c.

To the Sheriff of our County of York his Under-Sheriff or Deputy,  
Greeting.

WE Command you to attach the Goods or Estate of William Keating  
of Kittery in our County of York Yeoman

to the Value of ninety Pounds, and for Want thereof to  
take the Body of the said William  
(if he may be found in your Precinct) and him safely  
keep so that you have him before our Justices of our Inferior Court of  
Common Pleas, next to be holden at York within and for our said County  
of York on the second Tuesday in April  
next, then and there in Our said Court to answer unto John Main of York aforesaid Yeoman in a Plea of Trespass upon the case For that

whereas the  
whereas one Prime (sailed) a Negro man on the first Day of January 1770 at York aforesaid being duly and Lawfully Retained in the Service  
of the said John to serve him as a menial Servant for the Term of Life and he the said Prime having served the said John Everline  
the said first Day of <sup>January</sup> the Twentieth Day of December 1777 <sup>whereby the Pt. had and received great Profit</sup> and <sup>and very considerable Advantage in his</sup> affairs by means of the service of said Prime yet he the said William being not ignorant of the Premise but contriving and fraudulently  
Intending to Deprive the Pt. of the service of the said Servant and of all the advantages Gain and benefit which he the said John had or should have  
or Gain by reason of the service of the said Serv; did craftily and Subtly Perswade and Procure the said Prime being so Retained by the Pt. as afores.  
To doin himself from and to Leave the service of the Pt. against his the Pt. Will and also the said William did entertain the said Servant  
at Divers Days and times between the said Twentieth of December and the first Day of January Last past with rum and Mixed Spiritus Liquor  
whereby the said Servant was from time to time within the said time of <sup>as mentioned</sup> at York aforesaid Drunken and unfit for any  
Duty or business and also the said Wm at Kittery afores. Divers Days and times between the Twentieth Day of <sup>Dec.</sup> and Dec. and the Day of Date hereof had  
and received of the said Servant Divers Sums of the Pt. Money to the Value of Forty Shillings to satisfy himself for the said Spiritus Liquor by  
means whereof the said Serv. has become entirely useless and the Pt. is wholly deprived of any benefit of the said Serv. Ever since the said 20. of Dec. 1777  
To this Day all which is

To the Damage of the said John Main aforesaid  
the Sum of ninety Pounds,  
which shall then and there be made to appear with other due Damages;  
and we you there this Writ, with your Doings therein, Witness James  
Gow Esq; at York the Tenth Day of February  
in the Year of our Reign 1778  
Annoque Domini, 1778

Tim. Frost Clerg

York 10 March of 14<sup>th</sup> 1778 by virtue of this writ  
to me directed I have taken in the body of the within  
named William Heating and for waste of goods Chute  
or lands of the said w<sup>m</sup> I have taken Ball for  
his appearance to Com<sup>rs</sup> Johnson Moulton Sheriff  
officers &c -

John Main - es  
W. M. Heating  
W. D. & M. D. J. & Co. Bail

Emery

done this 14 day