

POPE NAAM FILED

Echo in St Johns Harbour ^{the} 12 Oct. 1786

Sirs

At Trinity, I received your Order
of 23 August last respecting Thomas Pope then Prisoner in Tri-
nity Guad upon Suspicion of having committed a Robbery
and assisted in Murdering his Sisters.

In Compliance with which Order
I have to inform you that Thomas Pope aforesaid is now in
Confinement on board the Echo, and on her return to Great
Britain said Pope (with his Deposition) shall be delivered
into the Custody of a Magistrate to be disposed of according
to Law.

I am

Sirs

Your Most Obed^t

Humble Servant.

To
John Elliot Esq^r

Commodore &c &c

R. C. Reynolds.

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C/N VOL II

St. John's Newland ² 12/Sept. 1780
POPE NANA KILU

My Lord

I have the Honor to transmit to y^r

Lordship a Copy of a Deposition taken before John Clinin
Esq: one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District
of Trinity in this Island setting forth that the Deposition
was concerned with his Brother John Pope in Robbing their
Father and murdering their Sister Sarah Pope of Pennis

Received from John Clinch
at St. John's

Trinity Newfoundland the Twen-

tieth Day of August One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty

six & personally appeared before me John Clinch one of his
Majestys Justices of the Peace in and for the said District.

Thomas Pope of Pennis Teller Parish in the County of

Dorset who from a conscientiousness of his own unna-
tural Crime Deposeth as follows. That some time in

the Month of May last, his Brother John Pope at a

time when their Father & the rest of the Family were from
Home, prevailed with this Deponent to assist him

in breaking open a Trunk of their Fathers which

they effected, & took from thence fifty Guineas. Their

Sister Sarah Pope entering the House or Room unex-

pectedly discovered the robbery & declared she would

acquaint her Father of it. This Deponent then sayeth

That

That his Brother John Pope told her he would prevent her making it known for he would kill her, She still persisting in her declarations, He the said John Pope took her by the neck & strangled her, then dragg'd her into another Room & cut her Throat, soon after, as this Deponent sayeth, he helped his Brother to carry her out of Doors, & then threw her down a Well some distance from their Fathers House, This Deponent further sayeth that his Brother John Pope then told him he would go into the Room & wash away the Blood, & when he returned they sett off together for Salisbury, where they continued a few Days and then parted, John Pope for London, & this Deponent Thomas Pope for Poole in order to make a Voyage to Sea. previous to their departure the Money was shared between them, both before the Crime was committed, & for sometime after, while the Money lasted they continued in a state of intoxication

I Thomas Pope do Voluntarily make Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the within Deposition is true in every respect as to the Substance thereof

Sworn before me the
Day and Date
within Written

so help me God
Thomas Pope

John Clinch. J. P.

St. John's. Newfoundland th 24 Aug 1786

Sir

It appearing from the Deposition
of Thomas Pope taken before you on the 20th inst that he has
confessed to have committed a Robbery and assisted in a Murder
-ing his Sister Sarah Pope of Pennis Teller Parish in the County
of Dorset some time in the Month of March last, I desire
you will deliver him with a Duplicate of his said Deposi-
-tion to Capt^m Robert Carthew Reynolds of His Majesty's
Sloop Echo upon the arrival of the said Sloop at Trinity in
order that he the said Tho^s Pope may be conveyed to England
to be Tried. If you can find any Person within your Dis-
-trict who by remembering to have heard of the Robbery
or Murder may be able to corroborate the said Popes Con-
-fession you will please to take his or their Deposition
and deliver it with aforementioned Deposition of Popes
to the Capt^m of the said Sloop.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant
J. W. P.

John Clinch Esq^r

By John Elliot Esq. Commodore
and Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships and Vessels
employed and to be employed
at and about the Island of
Newfoundland &c. &c.

You are hereby required and
directed to receive on board His Majesty's Sloop under
your Command the Body of Thomas Pope who is at present
confined in Trinity Gaol upon suspicion of having com-
mitted a Robbery and assisted in Murdering his Sister
Sarah Pope of Pennis Toller Parish in the County of Dorset
some time in the Month of March last and keep him in
confinement on board the said Sloop until her return
to Great Britain where immediately on her arrival you
are to deliver him into the Custody of a Magistrate with
a Deposition setting forth the nature of his Crimes which
will be furnished you by John Clinch Esq. one of His
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Trinity
to be disposed of according to Law.

To
Captain Reynolds
of His Majesty's Sloop
Echo

Given under my Hand in
St. John's Newfoundland the 11th Aug 1786

J. Elliot

By Command of the Commodore
J. Elliot