

as well as to our honour and his own Reputation but Contrarily it seems he hath not only fomented Divisions but also lived a most Scandalous life whilst he was there with certain women which he carried from hence with him there leaving his wife here in a miserable Condition (all which was unknown to us till of late since his return from those Parts) and did likewise whilst he was there most prophanely in publick discourse profess himself of no Religion of all which we have by several Evidences here as well as from thence so good Proofs as we find upon our Charging him therewith since his return from thence hither he cannot make any good Justification of himself therein Wherefore we do much lament our Misfortune in Giving him any Countenance or Authority who hath so much abused the same by dishonouring us and Our Government there as much as in him lay and have thought fit to discharge him thereupon from being any more of our Council of State there as we do by these Presents declare him to be discharged from it and also from all other publick Authority of Iustice a Peace or otherwise whatsoever in our said Province requiring you our said Lieu^t not to permit him hereafter if he shall return again into our said Province to act there in any thing for the future as one of our Council of State or Iustice of Peace of Our said Province and for the more timely Prevention of any such high Offences to Almighty God and such dishonour to us and our said Government hereafter as aforesaid by any in eminent Authority there We do hereby declare that in case any Person who is or shall from time to time be of our Council of State or Commander of a County or Iustice of Peace in our said Prov^c shall (which God forbid) and we hope will never more happen) after the publication hereof there live scandalously and Viciously with any Lewd Woman or profess himself of no Religion and shall be legally Convicted of either of the said Crimes by his own Confession or the Testimony of two Sufficient witnesses or shall be twice legally Convicted by his own Confession or the testimony of two Sufficient witnesses of being an usual drunkard Swearer or Curser we do authorise and Require our Lieutenant of the said Province for the time being to suspend any such Person from being of our Council of State Commander of a County or Iustice of the Peace in our said Province and in the Room of any such Commander of the County so Convicted and Suspended to appoint some other able and fit Person to be Commander of that County whereof any such Person so Convicted and Suspended as aforesaid had Command till the Cause or Causes of such Suspension in every of the Respective Cases aforesaid and Proofs of the Suspended Persons misdemeanors be Certified to us (which we require our Lieu^t in such Cases from time to time

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