

The said Robert Morris doth in the name of the Commons of this Province impeach the said John Morecroft of certain Offences & Crimes concerning the publick which he is ready to make good as follows

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1.st The said M^r John Morecroft being one of the Attornys of the Provincial Court in a declaration by him put into the s^d Court against the said Robert Morris, striving to make good that the Jurisdiction of this Province extends to Wild Street in Westminister terming it to the City of S^t Marys in S^t Mary's County to the great dishonour of our Sovereign Lord the King, thereby Endeavouring for his own Advantage to bring the Subjects of the King for Words & Actions Committed there lyable to Answer for the same in the Provincial Court as if they were immediately under his Majesty's royal Authority—

2.^{dly} The said Robert Morris doth further impeach him for Exacting fees above & beyond the Laws & Customs of this Province & that he is retayned as Attorney for some with unreasonable Fees, for a whole Year's space so that by that means it Causes several Suits to the Utter Ruin of people

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3.^d That the said John Morecroft did in a Cause depending between Tobias Wells, & John Wright, Tobias Wells being Pl^t & Wright Defend^t procure a Judgment for the Pl^t in the said Court & on the said Judgment sued out Execution & after was retained by the Def^t Wright & for him procured a Replevin in the said Cause against the said Execution as may appear by the Records to which he refers

By which unjust dealings the good People of this Province are daily abused by him the said Morecroft for which the said Morris doth impeach him

Signed Ro: Morris

17th April 1669

Rob: Carvile Clk.

17th April 1669 The Lower house do send these Papers to the Upper House & upon the whole matter do find the within Mentioned Jn^o Morecroft Gent impeachable and they do impeach him accordingly and do pray that he may be directed to answer Signed by order of the House

Rob^t Carvile Clk.

Jn^o Morecroft being summoned in the Upper House It is ordered that he have a Copy of the Papers put in against him and that he have time given him till Tuesday Morning at nine of the Clock to put in his Answer & that Morris & Emerson do attend to testify in a Vote ag^t the said Morecroft

The House Adjourned till Monday Morning
Eight of the Clock