

seeme ever at the height, yet new addition arises by some unfortunat accidents. And behold now tumults and broyles, wrongs and oppressions perpetrated with an high hand and not without undue courses in the alteration of Government and such violence acted as hath shewed itselfe in the effusion of native blood undoubtedly God will make away for his glory through the injustice of men and the end will be an establishment of this long languishing Colony. These actions here befell in a time while I at home was alsoe sett upon on all sides by my cruell neighbours who have not only trampled over all right but contemned the express commands of his Majestie under the protection whereof I deemed myselfe soe safe that I provided not enough against their violence and soe perished by security not deeming that I had such enemies or such men to deale with as would spurne at the King's Royall Comands upon them. The particulars, I need not trouble you with these inclosed Papers and relations will be too much testimony of the misfortunes that swallow us. It seemes a wonder to me that Sir John Harvey alwaies left to himselfe without violence should not gaine a power to reestablish himselfe but all men were wronged and all men even good and bad had forsaken him. A strange thing a Governor should soe demeane himselfe for my part I am ignorant of all these things and my own burthens are weight enough to presse downe my thoughts. In which I shall possess patience untill it shall please God to move his Maj^{ties} Royall heart and the Lords minds to releive and support us men oppressed and wronged with as greivous pressures as ever English men indured at the hands of their Countrymen. For the future I advise as litle innovation may be done as the nature of the affaires beare and that they expect with patience redress from the meanes his Maj^{tie} shall please to appoint. I desire your Candor may excuse my lynes which I desire to abbreviate rather than to inlarge with the sad events of unhappy affaires rather coveting to mourne within our owne bosomes than transferr it to the eares of others. Wee beseech a speedy signification of his Majestie's pleasure to abate the fury of our advesaries. In the interim we put up our supplications to the King of Kings to deliver us from them. I humbly take my leave and remaine,

your most humble servant
W. Clayborne.

Eliz. Citty
23rd May. 1635.