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with his will to the great losse of many mens estates and a generall feare in all. They had heard him in open Court revile all the Councill and tell them they were to give their attendance as assistants onely to advise with him which if liked of should pass otherwise the power lay in himselfe to dispose of all matters as his Majestie's Substitute. Next that he had reduced the Collony to a great straight by complying with the Marylanders soe farr that betweene them and himselfe all places of trade for Corne were shutt up from them and no meanes left to relieve their wants without transgressing his Commands which was very dangerous for any to attempt. This want came upon us by the increase of above 2,000 persons this yeare to the Colony as alsoe by an unusuall kind of wevell that last yeare eate our Corne (againe they saw a daungerous peace made by him with the Indians against the Councill's and Cuntreye's advice that although the Indian had offered any insolent injuries, yet he withheld us from revenging ourselves and had taken of them satisfaction for many Hoggs, of which in one place a Lyst was brought in of above 500: which satisfaction the Interpreter justifies he had received for the Governor's owne use. The Inhabitants also understood with Indignation that the Marylanders had taken Capt: Clayborne's Pinnasses and men with the goods in them whereof they had made prize and shared the goods amongst them, which action of theirs Sir John Harvey upheld contrary to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> express Commands in his Royall Letters and the Letters of the Lords, which Letter from his Majestie he did not communicate to the rest of the Councill though Capt: Clayborne in his Petition had directed them to the whole Board, But said they were surreptitiously gotten. Sir these and infinite number of perticular mens injuries were the grounds of their grieffe and the occasion of the Petition and Letter that they exhibited to the Councill for some speedy redress of these evils which would otherwise ruine the Colony. These generall grievances made some of the people meet in some numbers and in an unlawfull manner yet without any manifestation of bad intents only desires to exhibit their complaints as did appeare upon strict examination though Captain Purfrey had in a Letter accused them in a neare sense to rebellion, which since he denied under his owne hand being usuall with him to affirme and deny often the same things. The Governor having Intelligence of this Petition grew enraged and sent out his warrants to apprehend the Complaynants which some of the Councill accordingly executed, upon these appearances he himselfe only constituted a new Sheriff at James Citty a defamed fellow to whom he committed the keeping of the Prisoners in Irons, Some of them desiring the cause of their Commitment to whom he answered that