

they should at the Gallows, presently the Councill being called together he declared it necessary that Marshall law should be executed upon the Prisoners. But it was desired they might have legall tryall soe growing into extreme Coler and passion after many passings and repassings to and fro at length sate downe in the Chayre and with a frowning Countenance bid all the Councill sitt. After a long Pause he drew a Paper out of his Pockett and reading it to himselfe said to the Councill, I am to propound a question unto you. I require every man in his Maj^{ties} name to deliver his opinion in writing under his hand and no man to advise or Councill with the other but to make a direct answer unto this proposition (which is this) What doe you thinke they deserve that have gone about to persuade the people from their obedience to his Maj^{ties} Substitute, And to this I doe require you to make your present Answer and no man to advise or interrupt with other. And I begin with you M^r Menefie; who answered I am but a young Lawyer and dare not upon the suddain deliver my opinion. The Governor required that should be his Answer under his hand, M^r Farrar beganne to complaine of that strong command, the Governor cutt of his speech saying in his Majestie's name I command you not to speake till your turne; Then myselfe replyed I conceive this a strang kind of proceeding, instantly in his Maj^{ties} name he commanded me silence. I said further there was no President for such a Command whereupon he gave me leave to speake further. But it was by a Tyrant meaning that passage of Richard the third against the Lord Hastings, after which relation the rest of the Councill begann to speake and refused that course. Then followed many bitter Languages from him till the sitting ended. The next meeting in a most sterne manner he demanded the reason that wee conceived of the Cuntreye's Petition against him. M^r Menefie made Answer the cheifest cause was the detayning of the Letters to his Maj^{tie} and the Lords. Then he rising in a great rage sayd to M^r Menefie and doe you say soe? he replyed yes; presently the Governor in a fury went and striking him on the shoulder as hard as I can imagine he could said I arrest you of suspicion of Treason to his Majestie. Then Captain Utie being neare said and wee the like to you Sir. Whereupon I seeing him in a rage, tooke him in my Armes and said. Sir there is no harme intended against you save only to acquaint you with the greivances of the Inhabitants and to that end I desire you to sitt downe in your Chayre. And soe I related to him the aforesaid greivances of the Colony desiring him that their just complaints might receive some satisfaction which he altogether denyed soe that sitting ended. After wee were parted the Secretary shewed a Letter sent up

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