

Liber H. H. Reputacōn of the whole councell calleing them Rogues sayeing he would not sitt with such Rogues & in particular falsely Chargeing Captaine William Stone M<sup>r</sup> Job Chandler & Doctor Luke Barber (three persons of his Lordships Councell eminent for theyr fidelitys & sufferings in his Lordships behalfe with secrett compliance with his Lordships Opposers then (viz M<sup>r</sup> Richard Bennett) to the vniust scandall of his lordships said Councillors & his Lordships vnspeakeable damage in alienating the minds of his lordships said freinds & thereby hindering the vnwearyed endeauours of his Lordships said Governor & Councell for the peace & settlement of this distracted Province so absolutely necessary for the peace & welfare of euey private person heere inhabiteing.

And his Lordships said Attorney further Humbly sheweth that whereas his Lordship out of his continuall watchfulnes for the good & welfare of this his Province & the People therein Resideing to the end that Justice to all persons may be duly administred & peace & quiett constantly maintained and to the honor of God this Province In all things Piously Governed hath by many his letters & instructions and in Particular by his declaracōn of the 26 of August 1651 required his Councillors  
 p. 33 to give theyr due attendance on his Lieutenant at all Provinciall Courts &c (as by the said declaracōn (Relation therevnto being had) more at large appeareth) And also that in case any of his Lordships Councillors shall in Drunkenes or other Scandalous or vitious manner of liveing misbehaue themselues his said Lieutenant against them to proceed according to Justice hath commanded Nowe so it is that the said Thomas Gerrard being on the 23<sup>th</sup> of March 1656 required to Attend the said Lieutenant at a Provinciall court to be houlden at Newtowne the next day without any lawfull cause shewen & meerey that the said Court should not be houlden nor Justice be then by his Lordships Officers Administred nor his said Lordships Affaires dispatched did willfully & maliciously refuse to attend his said Charge and Office Contrary to his duty & the trust reposed in him; And also to the Greate offence of Almighty God dishonor of his Lordship & whole Councell hath diverse times misbehaved himselfe & offended in Drunkennes & other Lewd behaviour w<sup>ch</sup> for respect to his person & the whole Councell I forbear to particularize vnles forced to make prooffe thereof by his denyall But that som Convenient Certainty may be contained in this Jnformacōn I doe charge him with the s<sup>d</sup> Drunkenes & Lewd behaviour Comitted on board of Covills ship Rideing in S<sup>t</sup> Georges River & in his passage from thence to M<sup>r</sup> Edward Packers Landing & from that Landing in his passage vp the River to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mathews his house.

The foregoeing Crimes & misdemeanors being duly wayed