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by Captain Purfrey to the Governor which spake of dangerous times that to his knowledge the wayes were layd, which when wee had considered with the things before specified wee much doubted least the Inhabitants would not be kept in due obedience if the Governor continued as formerly and soe acquainted him therewith. The which opinion of ours he desired under our hands the which being granted him he was requested the sight of his Maj^{ties} Commission; and the same being publiquely read, (notwithstanding any former passages) wee of the Councill tendred the Continuance of our assistance, provided that he would be pleased to conforme himselfe to his Majestie's pleasure expressed by his Commission and Instructions, the which request was in no part satisfied, whereupon being doubtfull of some Tyrannical proceedings wee requested the Secretary to take charge of the Commission and Instructions untill wee had time to consider of a safe course for the satisfying of the Inhabitants Petition and the safety of the Governor's Person which by reason of Captain Purfrey's Letter wee conceived to be in some danger whereupon we appointed an Assembly of all the late Burgesses whereby they might acquaint us with their greivances as may appeare by their Petition, wee broke up for that meeting with a resolution to returne againe within six dayes having acording to Sir John Harvey's desire, appointed a sufficient Gard for the safety of his Person, within three dayes after he departed from James City and went unto the Mills to the house of one William Brockas whose wife was generally suspected to have more familiarity with him then befitted a modest woman, where he thought himselfe soe secure that he dismissed his guard. Soone after the Councill and Burgesses acording to the time prefixed mett at James City. But before wee entered upon any business the Secretary shewed us a Letter which he had received that morning from Sir John Harvie (the true Coppie whereof I have here inclosed) And notwithstanding his threats therein the Assembly proceeded acording to their former Intentions. The next morning the Secretary shewed us another Letter from Sir John Harvie wherein he had required him to redeliver him his Majestie's Commission and Instructions charging him upon his Alleagance to keepe secresie therein. But the Councill had before thought of his late practises with the Secretary concerning the detayning of the former proceedings had committed the charge of the Commission and Instructions to M^r George Menefie untill all differences were settled. And for the effecting of the same wee proceeded to give a hearing unto the greivances of the Inhabitants which were innumerable; and therefore it was thought fitt that their generall greivances only should be pre-