

Liber Z. are vnder his subiection, especially in this heathen country where no godly minister is to teach and instruct ignorant people in the grounds of religion. And as for people w<sup>ch</sup> cometh vnto the said Lewis or otherwise to passe the creeke, the said Lewis taketh occasion to call them into his chamber, and there laboureth with all vehemency craft and subtlety to delude ignorant persons. Therefore we beseech you brethen in o<sup>r</sup> Lo: and Savi<sup>r</sup> xs<sup>t</sup> Jesus that you who have power that you will doe in what lieth in you to have these absurd abuses and heredulous crimes to be reclaymed, and that God and his ministers may not be so heinously troden downe by such ignominious speeches; and no doubt but he or they w<sup>ch</sup> strive to vphold Gods ministers and word, he shalbe recompenced w<sup>th</sup> eternall ioy and felicity to reigne in that æternall kingdome w<sup>th</sup> xs<sup>t</sup> Jesus, vnder whose banner we fight for evermore. All w<sup>ch</sup> words aforesaid w<sup>ch</sup> hath beene spoken against w<sup>m</sup> Lewis, the parties herevnder written wilbe deposed when time and opportunity shalbe thought meete.

And being further examined touching the intent of the writing, francis Gray said that he was not acquainted with the writing till it was delivered it to him by Rob<sup>t</sup> Sedgrave, & that he had not as yet read it; & that Rob<sup>t</sup> Sedgrave desired him to publish it to some of the freemen, & to the intent onely to procure them to ioine in a petition to the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Counsell of this Province for the redressing of those greivous w<sup>ch</sup> were complained of in the writing. wherevpon the Captaine willed them to attend againe in the afternoone & to bring security for their answering the matter at the Court; and in the meane-time to demeane themselves quietly and soberly. And in the afternoone, the Captaine and m<sup>r</sup> Secretary bound them over w<sup>th</sup> 2. sureties to answer it at the next Court.

On Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> July; the Sheriff was commanded by warr<sup>t</sup> from the Governor to bring william Lewis, Rob<sup>t</sup> Sedgrave, ffrancis Gray, xpofer Carroll and Ellis Beach into the Court, where were present the Governo<sup>r</sup>, the Captaine and m<sup>r</sup> Secretary. the Governo<sup>r</sup> demanded of Rob<sup>t</sup> Sedgrave whether that were his writing; and he confessed it. he demanded further touching the intent of the writing; and he answered as afore; and being demanded who moved or advised him to that course; he said that himselfe and ffrancis Gray being much offended p. 71 w<sup>th</sup> the speeches of william Lewis, ffrancis Gray did wish him to draw a writing to some of the freemen, and he would procure them to ioine in a petition to the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Counsell w<sup>ch</sup> the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Sedgrave did accordingly the next day: but ffrancis Gray wished him to keepe it till he had spoken w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Copley; w<sup>ch</sup> was on Saturday the last of June; and on Sunday morning meeting w<sup>th</sup> francis Gray at the ffort, he asked him whether he