

had spoken wth m^r Copley, who said he had, & that m^r Copley had given him good satisfaction in it, & blamed much william Lewis for his contumelious speeches and ill-governd zeale and said it was fitt he should be punished. and ffrancis Gray asked him for the writing, and putt it vp, & were going with it to the chappell, when the Captaine called them in by the way. and ffrancis Gray being examined confessed that he did wish him to draw a writing, to be delivered to 2 or 3 of the freemen and his reason was because the said servants had no knowledge what to doe in it, nor could so well goe to the Governour to move for redresse as the freemen could. Then were the complaints contained in the writing ags^t william Lewis taken into examination. And touching the first, Ellis Beach, did depose that william Lewis coming into the roome where ffrancis Gray and Rob^t Sedgrave were reading of m^r Smiths sermons, will. Lewis said that the booke was made by the instrument of the divell. and Rob^t Sedgrave being demanded whether william Lewis spake in generall of Protestants books, or of that booke in particular said he could not well remember whether he spake of books in generall. And william Lewis being putt to his answere confessed that coming into the roome where they were reading of a book, they read it aloud to the end he should heare it, and that the matter being much reproachfull to his religion, viz^t that the Pope was Antichrist, and the Jesuits, Antixpian ministers &c. he told them that it was a falsehood, & came from the Devill, as all lies did, & that he that writt it was an instrum^t of the divell, & so he would approve it; and further he said not.

touching the second, it was deposed by 2. witnesses that william Lewis said that their ministers (innuendo the Protestants) were the ministers of the divell.

touching the third, Rob^t Sedgrave said at first that william Lewis did forbid them to vse or have any Protestant books within his house; w^{ch} being denied by william Lewis, & that he had expressly given them leave to vse or have bookes, so they read them not to his offence or disturbance in his owne house; and that he spake onely touching that booke then in reading; Rob^t Sedgrave said that he was not certaine whether he forbad them that book onely, or all other books. and Richard duke (a wisse produced by ffrancis Gray, and a Protestant) being sworne said, that william Lewis said that ffrancis Gray could not read that booke in the house, nor no such base fellowes as he was; but no more or further as he heard.

then was xpofr Carnoll, and Ellis Beache examined vpon oath, and they likewise testified touching the forbidding of that book, but not any further as they heard.

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