

Liber Z. Then was it alledged by william Lewis that the intent of the writing was to combine the Protestants together, and to send a petition vnder all their hands to the Govern^r and Counsell of virginea, that they would send hether for william Lewis and proceed ags^t him for a traitour. and this he offered by one here p^{nt} that heard James Thornton say, that they declared such their intent in his hearing

but this being refused by the Govern^r as an insufficient prooffe, and the partie himsef demanded that heard the words; it was answered that he was gone out a trading the day before. wherevpon the Govern^r thought fitt to deferre their triall and censure till the wisse could be produced in Court; and in the meane time willed m^r Secretary to deliver his censure touching the complaints ags^t william Lewis.

And m^r Secretary found him guilty of an offensive & indiscrete speech in calling the author of the booke an inst^{nt} of the divell; but acquitted him from that he was charged withall in the writing, that he vsed that speech touching Protestant ministers in generall. he likewise found him guilty of a very offensive speech in calling the Protestant ministers, the ministers of the divell. he likewise found him to have exceeded in forbidding them to read a booke otherwise allowed & lawfull to be read by the state of England; but he acquitted him of the accusation that he forbad his servants to have or vse Protestant books in his house. and because these his offensive speeches, & other his vnseasonable disputations in point of religion tended to the disturbance of the publike peace & quiett of the colony; and were committed by him against a publike proclamation sett forth to prohibite all such disputes; therefore he fined him in 500. weight of tobacco to the lord of the Province; & to remaine in the Sheriffs custodie vntill he found sufficient sureties for his good behaviour in those kinds in time to come.

The Captaine likewise found him to have offended ags^t the publike peace, and ags^t the proclamation made for the suppressing of all such disputes tending to the cherishing of a faction in religion; and therefore fined him likewise 500^l to the Lord of the Province. but for his good behaviour thought fitt to leave it to his owne discretion.

The Govern^r concurred wholly in his sentence with m^r Secretary. And so the Court brake up. and william Lewis was committed to the Sheriff

Afterward he found security for his good behaviour; and was bound as followeth;

3. July. 1638 William Lewis, John Medcalfe, and Richard Browne, acknowledge themselves to owe vnto the Lord