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taxes in his and own creatures pokket as principally may appear out of the leavy laest year, when hee overcharged the Country with about 190 others say 290000^{lbs.} of tob: and perswaded afterward the Assembly men, not to call him to an account for it, but to give it him. So did hee likewise in the former Indian Wiccomisso Warr, when they tooke all the plunder from the poor souldiers and sent the Indian prisoners to Barbados for Negros, but forced the poore inhabitants to bear and pay all the charges.

That he hath defrauded the Country of severall thousands of pounds of tobacco which was leavied and Hee intrusted to provide a magazyn for the Country's defence, and uppon divers occasions against the Indians, little or nothing came forth, safe a fewe in the laest Indian siege. And well remembred the exployet of the wherekill in Delewar Bay. when the inhabitants powder and shot, guns, pistolls, shoes stokkins and cloaths from the peoples fetes pressed off, provision taken by force and vyolence, contrary to the libberties and priviledges of the King's Maj^{ty's} free born Subjects off England.

That Hee did press 500 men, by Cap^t Howelt from the head of the Bay, to goe in the very winter a hundred and 40. or 50. miles downe to the wherekill A^o 73 to burn a few poore inhabitants out off all their houses, corn and every thing els they hath, leaving poore weemen with child naked, to the mercy of a desperat hard winter when no botes nor reliefe could com to them, divers perished in that very misery: w^{ch} popish cruelty can not bee out faced that it was then in warr time and in the dutch possessions againe, for it was done after they hath submitted themselves to Baltemore againe and entertained the souldiers freely, without any of the least resistance, uppon promis that no harm should happen to them, but wee leave that to his Royall Highnis, to call Baltemore to an Account for the ruyn of that whole Country, and the loss of many men's lives, for when thy hath done that misschief thy left the place againe, and so som two years before one Jones was commisionated to plunder the poore people there, and it is notice to be taken, that if God hath not then send peace betweene the two Nations, it was determined by the Dutch, with fregats by water and souldiers by land to have ruyanated the king's subjects in Maryland for it: Now this tyranny was after chalked over with an Assembly and made the Country for that very pleasur pay 50. or 60.000 pounds of tobacco, when hee might have it done from Chaptank or Sumerset County, with 10. or 12. men and not above 2 or 3000^{lbs} tob: charges Thus and in many other concernments are the King's Maj^s Subjects continually more and more oppressed: contrary to the Lord Proprietarys and their Tennants in England, also contrary to