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required him to appeare afore the Councill 'tis utterly false and malicious for when I and the said Badcock mett at the Chancellor's there was not as many as would make a Councill neither was M<sup>r</sup> John Llewelin who is and has bin for these several yeares Clerk of the Councill there present without whom there could not be a Councill and this is certified by the Chancellor and the said Llewelin and the same should have been alsoe certified by the Secretary but that it pleased God he was most unfortunately drowned some few dayes ago. Now knowing that the said Badcock would certainly informe the Comm<sup>rs</sup> and complaine to them against me for he was so faire I must owne tho' in a very rude manner afore the Chancellor and Secretary to threaten me he would informe against me I writt by the first opportunity to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> & by my letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1681. I signified what had passed betwixt me and the s<sup>d</sup> Badcock and with all desired that if I was in an error they would please to pardon me and for the future sett me right This Letter and M<sup>r</sup> Badcock's complaint is that which lyes out against me and is the occasion of His Majestie's high displeasure as if I had knowingly and in a most contemptuous manner refused to assist His Majestie's Comptroller in the executing his Office whereby His Majestie's service was obstructed and the said Officer discouraged in his duty I now therefore beg that this may be considered whether any person that has any knowledge of me will think that if ever I had seen His Majestie's Order in Councill of the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1680. which I declare I never saw till after the said Badcock's death it being sent me by the Comm<sup>rs</sup> with their letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1681. which I received sometime in December last the receipt of which I have acknowledged in my letter to them of the 28<sup>th</sup> January last I say if I had ever seen that order afore Badcock's death whether I durst have presumed to refuse complying therewith And as in that case my contempt and want of loyalty and obedience to my Soveraignes comānds would have been the greatest that could be imagined soe my folly would have been noe less in laying myselfe soe open to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> as I did by my letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1681. if I had wittingly, willingly and knowingly transgress in my proceedings with the said Badcock but as I did it ignorantly and kept in that ignorance by the malice of Badcock who I confidently beleeve might at that time have that order of the king in Councill by him, I hope I shall not be held soe impudent and foolish as to send that letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customes as an acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> of a wilfull disobedience in me to His Majestie's Order in Councill or indeed to any Instructions of the Comm<sup>rs</sup> grounded upon the Act of the 25<sup>th</sup> of this king's reigne By which Act itselfe had M<sup>r</sup> Badcock