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6th The said Iacob doth not remember that he said any Such Words as that he could make the Susquehannahs or Northern Indians do what he pleased, nor in truth can he, but if any Such words were Spoken by him it was Occasioned by the evill Effects of Drink, and when he was not in his right Mind. And as to the said words he is charged with Since his Imprisonment which are that he would be revenged upon those that putt those Irons upon him, he saith his intent was to take Such Course as the Law will permitt Prisoners to have against the Merciless cruelty of Officers and Iaylors he knowing himself Innocent of Felony and Treason, and there being no Overt Act by him Committed, the said Words will not make him Guilty of either; This being the plain clear and Evident truth of all these things which are Contained & particularly Expressed in the Charge, he humbly referreth it to the Judgment of Your Lordship In Your Upper house of Assembly how full of Danger and Prejudice it is to give too ready an Eare and too Easy a belief unto Reports or Testimony without Oath, which are not of weight enough to Condemn any: He humbly acknowledgeth that in his Drink he might talk without the Bounds of reason yet hopeth Your Honours in Your Iustice upon which with Confidence he putts himself will acquitt him of and from those Misdemeanors wherewith he is Charged, and he hopeth and will Dayly pray that for the future he shall by Gods Grace so watch over his Actions that he shall not give Offence to any

And Lastly the said Iacob Young humbly desires Your Lordship and this Honourable Assembly well to Consider (that since the Year 1676 at which time he was Sent for by Coll Coursey and Coll Chew &c: to come into this Province from Delaware to gather together the Susquehannah Indians, and to encourage them to live in this Province and likewise to procure the return of those Indians that were gone to Delaware how many Orders and Commissions as well for treating and making peace with the Sinniquo as the Susquehannah Indians he hath justly and faithfully Executed & performed without having the least Spott Blemish or Aspersion cast upon him, which said Commissions and Orders could not be Agitated without being friendly to and entertaining the Said Indians, which Entertainments cannot be Accounted as a Crime, which being Considered he hopes neither the false Aspersion of the perfidious and faithless Indians his Enemy, nor the Causeless fears of the weake and Naked and therefore timerous People Shall Cause one Drop of Innocent Blood to be Spilt, or can procure the ruin of him who with all Alacrity and Cheerfulness hath so oft cast himself Naked amongst Multitudes of Armed Merciless and faithless Indians with Great hazard of his