

fancies) have taken upon themselves to declare your Lordship's charter forfeited as your Lordship may see by their malicious declaration (which the Bearer will shew your Ldp) They have further taken upon themselves to give Comissions to Sheriffs and Justices of their own stamp and constitute other Officers both civill and military utterly excluding not only all Roman Catholiques from bearing any office whatsoever (contrary to an express act of Assembly) but alsoe all Protestants that refuse to joyne with them in their irregularities, imprisoning such of them as declare against their illegal proceedings, and arbitrarily threatening to hang any man that takes upon him to justify your Lordship's right. They have assumed the power of calling an Assembly the Election of which was in most Countyes awed by their souldiers, one County disowned their power and would chuse noe members but in fine they have packed up an Assembly after the most irregular manner that ever was knowne, wherein they have layd down the methods of their future conduct, but is as yet kept private, but I am informed that your Lordship shall speedily have sent you a Copy of their Journall But soe it is that neither Catholique nor honest Protestant can well call his life or estate his own and if your Lordship (according to your wonted care & tenderness of your people) by a speedy application and true representation to His Majesty of these most inhuman actions doe not procure some orders whereby to allay their fury a little all your friends here will be reduced to a miserable condition, for dayly their cattle are killed, their horses prest and all the injury imaginable done to them, and to noe other, certainly your Lordship's charter is not such a trifle as to be annulled by the bare allegations of such profligate wretches and men of scandalous lives, as Code, Thurling, Jowles and such fooles as they have poysoned by the most absurd lyes that ever were invented. If the King think that your Ldp or your Deputy Governors have done anything that may render your charter forfeited His Majesty & His Councill know the way of trying it is by a quo warranto which way of proceeding (as I understand) is not much favoured by the King or Parliament much less I believe will they approve of such unheard of actions as were committed against your Lordship & Governm^t by these evill speritts without Commission or order from any superior power, whereby they have not only rebelled against your Lordship but alsoe committed high Treason in taking up armes as they have done without warrant from His Majesty or your Lordship. I fear I have been too tedious upon this ungratefull subject, yet I could enlarge much more, and would but that the Bearer can informe your Lordship to the full much better then I can he haveing been no small sharer in the grate calamity whereof likewise I had my parte mingled with