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that was soe inhumanly murdered in the above execution of his Office had onely four men with him in his owne little boat, and came on board the said yacht without any violence expressed or offered to any of the said murderers while he was discoursing with them as above with his hand on the tafferell of the said yacht he was shott dead, the rest in the boat had much adoe to escape with their lives, being persued to the very shore, where they saved themselves by the shoaling of water, and some defence they made in their flight by some Firelocks they had in the boat. There are hues and crys and a proclamation for the for the said murderers gone thro' this Province and into the neighbour Govern^{ts} to the Northward, but since wee hear they have made their escape and are fled back again into the Collony of Virginia under your Govern^t I am informed that the said Sewall and Butler were then on shoare when the Fact was comitted and beheld the Action, but gave particular orders (especially Sewall) for what was done, and to justifie himself owned before divers witnesses (but I hope with the greatest injustice & untruth) that he had a permitt from your Honours for this last attempt of coming into this Province. This may it please your Hono^{rs} you may be assured is the naked truth of the matter of Fact and circumstances. I am therefore again willed to desire that the persons mentioned in my former Letter may be returned hither under a strict guard, especially Sewall, Butler, Mason, Ayleworth and Freeman, whom together with the rest of the Company in the said Yacht when the aforesaid Fact was committed (to us unknown) wee do accuse of the said murder. There is likewise one Gulick a Jesuit likewise fled for treasonable words against their Maj^{ty}s (as I am informed) into your Collony, which desire may be apprehended likewise and sent back, had it been possible or justifiable for us to apprehend or secure them when fled into Virginia without permission of that Govern^t this unhappy accident had not happened, and his Maj^{ty} had not been deprived of soe loyall a subject and faithful an Officer, for they could not escape to the Northward, the Govern^{ts} on that side being very vigelant and kind to us in that particular, therefore are forced to repeat my forementioned request that you use your utmost diligence, that the aforesaid Criminalls and Yacht may be returned, wee being still in danger of some private murderous attempt from thence, and without your assistance know not how to help it.

S^r His Maj^{ty} in his Orders by Gillam to this Province commands that the Ships from hence sayle in fleets, wee suppose the like order is come into your Government, and therefore I have thought fitt to desire you would be pleased to take that