

and the publick safety though I have omitted nothing con-  
ducing to the preservation of the peace and security of their  
Majesties Province till a further settlement or Order from  
their Majesties some of our late deputies under Lord Balte-  
mores commission escaped hereupon into Virginia and were (as  
they are still) sheltered by th<sup>t</sup> Government from whence (notwith-  
standing that Government had from my Selve an express an Ac-  
count of their circumstances and was verry earnestly requested  
to secure them) they are permitted to have frequent returns  
into this Province with men and Armes as oppertunity pre-  
sented and notwithstanding our uttmost Endeavors and dilli-  
gence to prevent and obviate all danger from them M<sup>r</sup> Iohn  
Paine his Majesties Collector here a true Loyall Couragious  
and zealous protestant was most barbarously murthered by  
them, I have presumed to trouble your Lordshipp and their  
Majesties commissioners with what hath passed relating to th<sup>t</sup>  
affaire and those fugatives fled thither for protection by the  
Abraham and Iames Captain Fyfield Comānder and the Barke  
Maryland mercht. of Biddiford Captain Marke Whitson Com-  
mander which I doe humbly Offer to remind your Lordshipp  
by this, Major Richard Seawell sonn to the Lady Baltimore  
one of the late deputy Governors and secretaries of this Pro-  
vince (with others whom wee have sufficient to accuse of  
tyranack and treasonable practices) fled with a small yacht  
with armes and ammunition into Virginia from whence  
returned suddenly againe into this Province, upon his returne  
came a shore In the intrim the said M<sup>r</sup> Paine Collector in a  
small boate with four men went on board and civilly demand-  
ing and reasoning with them of their comeing and going into  
and from this Province without due report entering or clear-  
ing the King's Officers, was immediately shott dead, the rest  
with him in the boate with much difficulty saved their lives  
being pursued to the verry shore where they saved themselves  
by the shoalness of the water and some defence they made  
with some fire Armes they had in the boate, the murderers  
(with the yacht escaped into Virginia, Seawell was then a shore  
when the fact was committed but suddenly fled back allsoe  
into Virginia where he is still at libertie, Onely four then in  
the yacht I have an account of from M<sup>r</sup> Natha<sup>l</sup> Bacon that they  
are in custody after severall messages and expresses from  
hence relateing to them, Off said Seawell I have this to say  
and cann prove by sufficient evidence th<sup>t</sup> he menaced the said  
Paine's death before the fact th<sup>t</sup> he gave particular Orders for  
what was done and th<sup>t</sup> after his return to Virginia he owned  
and justified the doeing of it, All this I have often in severall  
letters laid before the Government and have earnestly begged  
th<sup>t</sup> the murderer together with the other fugatives may be sent

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