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back or secured for Iustice or from doing further mischief to their Majestie's Protestant subjects on this side but have noe satisfactory answer, instead thereof one of their Majesties' evidence with the said Paine when the murder was committed and some time after being in Virginia was apprehended and imprisoned and we heare putt in Irons. M^r Christopher Rousby th^t preceeded M^r Paine in said Office of Collector had the same tragicall end being barbarously murdered by one Coll: Geo: Talbot an Irish papist and Chiefe Governor here after Lord Baltemore had endeavored by false informations and suggestions before the King & Council to deprive him of his life, I doe withall humbly lay this naked and true account of this affair before your Lordships that your Lordships may not be surprised nor our true zeale and endeavors for their Majesties service receive any diminution from those staggering gentleman of th^t Government th^t have made themselves soe highly interested in th^t affaire And will doubtless endeavor to justifie their late unkindness and injustice to us by all sorts of Artifice, This your Lordships may be assured is the onely person that hath received any corporall harme since our first appearing and declaring for King William the souldiers being verry carefully and industriously prevented from committing any outrage upon the perpetrating of th^t murder nor any papist or other plundered by any person whatsoever All Charges paid by a provinciall Convention of the Representatives of the Province which is to meet againe the first day of Aprill In the meantime with all dutifull humility and becoming loyallty Wee are in earnest expectation of his Majesty's gracious pleasure relating to us without which nothing can make us happy Wee therefore againe humbly request your Lordships favourable representation of our condition to his Majesty haveing noe other as wee cann have noe better to interceed or speak in our behalfe from the difficulties that have rendered our sending any Agents hence doubtfull and dangerous from the want of shipping here upon our first motion and the french Pyrats interposeing being moreover in dayly expectation of his Majesty's particular care of this Province dissability and povertie of a distressed people under a long tirannack arbitrary Government notwithstanding which disadvantages wee not in the least doubt his Majesty's gracious acceptance of our dutifull endeavours for his Majestie's Service which have been managed without any sort of Selfe Interest or Cruelty towards our Enemies or Oppressors against whom wee are and shall be ready to make good our just complaint when thereunto required.

As to publick affaires relating to his Majesties Service in America, wee have this advice from Barbadoes in a Letter