

house over which wee found a guard of soldiers aboard his shipp which he lately built here, we alsoe found a considerable number of armed men in possession In short we found the truth of what he had communicated to us in his letter before which made us the more willing to know his crimes which might occasion this severity at length with much trouble we came to the speech of the commander of the troope in whose hands the bloody warrant was, the purpose of which was to bring him the said Hill alive or dead but no crimes inserted, which warrant was committed to a fitt person to execute, had it been in his power He is of the scotish race, a highlander born as it is said with whom we discourst laying before him the strange and unusual method they took desiring to know what the crimes were, for which such violence was used His answer was that if he could not see Capt. Hill, he had nothing to say upon which we urged no further But in the return to our Ships we were guided to Captain Hill in the woods, the safest refuge he could then fly to we discourst him and doe think itt proper to signify to your Honor what our understandings and apprehensions are of the whole matter Captain Hill is a person that has undergone several credible offices in this Province, was by those now in power turned out of all which he doth not kindly resent soe that his greatest crime is, he is apt to talk what others tho' of his opinion dare hardly think. Wee are loth to give your Honor further trouble being confident of your Honor's candor and good will to all good men will not prove otherwise to this suppliant in who favour this chiefly is, requesting your Honor's favourable constructions and such assistance or advice as to your Honor's prudence and wisdom shall seem most meet In all which wee crave your Honor's pardon and favour to be, Your Honor's most humble servants

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My Lord,

I thinke it had been better if an inquisition had been taken and the forfeitures committed by the Lord Baltemore had been therein founde before any grant be made to a new governor yet since there is none and it being in a case of necessity I thinke the King may by his commission constitute a governor whose authority will be legall though he must be responsible to the Lord Baltemore for the profits, if an agreement can be