

private capacities by pressing seizing and violently takeing away and makeing use of their horses, boates, goods and servants without paying or making any satisfaction for the same, otherwise than in the returne of ill language, that indeed should he bring a cause never soe plausible before any jury though of the best principles and inclinations, his insolent and too well known behaviour w^d soe dimm and obscure their eyes that they could not make a right inspection thereinto but look upon the same as the effects of his hot and inveterate braine, especialle with those of his acquaintance, which I must confess few or none covet, unless those of wicked principles, their Majesties open professed enemies, papists and others disaffected to all, especially the present, Government, who are his only associates and companions and they barely for correspondency in malignancy and aversion to the authority, scarcely any one of them cann afford him a good word behind his back or covett his company for any other end or designe, but to promote and put in practice their damnable inclinations and designes, of disturbing the peace and tranquility of the Province, so that he hath indeed effected here what he hath done in all other parts of the world (where ever he sett foote) made the whole Country weary of him, boastingly vaunting that he thanks God he has lived these five and twenty years upon the curses of the people which truly I am apt to believe, nay am pretty confident he never wants, and with such provisions may grow fatt; the subject matter is soe large that without a syllable of falsity or suggestion onely, I could easily comment a volume, without offering the least violence to myself or the truth, I humbly beg pardon for this progression assuring your Lordshipps that the vindication of myself and those Gentlemen of their Majesties Councill assigned me here (whom I find to be persons of loyalty, candour and integrity) from the vile calumnies and aspersions of soe ungrateful and turbulent a man as he is, that they may have noe effect or influence upon your Lordshipps to our prejudice without better prooffe then his base allegations together with the propagation and promoteing of their Majesties service and interest, is the onely ultimate end and designe of

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