

Liber K. Clerks he has treated with and of all demands an acco^t of their perquisites since the date of his Commission for which he pretends they are to be accountable to him and not only so but must pay him also considerably for their Commissions which he hath extorted as by copy of some depositions inclosed will appear to your Lordships notwithstanding by the express words of his Commission he is no Longer nor no otherwise Secretary then during the Kings pleasure and his Residence in this Province notwithstanding also his said Commission possitively forbids the making Sale of any the said places or any other profitt thereby then the reservation of the tenth part of the annual Incomes to be estimated by the Governor and Councill upon a vacancy and no more These Contrary p. 98 Proceedings of S^r Thomas are resented by the People in generall as very grievous and burdensome & call for our Representation thereof to your Lordships for redress we are told of & expect daily Complaints from the Commissioners of the County Courts touching the Insufficiency of their new imposed Clerks and the turning out of those of whose abilitys and integretys they have had so good Proof and Experience: Nor indeed can we much admire at these irregular and unwarrantable proceedings of S^r Thomas since we find him associating caballing & advising and indeed conversing with none but the Kings open professed Enemies and Malignants to the present Governm^t who insinuate nothing into him but Lyes and Fallacies relating to his Office and the p^quisits thereof how the same have been managed under the late Popish Arbitrary Government and put him upon these exorbitant measures to satisfy his avaritious & greedy appetite, with such society & advice he is so far taken up & possessed that he hath in a manner deserted and alienated himself from any of our Consultations and stands as it were at a distance from, and in defiance of the Government seeking all oppertunitys of Complaints against the same tho never so unjust and Fictious, Insomuch that having calmly and candidly debated in Councill the Fees and perquisites properly belonging & incident to his Office, whereby to ascertain and Distinguish the same from those appropriated to others Offices, we at last proposed to refer the same to the consideration & Decision of the Assembly who, were the best Interpreters of the Laws themselves made, from this he violently flew of & threatned to protest against the same as well as against the Laws themselves because they Corresponded not with his Ravenous Expectation and Inclinations af^d having Valued himself at least a Thous^d Pounds Sterl at Sight upon the Bare disposition of the Clerks Places, as (is said) himself hath reported & upon the least occasion though never so trivial, speakes of nothing