

and occasion of complaint not taking any notice of his Instructions which positively prohibit him to make Sale or any other advantage directly or indirectly of any office or place under him other then a reserve of the 10<sup>th</sup> Part of the respective County Clerks perquisites hav<sup>e</sup> directly contrary thereto exacted of such Clerks a Gratuity besides for the purchase of their Commissions and now lately wholly divested & acquitted himself of his own immediate Office and exposed the same to sale and Farm to the late Clerk of the Provinciaall Court for a very considerable & extraordinary Sum to be annually paid him which is not only a palpable breach of his Instructions but may in all Probability be a means to seduce the said Clerk and (unless he be a Person of great Integrity and more than ordinary good Principles) lead him to corruption, and exacting of illegall and extortious Fees from the Inhabitants to make good the Sallary Even so far (may it please your Lordships) hath the malignancy of his Disposition had pre- p. 119  
dominancy over him as to corrupt one of their Majestys Councill (viz<sup>t</sup>) Coll Henry Iowles) to acquit & desert the Honours of his Post, and accept under him the Place & Office of a County Court Clerk to the great Dishonour of his former Commission dissatisfaction of the rest of his Brethren and the wonder of the whole Countrey but we must of necessity Conclude there is some other private and secret design & intregue to be managed and carried on by them and their dissafected Party to the Prejudice of the Government and their Majestys Service for which reason (according to the powers & authoritys given to the Governor in his Instructions) we thought fit to dismiss the said Coll Henry Iowles from his place in Councill and others his Military and civill Offices and commands in the County where he lives Wee cannot in duty omit to represent also unto your Lordships the rude insolent and haughty carriage and behaviour of M<sup>r</sup> Edward Randolph Surveyor Generall of their Majestys Customs here towards their Majestys good Subjects the Inhabitants and other trading & Coming into this Province insulting over them at a most prodigious Rate, commanding their psons at his pleasure and arbitrarily pressing and taking away their Servants Horses Boats Sloops and other necessarys by virtue and under Colour of his Office without making any satisfaction or allowance for the same slighting and contemning the Government and all manner of Authority besides his own and consorting himself with none but professed Papists and others their Majestys open and known Enemies in opposition to the Government being himself a Male Content & altogether dissatisfied at the present constitution in Engl<sup>d</sup> as by the Inclosed Copy of Gilbert Clarks Deposition will more plainly appear to your Lordships which had not his sudden and private Departure

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