

Parish Church, the Sunday after in the presence of Sundry persons with Weapons unbecoming the Character of a Minister he appeared at one of the Chappels and there broke the doors of that and the Sunday after in the same manner the other Chappel after doing these heroick Acts went of triumphantly to his place of residence. The Monday week after being the day appointed for our meeting for the purpose af^d we met at the Parish Church where also met a very considerable part of the parishiners, and after waiting some time expecting M^r Hughs to attend, but finding he was not likely to appear, the Vestry then proposed to the people if they would receive M^r Hughs as their Minister or reject him, when they Unanimously declared they would not; that from the Character they had received. of him and the recent instances he had given of his disposition warranted them in the opinion of his being a bad man and not Worthy of the Ministry and were determined at the resque of their fortunes to contend the legality of his Admission and requested us as their Representatives to keep the doors shut against him, until they could be properly heard which we thought was our duty to Comply with And that we as the Vestry and the more thoughtful part of the Parishiners have made it our business to make strict enquiri after M^r Hughes General Character at such places as he was well known and from every Information we can receive as also from his general Conduct since he has been here furnish us with such undeniable Vouchers as can afford us no other assurance then if we receive him our case would be nothing better then when we had Whitaker, for we have it from undeniable Authority that his Conduct was such at the Northward that they were refused him the Churches to preach in. Now Sir these several facts is a true Naritive of the whole of our Conduct and should your Excellency doubt the truth of one of them we are ready and desirious of suporting them by undeniable testimony, and whatever your Excellency hath been informed more or otherwise then herein set forth we disavow and declare to be false and feigned. Therefore from this State we humbly apprehend your Excellency will not conceive that we have done anything that can give cause of the forfeiture of your Excellency's favour or to change your good intentions in making us happy in a Teacher, And we must take the liberty to assure your Excellency that there is not one of us or do we beleive one of the Parishinors ever intended or wished to give you the least reason to suppose that we desired to do any thing to the prejudice of your Excellency's character or to lessen your Authority, and nothing would be more disagreeable to us then to enter into any litigation in which we could suppose your Authority or person could be drawn in question, but when we consider the deplorable situa-