

a vestryman is not lyable to the law as you would seem to Insinuate. Original
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You may remember his Ex^{cy} told you att the beginning of the sessions that he had and would endeavour to supporte the Creditt and reputation of all those who were in Imploy under his Matys here with all the power he had, provided they behaved themselves well, and if there be any thing wanting that is reasonable in answring your address concerning them his Ex^{cy} will be willing to pass any law or ordinance to that effect, but he is afraid that the reasons why some of the Justices and Vestrymen have not that hon^r obedience and respect shewn to them but slighted and contemned by the vulgar is theire own actions and behavioure and he is affraid they suffer themselves to be abused and affronted in open Court without punishing the offenders, that they suffer curseing and Swearing drunkenness and quarrelling too oft in court times. And how some of the Justices have allowed themselves and others Tob^o out of the publick contrary to Law Viz^t St Mary's, Calvert, Prince Georges, Dorchester and Sommersett Countyes as by Coppyes of the said County Leavyes herewith sent may appear.

It is very Supriseing to his Ex^{cy} Your representing his sitting in view of the Provinciaall Court strikes an awfull fear upon Attorneys Jurors and Suitors, but sure it cannot be upon those that are honest, but is in hopes it dos upon the Knaves.

Some of the Kings of England have sett in theire Courts at Westminster Hall, and when they have vouchsafed the courts the honour they have come to hear causes as Spectators, and he dos not understand what you mean by being restrained from that Liberty and freedom heretofore used.

And he hopes in God you can neither Jointly nor Severally accuse him of doing injustice either in Courts or out of them since he hath had the honour to Govern this Country under his Maty: but if you can, he wils you Legally to prove it.

As for your address concerning the five Laws your resolve is since all the Acts for Imposition will not be repealed the house are willing they should expire of themselves, so that his Ex^{cy} supposes it to be in vaine if it should be offered fore or three of them to be taken off, but your being persuaded that in strictness of Law a prorogation is the end of an Assembly, seems to be a very odd, dangerous and unp^rsidentiaall opinion And if he should comply with your request that the said Imposition might no more be demanded revived or enacted, he should be guilty of dispensing with the said five Laws and as for what money or Tob^o have been raised by virtue of those laws he hopes hath not been disposed off any other ways then as the said Laws direct, But if himselfe or any other hath done