

His Excellencys Answer to the aforegoing Petition Viz. U. H. J.

Annapolis 12 October 1717

On reading your Petition of this day concerning my Suspending you from your practicing in the Chancery Court save what relates to the business of the Crown The first part of it is granted Viz.

An Appeal to the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary of this Province though you first prayed it to his majesty in Council Contrary to my Sentiments, and now seem to arrogate to yourSelf my opinion

And as to your prayer that particular Facts & Instances may be Expressed of your misbehaviour I have Already given you so often Verbal notices of your manifest Contempt and undecent Behaviour in the Chancery Court that nothing can be a Stronger mark of your Obstinacy than to plead Ignorance of them.

However for the sake of Giving you an Opportunity to be Sorry for the affronts you have Offered to the Authority of that Court And to Induce you to make that Submission which is Expected from you, And without which I cannot Recede from the Order for your Suspension without prostrating the Honour of the Court, I shall give you some Instances of your Late misbehaviour.

This Chancery Court when you officiously & without any Call interrupted me that you might dissuade M<sup>r</sup> Carroll from answering the Interrogatories then proposed to him on behalf of the Honble the Commissioners for the forfeited Estates I caused you to be Silent for that time And the next day upon your giving Ill Language to another Practitioner in the face of the Court I told you that I would maintain the Honour of the Court and that no Persons shoud presume to make Reflections there and you Continuing to Justify yourSelf, I then spoke of your manner of opposing my Interrogateing M<sup>r</sup> Carroll the Preceding day And of several former passages in this Court But shall not undertake to Express the Indecent & Contumacious Tones and Gestures you think fitt to use when you have a mind to shew your disrespect. The Judges or Persons Present can only be Convinced of these by seeing and observing them, for which you must needs know you ought to Express a Sorrow. Your Repeated Provocations then urged me to Speak to you in proper terms for your Intolerable Insolence and Contempt on that as well as former Occasions and again to Assert the Authority of the Court. The only Answers you gave to what ever I affirmed was in the most