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p. 206 the Lower House would not have known that the Papers in Question went through my Hands, if they had not learn'd it from my Letter to Col. Cresap of the 28th of May, 1755, I cannot help observing to your Excellency, that a few Days after you sent Col. Cresap's Bundle of Papers, with a Message, to the late Lower House of Assembly, a Messenger came to me, as he said, from some Gentlemen of the Committee, (who had been informed as I understood by the Clerk, of the Papers having been returned to your Excellency) and told me, that they wanted those Accounts of Col. Cresap's, which had been heretofore laid before the House; I told him, that I would wait on the Gentlemen in the Afternoon, and give them an Answer. It happened that just as I came on the Parade the House was adjourned, but I addressed myself to one of the Committee, as I understood, and acquainted him with my Design of coming thither. I told him what I knew about the Papers, and said, I presumed Col. Cresap would readily lay them before the Committee, in case they should think proper to call on him for them. Since the Beginning of this Session, Mr. Casson, who was a Member of that Committee, as well as One of that which was appointed in February 1755, has told me, he remembers well, that when some of the Committee asked after the Papers, in March 1756, Col. Cresap told them that he had left them at Home: And if any Gentleman of the present House, has a Desire to see those Papers, I have Reason to believe that Col. Cresap, who is now a Member, will be able to produce them. I think it incumbent on me to observe farther to your Excellency, that if the Gentlemen had only wanted a Witness against their Clerk, they need not have sent for one out of the House, for I have been well informed, one of the Members has said, since I was before the House, that if the Gentlemen had Questioned him concerning the Papers, instead of sending for me, he could have told them how they went out of the House, and that he was not the only One among them that could have given them such Information. But whatever the Gentlemen's Design was, in desiring that I might be sent for, I find, that from my declining to answer about a Matter which I could not instantly recollect, an Occasion has been taken to calumniate and asperse my Character. False Stories have been artfully and most industriously propagated through the Province. Many People have been made to believe, that the Sum of £40,000 which was Granted some Time since for his Majesty's Service, had passed through my Hands, and that I absolutely Refused to Account for it: This I have been advised of by Mr. Waggaman, a Member of the House, who did me the Justice to undeceive the People whom he heard mention it. In some Counties it has been alledged, that I denied my Hand-Writing; and in Others, that I had Stole an Account which had been passed by the Assembly, and secretly put another in it's Room, by your Excellency's Order, with a View of Defrauding the Public of several Hundred Pounds. To whose Gen-

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