

Justice of peace in Somerset County doth Exercise an Arbitrary power over the Good people there with such Great Rigour & Extremity, that many of the Inhabitants groane und^r it. Liber J J
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That at my the said Jones being at the hore Keele in Worcester County the sd Smith did openly declare that he would not obey the millitary power there whereupon Diverse deserted their Comand^{rs}. and if any supply had beene sent the Dutch that opposition had beene made wee had all been Ruined w^{ch} words the said Smith hath since used, and further sayd he would be Cesar aut nihil.

That whereas his Excellency had apointed & ordered the surveyo^r Francis Jenkins should lay out at the Hore Keele Neck a mile square for a Towne according to the Directions of the Justices of y^e County the said Henry Smith & Francis Jenkins by Combination & Confederacy together that notwthstanding the Directions of the Justices the said Jenkins did Layout for y^e mile or y^e Towne in other manner then the Justices had Directed saying he would lay out the Towne where he listed himself, And by Covin betwixt him & y^e said Smith the said Jenkins survey'd six hundred Acres of land for y^e said Smith where the Towne should have beene After w^{ch} the said Smith passed the same over to the said Jenkins, whereupon the said Thomas Jones prayeth the discretion of the hono^{ble} Board, and that the said Henry Smith may be Required to answer to the p^rmises. Item

Tho: Jones.

Endorsed Ignoramus.

These are humbly to informe yo^r Excellency that Capt Thomas Jones did wth six or seaven men goe up to the Hore Keele where he first caused all y^e Dutchmen to be bound then opened their Chests taking severall furies & two Blankets, and some Powder the w^{ch} he ordered to be throwne into y^e River and Dranke their Anniseed Water this by Information.

Upon August the 22th wee did see him bring into the Guard (with others he Employed) Deere skins Wampum Peake Blankets Trading Cloth powder pipes Knives looking glasses, with severall ffurrs wee suppose to the vallue of sixty pounds sterling.

Also the said Thomas Jones did upon the 21th of August ride up to one Robert Catlin and Drew his sword calling him ould Rouge and Dogg with other Scurrilous Exp^rssions, and Runn his sword thorow his Cloathes to his skynn only for accidentally carryeing us a little out of y^e way.

That he did upon the 23th of August when Complaint was made to me as being one of his Lo^{pps} Justices of y^e Peace for his taking a way a pound of Powder from an English man w^{ch} he Kept for his Defence and had Returnd not much above halfe did Reply that if I the said Smith had so much there he would seize it giving me the ly with many other Scurrilous Exp^rssions and threats declaring he