

Annoq̄ Domini 1672 came Henry Smith and Francis Jenkins in their proper persons in open Court here and gave the Court to understand and be informed (vizt) Liber JJ

These are humbly to informe yo^r Excellency that Cap^t Thomas Jones did with six or seven men goe up to the Horekeele, where he first caused all the Dutchmen to be bound then opened their Chests taking severall ffurze, and Two blankets and some powder the which he ordered to be throwne into the 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 Deare skynns Wampum peake blankets Trading Cloth powder pipes Knives looking glasses with severall ffurze 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 Catlyn and Drew his sword calling him ould Rouge & Dogge with other scurrilous Expressions and Runn his sword thorough his Cloathes to his skynn only for accidentally carrying us a little out of the 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 away a pound of powder from an Englishman which he kept for his Defence and had Retorned 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 Expressions and threats Declaring he would not show his Comission to such a one as I was. That upon August the 24th after my Depture did Cause Daniel Browne by a warrant to seize two of my mares with severall others Notwithstanding they had beene there as by information at least Two yeares.

That the said Thomas Jones being Sheriff of Somerset County did at a Court held in August p^rsent an undersheriff to the Court Declaring that he did not Intend to sweare him but since the Court suffered him to be abused he would sit with them no more and if they would not sweare him he would he also Declared he would goe no more to Court for he had provided an under officer good Enough to scould with the Com^{rs} of the Court, that an ord^r of Court sent to him to Execute as Sheriff he did in p^rsence of foure gentlemen of Virginia refuse and flung it back againe to the bearer. all which with many other abuses doth Disincourage most people to seate those parts.

The answ^r of Thomas Jones to the Rude and undigested Page Directed to his Excellency and Conteyneing matter supposing certeyne Crymes & misdemean^{rs} to be by him the said Jones Comitted and exhibitted by Henry Smith and Francis Jenkins and now exhibited as an informa^{con} to this Hon^{ble} Court on the behalfe of themselves

To the first Article the Respond^t saith that true it is he did with