

Publicke Peace or any way in derogation of the Kings Authority or Interest, you know what to doe according to their respective Inseparableness, wee are all here unanimously resolved to keep the Countie in the present Settlement till order from his Maiestie w^{ch} wee are verie sure according to our repeated Petitions will be for a Protestant government, vnder which alone wee reckon our selves onely safe and to noe other will wee submit, faithfully believing his Maiesties reiterated Declarations of his great Zeale for the Protestant Interest with his royall undertakings haue made good I am glad to be vn-stand his maiesties particular service ab to o^r present defence, is not neglected with you in order to whitt haue sent Capt^e Browne what powder and shott can possible spare; wee are all here verie confident that the sole vaine discourses of some soft & vndone men will not shake yo^r Loyaltye upon which supposition think needles to add but that I am Gentle^m yo^r most faithful servant In^o Good if none of the Coron^e be fit or shall refuse the service Capt^e Smith or some other must be constituted, In^o Good

Subscriptions of the aforesaid Letter viz
 To Coll^o W^m Colburne and other his Maiesties officers
 Militarij & Civil in Somerset County
 for the Kings service Present

Gentlemen Yo^r by Capt^e Browne I haue perused and wonder that both the Civil & military officers of yo^r Countie being armed with soe ample authority (by the ordinance of Assembly) to suppress all disloyall practises against their Maiesties, you haue so long neglected the calling to account Capt^e Whittington whose practises of y^e nature are here too frequently discouered of to be an ill example of others, as you haue hitherto bene verie Loyall soe hope you will still continue; the w^{ch} you cannot better manifest then by giving as speedy order to his disloyall practise & removing him from his office, & placing one more Loyall in his roome the which if the Commission^{er} doe approve of I cannot advise to a better then Capt^e Smith, understanding y^e Chief military officer here hath writt at large to you shall ad noe further but that I am Gentleman
 yo^r humble servant Kenelin Cheseldyng

October 19th 1649

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 To the worshipfull the Commission^{er} of
 Somerset County These present

Gent: I haue a summons from a Supreme Authority soe y^e I might haue all this Province I cannot attend although at this time I haue a small intermission to write this but soe Confused through the Mayor part of last nights misery I want of rest y^e it is great doubt whether there may be any sense or yet soe far am capable to answer what is laid to my Charge that in brevity soe soon as I came from Proclaiming thier Ma^{ties} or I was by good Informacion told thier Ma^{ties} had sent a Larkett to this Province wherein concluded soe much of thier Royall pleasure was made known as wee might know how y^e Govern^{ment} should continue The contents whereof wee haue not bin thought worthy to know but if any thing had bene contained that might haue contained to the subversion of y^e authority formerly nor doe but it had bin published w^{ch} if to the contrary I cannot see well how I can be discharged from the trust formerly imposed more especially if y^e Cause inserted in y^e late ordinance of parliament relating to y^e continuance of the officers be considered neither was it ever known that officers could serve without taking the usual oath y^e law provided soe y^e be considered since thier most gracious Ma^{ties} hath not dissented to the late government vnder y^e word But more (by any wayes as wee can understand) they assented soe y^e as it is y^e I had rather serve the precept bearing the Kings Royall than any other I cannot doe without an authority springing from his Ma^{ties} as I haue the King but notwithstanding y^e might be taken as might be taken