

Y^{rs} humble servant
Francis Gray, Rob. Sedgrave & Co
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on Sunday the first of July, William Lewis informant (Capt. Cornwall) that obtained
of the servants had drawn a petition to Sr John Hervey, & intended at 4 o'clock
the next morning to present all the said papers to it. whereupon the Captain
(calling unto him the Secretary) sent for Robt. Sedgrave (out of the parish
informed of) and examined him thereof, who confessed he had drawn a writing
& delivered it to Francis Gray, who being likewise examined, had the writing
in his pocket & delivered it to the Captain. The writing was of the tenor

The Bishop for Cornwall
the Bishop
The Secretary and Capt. Cornwall
were present at the Court

Beloved in our Lord be it to give you notice of the abuse
and scandalous expressions in God and his ministers daily suffered
by William Lewis of St. Julians, who says that our ministers are the
Ministry of the Devil; and that our books are made by the instruments
of the Devil, and further says that your servants are under the charge
of the Devil, and further says that your servants are under the charge
of the Devil, nor read any books which do appertain to our religion
within the course of the said William Lewis, to the great discomfort of
your poor servants who are under his subjection, especially in
this ~~country~~ country where we have no godly ministers to
teach and instruct ignorant people in the grounds of religion. And
as for people who would send the said Lewis or otherwise to pass the
waters, the said Lewis takes occasion to call you into the charge, and your
labours with all your cunning craft and subtilty to delude ignorant persons

Therefore we beseech your brethren in Christ and Sabie of the said that you will
doe in what lieth in you to take up the said abuse and scandalous words
to be retracted, and that God and his ministers may not be so grievously
by such ignominious reports; and we doubt but you will be ready to
and word, if rather to comfort the eternal joy and felicity to reign in that eternal
kingdom which is the chief end of our being for evermore. All which we would
said in your former petition against the said Lewis, by your former writing with the
upon this and opportunity shall you be able to do.

And being further examined touching the content of the writing, Francis Gray
said that he was not acquainted with the writing till it was delivered to him
by Robt. Sedgrave, & that he had not as yet read it, & that Robt. Sedgrave
desired him to publish it to some of the freemen, for the intent only
to present you to issue a petition to your Governor about the
petition for the redressing of the said grievances which were complained of in the
writing. whereupon the Captain would you to attend again in the afternoon
& to bring presently for your answering the matter at the Court; and in
the next time to demand your self quietly and soberly. And in the
whereunto the Captain and the Secretary bound you over with a precept to
answer it at the next Court.

On Tuesday 3^d July; the Sheriff was commanded by warrant from the Governor
Lewis, Robt. Sedgrave, Francis Gray, the Bishop Cornwall
of Court, where were present the Governor, the Captain
the Governor's demand of Robt. Sedgrave was
were present and he confessed it. he demanded further touching
of the writing, and he answered as aforesaid; and being demanded
of the writing, he said that himself and Francis