Gray being mutch offended wth ye [illegible] ...
gine to draw a writing to Send of ye freemen, and ye would procure ye to
joine in a petition to Ge Generall & Counsell wth ye said Robt. Sedgrave. Did
accordingly ye next day: but ffrancis Gray wished gine to delye it till
ye 2nd Sabboth wch was Cosly; wch was ye Saturday ye last of June: and on Sunday
morning meeting wth ffrancis Gray at ye ffort, he asked gine wether ye 2nd Sabboth
wch was Coster, wch said ye 2nd, & yat was Coster 2nd yrben gine good satisfaction in it,
& Shewed unto william Lewis forging untruthfulness Slanders and ill governed speech
and said it was fitt ye Minister should be enquired. and ffrancis Gray asked gine for ye writ-
ing, and putt it up, & were going with it to ye Governor, when ye Captaine
called gine in & ye way. and ffrancis Gray being examined wether yat
he did wish gine to draw ye writing, to be delivered to 2. or 3. of ye freemen.
and his reason was because ye said Servants said no. Councell ye what to doe in it, for
would he would go to Ge. Governor to move for redresse as ye freemen would.
Then were ye complaints subscribed in ye writing agst. william Lewis taken into
examination. And leaving ye first, Ellis Morgan, did depose yat William
Lewis coming in to ye roome where ffrancis Gray and Robt. Sedgrave
were reading of wt. Smiths sermons, will. Lewis said yat ye booke was made by
ye instrument of Ge Divell. and Robt. Sedgrave being demanded wether
william Lewis spake in generall of Protestants books, or of yat booke in particular,
did he could not well remember wether in books of books in generall. And
william Lewis being putt to it afterwards confessed yat coming into ye roome where
ye were reading of a booke, ye read it aloud to ye and he could guess it, and
yat ye matter being much reproachfull to ye religion, viz yat Ge Pope was Chris
tian, and Ge Jesuits, Antichristian ministers &c. he told them yat it was a
good, & came from Ge Divell, as all lies did, & yat he yat writ it was an instru
of Ge Divell, & he he would approve it, and further he said not. Then
Robt. Sedgrave & ffrancis Gray (Servants and Freemen) ye said
coming ye second, it was deposed by 2. witnesses yat william Lewis said in
ye ministers (in regard of Protestants) were ye ministers of Ge Divell.
coming ye third, Robt. Sedgrave said yat at first yat william Lewis did forbid
to use or take any Protestant books within ye house; wch being denied by wm
Lewis, & yat he had expressly given them leave to use or take books, & he
them not to be offended or displeased in ye owne house, and yat upon
such coming yat Booke they in reading; Robt. Sedgrave said yat they
certainly might he forbad them yat book only, or all other books. and
Jurat (a Protestant produced by ffrancis Gray, and a Protestant) being sworn
said, yat william Lewis he said yat ffrancis Gray could not read yat book in
house, nor no other booke following of ye way; but no more or further as
they was present. Carnde, and Ellis Morgan examined upon oath, and ye
testified coming Ge forbidding of yat Booke, but not any further as
Then was it alledged by william Lewis yat ye in behalf of
ye Protestants together, and to send a petition under
and Counsell of virginia, yat they would send
-ded agst him for a traitour. and ye Ge
Jurat Egerton Sar. yat ye Declared