

But by the request of the Governour as an insufficient proof, and the parties themselves demanded that the words; it was answered that the same were not a reading yet day before. Whereupon the Governour thought fitt to deferre their triall and refused till the witnesses could be produced in Court; and in the interim time called the Secretary to deliberate the request touching the complaint agt. William Lewis.

And the Secretary founde him guilty of an <sup>offensive</sup> ~~unlawfull~~ & undignified speech in calling the authors of the booke an infant of the Devil; but acquitted him from that he was charged withall in the writing, yet he was <sup>not</sup> founde guilty touching the Protestants ministers in generall. The Liberales founde him guilty of a very offensive speech in calling the Protestants ministers, the ministers of the Devil. The Liberales founde him to have exceeded in forbidding him to read a booke otherwise allowed to be lawfull to be read by the State of England; but he acquitted him of the accusation that he forbade the servants to read or use the Protestants booke in the house. And because of the offence hee committed, & also of his unreasonable disputing in point of religion toward the Governour of the publique part & quiett of the colony; and was committed by the Governour against a publique proclamation lett forth to prohibit all such disputes, & therefore fined him in 500. weight of tobacco to the Lord of the Province; & to remaine in the Governours custody untill he founde sufficient security for his good behaviour in the future time to come.

The Captains Liberales founde him to have offended agt. the publique part, and agt. the proclamation made for the suppressing of all such disputes & divisions & stirring of a faction in religion; and therefore founde him Liberales 500. weight of tobacco to the Lord of the Province. But for his good behaviour thought fitt to leave it to his owne discretion.

The Governour returned word in the behalfe with the Secretary. And so the Court broke up. and William Lewis was committed to the Governours custody.

Afterward he was founde security for his good behaviour; and was bound as follows;

July. 1630. William Lewis, Jose Madralfe, and Richard Browne, acknowledged to the Governour to owe unto the Lord Proprietaries 3000. weight of tobacco, to be paid unto the said Lo. Proprietaries, or his executors, or assigns, on the tenth of November next, in case the said William Lewis shall offend the Governour of the colony or of the inhabitants thereof by invidious & unnecessary arguments or disputations in matter of religion; or shall use any injurious words, or speeches touching the booke or ministers authorized by the State of England.

Richard Browne and  
John Leugen Secretary.

signed;

William Lewis  
Jose Madralfe  
Richard Browne