

give theyr due attendance on his Lieutenant at all Provinciall Courts &c (as by the said declaration (Relation there-  
 onto being had) more at large appears) And also that in  
 case any of his Lordships Councillors shall in Drunkenes or o-  
 ther Scandalous or vitious manner of liveing misbehave them-  
 selves his said Lieutenant against them to proceed according  
 to Justice hath commanded Now so it is that the said Thomas  
 Gerrard being on the 23<sup>th</sup> of March 1656 required to attend the  
 said Lieutenant at a Provinciall court to be holden at New-  
 towne the next day without any lawfull cause shewen or mee-  
 rely that the said Court should not be holden nor Justice be  
 then by his Lordships Officers & Ministers nor his said Lordships  
 Affairs dispatched did willfully & maliciously refuse to attend  
 his said Charge and Office contrary to his duty & the trust re-  
 posed in him: And also to the great offence of Almighty God  
 & dishonor of his Lordship & whole Councell hath diverse times  
 misbehave himselfe & offend in Drunkenes & other Lewd  
 behaviour w<sup>ch</sup> for respect to his person & the whole Councell  
 forbear to particularize unless forced to make prooffe thereof  
 by his denyall But that some convenient Certainty maybe  
 contained in this Information Doe charge him with the s<sup>d</sup>  
 Drunkenes & Lewd behaviour Comitted on board of Covills ship  
 Riding in St Georges River & in his passage from thence to  
 Mr Edwards Packers Landing & from that Landing in his passage  
 up the River to Mr Thomas Mathers his house.

The foregoing times & misdemeanors being duly wayed  
 & considered This Lordships Attorney humbly pray that the s<sup>d</sup>  
 Gerrard maybe brought to Indigne & Exemplary Punishment  
 according to the Lawes of this Province & the severall power  
 to this Hono<sup>ble</sup> Board Comitted by his Lordship for the Mainte-  
 nance of Gods Honor his Lordships Just Rights & the Peoples pe-  
 ace & welfare.

Whereupon were Read the depositions of Luke Gardner &  
 Walter Pakes formerly taken by Commission from the Governour  
 & owned by the said Gardner & Pakes before the Councell.

Captaine Nicholas Puyther then sworne saith he was  
 on board Covills ship with Mr Gerrard that he came from on bo-  
 ard with him to Mr Packers Landing that he can not swear that  
 he was Drunke but that he had bin drinking & further saith  
 not.

Mr Henry Coursey then sworne Also saith that he  
 was on board of Covills ship with Mr Gerrard that the said  
 Gerrard had drunke something extraordinary but was not  
 much in drinke but he could get out of a Cotts way & further  
 saith not

The s<sup>d</sup> Gerrard desired day to putt in his answer, & day was  
 granted till the next Provinciall Court.  
 And ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Gerrard should have Copyes of the  
 Informacion & depositions brought in against him.