

The said Human stands charged of Crimes committed against the Laws of God, Nations, this Province, as also against the Commission and Instructions given him E<sup>z</sup>. for the Barbarous Cruelty in causing to be put to Death and Murdering the five Indians of which he being found guilty the Punishment Prescribed and assigned in the said Act of Attainder does no ways agree with or Answer the Nature of that Defence It being greatly Dishonourable, as well as unsafe and Dangerous to lay any fine in such Cases and where such Horrid Crimes have been committed

That the Lower house of Assembly having laid the Impeachment soe high (thought as it is conceived) no higher then the Nature of the Crime well Deserved, It will be much Wondered by those who shall hear and view our Proceedings thereon what shall be the Cause why the same hath been past over with so slender and slight a Punishment, being no more than what Crimes of a more Inferior Nature might have Deserved, That by this Act of Attainder the Govern<sup>mt</sup>. will not sufficiently be cleared nor have it made appear to the World how much the Wickedness of that Action is Detested and Disowned by us nor in any sort will the Lower house of Assembly make out that great Sense which in their Impeachment they have expressed to have of that Action

And which very much concerns the Interest and Safety of the Govern<sup>ment</sup> it will not give any Satisfaction to the N<sup>e</sup>athens, with whom the Publick faith hath been broke, and untill such Actions are in a more Publick Manner Disowned, that the Indians may take Notice thereof It is not to be expected that any faith or Credit will be given to any Treaties we shall have with them which in this Dangerous Juncture of Affairs the Country will stand in need of and on which we must in some Measure Depend on, as the Lower house of Assembly were of Opinion when they sent the Paper in Answer to Captain John Allens longer hanging

That if Crimes of so high a Nature shall Deserve no greater Punishment than what is inflicted by that Act, Offences of a lower Nature will not require any, and by this Means and through such Proceedings as these, no Commissions, Instructions Powers and Directions for the future will ever be Observed and to no Purpose will it be to think to tie up an Officer by such hereafter, and so all Authority will become ridiculous & Contemptible. That by this Act the Lower house of Assembly will have owned the Actions of the said Human more than as they ought to have done Detested and Abhorred them and so render the Govern<sup>ment</sup> Odious to all People that shall become acquainted with the Proceedings

Signed by Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Boughton C<sup>o</sup> of the Assembly  
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This Paper being read in the Lower house and the Debate expressed in this house touching the said Bill of Attainder and voted *Unanim* *Controdictorie* that the said Major Human for his Crime does not Deserve Death in Regard that several Circumstances that appeared at