

Me wherein he had power given him to receive all the money raised for the Support of Government and even that for purchasing arms for the Defence of the Country. — I refused indeed to comply with both these his Demands as being expressly Contrary to the Laws of the Province and Surely I am Excusably also in point of ^{for so doing for I should have} been by so servile a Compliance reduced to the Despicable Circumstance of Applying to him for my bread, by craving of him that Appointment, their Lordships were pleas'd to Nominate for my maintenance and also been Guilty of betraying this Country into the hands of a man, who by Principle is an Enemy to the Protestant Constitution and this too at a time when the rebellion was Scarcely Suppressed in great Britain and other Invasions threaten'd to Destroy it —

This person not only renewed his Demand of ~~the money~~ ^{the money} mention'd for the Support and Defence of the Government in his Letter of the 9th October 1716 But had the Confidence therein to caution me ag^t passing some Laws, the Assembly then sitting had prepar'd for my Answer. I shall only mention one Law I did not with standing his Insolent advice then pass ^{Vir:} —

An Act for the better Security of his Lordships Govern^t and the Protestant Interest within this Province

The first Publick Occasion this Person Exerted his Commission was to Discharge two Criminals out of Prison, one of them his Nephew) who had been Inform'd against for firing the Great Guns on the 30th of June last Com^{it} of more heinous Crimes