

good of the People ouer whome he was placed as a minister of Justice hath falsely & malitiously and against the Oath of Councillor of state within this Province by him taken the Private debates of the Councill disclosed viz at M^r Robert Slyes house at or about the beginning of May last that it was at the councill Resolued to make M^r Richard Preston one of his Lordships Councillors hath before many persons affirmed & as a debate of the Councill disclosed contrary to his duty, faith, & Oath for secesy solemnly taken. Liber H. H.

And whereas the disafection of the People to theyr Governours, in all places & in particular in this Province hath bin cuer found pernicious and destructive to the Peace & wellfare of the People the s^d Gerrard (Aymeing at his owne Greatenes w^{ch} in vnsettled times he might vphould when by the sad distractions of this Province no one Party could for the endeauours of the other such factious spiritts sufficiently controule) false & scandalous speaches & Reports hath cast abroad tending to Avert & alienate the minds of his lordships best freinds from his Lordships Governor & consequently Govern^t heere (since without officers no Govern^t can stand) Insinuateing Cunningly vnto the People (viz at or about the beginning of May last at M^r Robert Slye aforesaid) that the Governor would yeald vnto any thing (Howe preiudiciall soeuer to that Party that had as freinds asserted his lordships Just Rights) requested by the People at Annarundell then & there sayeing the Governor will giue them any thing or words to that effect. Which words so full of Mallice, Cunning & Covertly Vttered to sett our wounds euen then scarsely healed fresh on bleeding & to embroile the Country in worse & more dangerous distempers can not by any interpretacōn (nowe to be putt vpon them) be rendred other then what they were viz mutinous & seditious & tending to the disherison of his Lordship & his Heires since they are well & truly interpreted at another time by him selfe Sayeing what cares Captaine Fendall what he giues away since there was neuer Governor yett but had halfe the Rents fines & forfeitures Insinuateing thereby a Carelesnes in his Lordships Governor of the Just Rights of all persons in Respect of his owne Gaine & further falsely & malitiously suggesting that the said Captaine Fendall cared not what he did to embroile the country since he had nothing to loose to the vniust scandall of the said Captaine Fendall Governor of this Province & damage & dishonor of his Lordship. p. 32

Neither hath his malicious & scandalous tongue reached at his Lordships Lieutenant only & in him at his Lordships Jurisdiction & Government, but well knoweing the affections of the People not easily to be alienated by the endeavours of one man he hath what in him lay endeauoured to destroy the