

to be hoped for the like at another time, he the said Giles Brent vpon his arrivall at Kent vnderstanding of a Commission granted to m^r William Brainthwait for the command of that Iland; & taking disgust thereat, or for some other secrett discontent or disaffection to the good & wellfare of the govern^t as may reasonably be supposed, did not vse or exequite the said Commission according to the power therin granted & the trust & charge vndertaken by him but devising how to make the Commission & designe ineffectuall & successlesse with his owne impunity as much as might be, and to give the people there an occasion of refusing and disobeying it, instead of a serious & thorow exequuting of it as his duety & charge was did leave it to their consideration whether they were willing to be pressed or no, & vsed words to signifie they should not be vrge against their wills or to that purpose, & vpon their refusall of that so gentle a proposition did dismisse them without pressing any, pretending (as he saith since) some illegalities then found in the Commission; which illegalities neverthesse vpon some new thoughts he easily swallowed, and issued warrants for the pressing of 20. souldiers, who came wth their armes according to his comand & were ready to be employed by him; but receiving from them some expressions of vnwillingnes he easily admitted thereof; & of his owne head without authority dismissed them againe, and so lett the whole enterprise & charge fall to the ground; in great contempt of the authority & govern^t of the place, to the great disgrace & disrepute of o^r nation among the Indians our neighbors & dependants who had great expecta^on of the issue of that expedition, to the encouragem^t & ill example of the people to contemne the like commissions at another time, to the eminent danger of the whole colony, and the indamaging of his Lo^p and the country in a fruitlesse expence of so much tobacco beside much lesse & hindrance to p^ticular p^{so}ns. Wherefore saving to him selfe the advantage of adding such other articles herevnto in time convenient as he shall think fitt & of replying to the allegations w^{ch} shalbe made by the said Giles Brent he prayeth that the said Giles Brent may be called to answe^r vpon oath to the said misdemeanors contempts & such further Interrogatories as shalbe administred to him therevpon & that such proceedings & sentence may be had & vsed ags^t him as iustice shall require.

Commission for examining witnesses on m^r Brents st
 Cecilius Lord Proprietary &c. To o^r trusty & beloved Robert Vaughan Lieuten^t of o^r Ile and County of Kent, william Luddinton & Richard Thomson gent greeting. we doe hereby authorise you & with all will & require you or any two of you whereof

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