

and to prevent any rebellious or mutinous practices or attempts against his Lops say^d Gouvernmt. a Severe Penall Law and as if all that were nott sufficient to tye our Consciences by an Oath of Fidelitye though seldome administred butt to those in Civil and Military offices and dispensed withall to those called Quakers yett notwithstanding all those Tyes and obligations some few persons out of Ambition Envy Malice or Revenge as wee heare was sworne against Cap^t Codd before the King and Councill and that sett downe in a marginall Note did head the multitude in a rietous rebellious mutinous manner setting forth a Declaration for the grounds of their Riseing and appearing in armes thereby and by many false asperitions and Calomnyes cast on his Lordps and Gouvernmt of Tyranny and oppression (of it when they came to the Test before his Maj^{ty} and Councill no prooffe could be made) disperst abroad to amuse the weaker sort of people other wise well meaneing people and to Draw them to loyne wth them they seized the Records att St Maries his Lordsp^s house they called Garrison) where some of the Deputy Gouverners with their wives and Children were retired to avoyd popular fury they forced to a surrender (having placed great gunns against the same) upon Certaine articles such as the King leaders of that faction would admitt them to and after those articles by them consented to (w^{ch} are kept to Infidels Turks and Iewes) they soon breake the same Imprisoning some and hunting after others and doeing many personell Injuries in body and goods and all those their actions unwarranted by any Commission from their Maj^{ties} w^{ch} if Iudge Cook may have Credit 3^d Inst cap Treason are noe less than Treasonable practises and Levying Warr &^{ca} that Maj^r Sewall was one of the Dep: Go: and concerned in those artles and contrary thereto was sought after and forced from his house and to goe up and downe in his yacht to buy goods and provisions for his family and being upon that necessary affaire a Convention of the Representation of the Province as they were termed but unduely Elected many dissenting and few but the military men persons Engaged in that designe Electors or Elected the sd Convention taking upon them the Power of disposing of all Officers civil and Military did Constitute Cap^t John Coode Commander in chief of all the forces in Armes Especially in St Maryes and Charles County and the said Cap^t Coode did about the 8th 8^{ber} 1687 send out a warrant to the s^d M^r Payne and one Edw^d Greenhalgh two new made Cap^s to seize Maj^r Sewall and his yacht pretending he was fled from Iustice for misdemeanours by him done against his Maj^{ty} and the peace of the Province though In truth he had not acted anything in prejudice of Either but was gone up the Bay to buy goods as

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