

kept Close prisoner wthout Baile or Maineprize, till I should be delivered thence or otherwise disposed off by ord^r of the Councill: In the meane time I was in the sight of the Gouverno^{rs} house searcht & all papers taken from me, as if Treason had been laid to my charge, my Studdy & chambers Ransackt at the same time, and Strict orders given that I should neither write nor Receive any Lett^{rs} but what the Sherriffe should first peruse, that as I was wholly Ignorant of my Crimes, soe I might be utterly incapable to of makeing any Complaint to his Maj^{tie} ag^t the Injustice of such proceedings: being after denyed my habeas Corpus (w^{ch} is the great security of the lives & libertyes of euery English Subject) by all the Justices of the provinciall Court, both in the Court holden in May Last as also by seuerall of them upon my applicōn to them in their particular Capacities, Refused Even by M^r John Lewellin Coppys of all Ord^{rs} of Councill w^{ch} were passed concerning me, and by my very Clk William Taylard both to my Attorney & my selfe vpon my letter to him, any Cobby of the Judgm^t of the Court given by Coll Blakiston upon the denyall of my habeas Corpus, wherefore haveing bin now Continued a prisoner aboue five Months without any hope of remedy or redress from the Council, I appeale to you Gent. from these proceedings and ag^t all those apparent violations of Comōn Right & Justice; Requesting of you in behalfe of my selfe & of the Rights & Libertyes of all the Kings good Subjects, your Judgm^t & Resolutions upon these Quæries following—ffirst:

1. Whether any person sumōned by the Gouverno^r & Councill to answer att a day appointed to particular Crimes said to be charged upon him, can legally be comitted wthout being accused at his Appearance, or permitted to answer for him self, and

2. Whether upon such Comittment the Sherriffe of the County can, as he still does me, keep and Detaine him.

3. Whether his Crime for which he is comitted ought not particularly to be Expressed in his Comittm^t

4. Whether the Gouverno^r & Councill can Comitt any man for any Crime whatsoever to be detained till delivered or otherwise disposed off by further Order of Councill Only.

5. Whether upon allegation of any offence comitted the Subjects of this Province can be denyed their Habeas Corpus to bring them up to the next Provinciall Court to be Bayled or Tryed according to the nature of the Offence.

6. Whether a Man can be imprisoned in any other County by the laws of England then in that wherein the Crime alledg'd is supposed to be Comitted.

7. Whether the place of publick notary of this Province