

fore I prayed his Hon<sup>r</sup> to take some Care to prevent farther <sup>B. M.</sup> Damage, but he was pleased to tell me Day was a Vessell of <sup>Vol. 25.</sup> force & well man'd & for want of Men & Armes to suppress them there was noe help for they would doe what they pleased, I told his Hon<sup>r</sup> I thought such fellows ought not to haue a Comicion w<sup>th</sup>out security that if any one was Damnyed they might come on the Security. But in the Hight of these distracions your Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased so farr to Consid<sup>r</sup> the King's interest & that of his Subjects to send a force of men to seize Cap<sup>t</sup> Day & his Crew of Rogues which was Effectually done, but then this Governm<sup>t</sup> that could not protect themselves from fifty Rogues could presently raise men enough to resque those fellows from the Kings forces w<sup>ch</sup> were of a greater number, nay, w<sup>ch</sup> was more when the Comander of the Kings forces came to the Govern<sup>r</sup> he threatned to comitt him for seizing those Rogues by vertue of his Commission & told the Livet<sup>t</sup> that they were honest men & that they were not Seizeable, when I was informed of this I prayed the Liv<sup>tt</sup> to goe w<sup>th</sup> me to the Govern<sup>r</sup> and I would Justify to his face the matter Contained in your Ex<sup>cys</sup> Comand what I haue here set forth w<sup>ch</sup> accordingly I did as the Lievet<sup>t</sup> can fully inform your Ex<sup>cy</sup> Upon w<sup>ch</sup> he was pleased to treat the Liev<sup>tt</sup> more civilly and resolved to take new measures by Sommoning his Council but noe care taken to secure the men for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> Service There has been measures vsed to Possess the people w<sup>th</sup> prejudice & th<sup>t</sup> you have acted illegally but the men of Sence of all sorts do think your Ex<sup>cy</sup> haue done the King & this Country good service Especially all men of Trade I am sure I will give such Acc<sup>t</sup> of the matter to my Employers, as will oblige them to Acknowledg your Ex<sup>cys</sup> favour my worthy freind Coll. Quarry will bring all the deposicions relating to this affair to your Ex<sup>cy</sup> to whom I wholly reffer your Ex<sup>cy</sup> knowing him to be very Zealous for your service So beging pardon for this trouble must beg Leave to assure your Ex<sup>cy</sup> that I am in all Sincerity yo<sup>r</sup> Excell most Obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Fra: Jones

True Copy

[signed] Fr. Nicholson.

[F. Jones to Gov. Nicholson]

the 21, 8<sup>ber</sup> 1696.

May it please your Ex<sup>cy</sup>

Since the Inclosed I haue understood that while his Hon<sup>r</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> was considering how to mannage affaires w<sup>th</sup> the Live<sup>tt</sup> here in Towne w<sup>ch</sup> was prolonged a day one of the