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These Contrary Proceedings of ^{Mr} Thomas are resented by the People
in generall as very grievous and burdensome & call for our Repre-
sentation thereof to your Lordships for redress we are told of & expect
daily Complaints from the Commissioners of the County Courts cou-
ching the Insufficiency of their new imposed Clerks and the turning
out of those of whose abilitys and integrity they have had so good
Proof and Experience: Nor indeed can we much admire at these
irregular and unwarrantable proceedings of ^{Mr} Thomas since
we find him associating, caballing & advising and indeed con-
versing with none but the Kings open professed Enemies and
Malignants to the present Governm^t who insinuate nothing into
him but Lies and Fallacies relating to his Office and the perquisites
thereof how the same have been managed under the late Popish
Arbitrary Government and put him upon these exorbitant mea-
sures to satisfy his avaritious & greedy appetite; with such society
& advice he is so far taken up & possessed that he hath in a man-
ner deserted and alienated himself from any of our Consultations
and stands as it were **at** a distance from, and in defiance of the
Government seeking all opportunities of Complaints against the
same tho never so unjust and Fictional, Inasmuch that having
calmly and candidly debated in Council the Fees and perquisites
properly belonging & incident to his Office, whereby to ascertain and
Distinguish the same from those appropriated to others Offices, we
at last proposed to refer the same to the consideration & Decision
of the Assembly who were the best Interpreters of the Laws them-
selves made, from this he violently flew of & threatened to protest
against the same as well as against the Laws themselves because
they corresponded not with his Ravenous Expectation and Inclina-
tions of having valued himself at least at Thous^{nds} Pounds Ster^{ling} at
sight upon the bare disposition of the Clerks Places, as (is said)
himself hath reported & upon the least occasion though never so
trivial, speaks of nothing less then appealing to the King and
Council and this so publickly that he gives occasion to other malign-
ts as well as himself to set at nought and have in Contempt the
Authority of His their Majestys Government which we are well