

restore such to their limits and respective possessions as had petitioned the council; this to be the open commission only, but in truth with secret instructions to inform us of the condition of those colonies, and whether they were of such power as to be able to resist his majesty, and declare for themselves as independent of the crown, which we were told, and which of late years made them refractory." 12th Februarv. 1672. "We also deliberated on some fit person to go as commissioner to inspect their actions in New England, and from time to time report how that people stood affected."

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