

Trading into this Province did not give Bonds in England but coming  
 either the Masters of such vessels have drawn many of the goods  
 & inhabitants of this Province to become these Securities that they have  
 delivered their Tobacco or other Commodities as Act of Navigation &  
 requires yet such Dishonest and Ingratefull Masters Neglecting their  
 Duty to your Majesty and their Promise to their friends not performing  
 the Conditions of their Bonds or Careless to returne Certificated their  
 Bonds became forfeit and their Security (here found after) Judgment  
 now Given ag<sup>t</sup> them without Remedy are Lyable to Execution.

Dread Sovereign,

Though we cannot but acknowledge it is just  
 and Righteous that it should be so, yet thus much we humbly  
 offer to your Majesty that though Judgment be Given ag<sup>t</sup> many Obligors  
 because Certificate after a long time appears not yet there are strong  
 presumptions that many Certificates have been Returned and now  
 Lost and we always believe your Majesty Clemencye such as rather  
 to Pardon two Guilty then Punish one Innocent.

We therefore having hitherto had no answer to our Humble  
 address once more Implore your Majesty to extend your Royall  
 Mercy to such our Neighbours under these said Circumstances  
 most of whom we really believe to be Innocently seduced without  
 any artifice or Designe of advantage to themselves many of them are  
 Fathers of numerous and Rising Families which may hereafter  
 become very Serviceable to your Majesty and the Maintainors of Good  
 ancient Hospitality the Improvement of whose Estates will demonstrably  
 in two or three years bring more Profit to your Majesty in your Revenues  
 and Customs then their whole Estate seized at once the Callamity is  
 too Gen<sup>t</sup> the forfeitures great and will make a totall Desolation  
 in many growing Houses in this Infant Country except your Majesty  
 extend that Gracious favour which we humbly Implore in  
 such manner as to your Majesty shall seeme meet in behalfe of our  
 friends and Neighbours.

Which address being Read was signed by Mr. Speakers  
 and of severall Members.

Resolved that the said address be Lodged with the Clerk of this  
 House and to be Delivered to such Person or Persons that will undertake to  
 have the same Presented to his Majesty.

Whereupon Mr. Mich<sup>e</sup>. Miller one of the Members of this  
 House undertooke the same and the said address was accordingly  
 delivered unto him.

A Bill for Payment of Publick Charge Read 3<sup>d</sup> time & assented to  
 Ordered that Coll<sup>r</sup>. John Thompson and Mr. Philip Hopkins Carrying