

Liber K. and examine the Matter of the said Petition, and as to that Part relating to himself, he hath (in Confidence of his own Innocency, and for the more speedy Determination thereof) waved his Pretences to that favour granted him by his Majesty, in referring the same to Our Inquisition only, and submitted himself to a fair Tryal at Law, which he hath humbly supplicated, and for the reasons set forth in his Petition (Copy whereof We herewith send your Lordships) We have been induced to grant him and accordingly at Our next Provincial Court in September We have assigned him Day of Tryal; of which and the Proceedings thereon We shall take Care to remit your Lordships an Account, and for the other two Persons mentioned in the said Sewalls Petition, We find that they have passed a fair and legal Tryal, and have been duely convicted, but the Person that actually did the fact (viz^t) Iohn Woodcock hath suffered the Law, so that they are at his Majestys Pleasure for Mercy or otherwise as in his Royal Wisdom he shall see fit, which We humbly pray may be signified to Us to proceed accordingly

We have further to represent to your Lordships that here is One Rebecca Saunders at Our last Provincial Court convicted and under sentence of Condemnation for the Murder of a Bastard Child, but no positive Evidence to prove the fact, neither any Appearance or the least mark of Violence to be seen upon the Child, but great Care seemingly used by the Mother toward it in wrapping it in clean Linen, and as decently as she could, with other such like Circumstances, induces Us to believe, it was shame rather than Guilt caused her to conceal it, and therefore in the Rigor of the Law she has been convicted: We humbly recommend her to his Majestys Grace and favor as a proper Object of his Mercy

By Letters late from New York We have Advice of the necessitous Condition of that Place and their urgent Occasion for the Aid & Assistance of their Neighbours against their adjacent Enemies the French and Cannada Indians: We have contributed towards their Charge One hundred pounds
 p. 24 Sterling; and shall be willing to advance proportionably to Virginia, and other Our neighbouring Colonies by and with his Majestys Orders and Directions which We humbly pray may be intimated to Us as his Majesty shall see fit

Inclosed We present your Lordships with Our Address to their Majesties chiefly setting forth our Motives and Inducements not to permit M^r Frisby (nominated for One of the Council) to be sworn, as a Person altogether unworthy of that honour, wholly inconsistent with their Majesties Interest, & destructive to Government to admit any such; he is embarked for England with his Kinsman and Correspondent in Sedition