

U. H. J. To his Excell^y Lionell Copley Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l and Governor of this Province.

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The foregoing Petition has been read in this house, who are generally Sensible that the greatest part thereof is true and the Motives therein laid down very Pressing and therefore do humbly pray your Excellency on their Behalvs to give such grant to the same as in your wisdom you shall see Convenient

Signed p^r Order Henry Denton Cl Assembly.

Upon reading and due Consideration had of the foregoing Petition and the Vote of the house thereon it was here Considered that most or Several of the said Ships had already lain a very Considerable time in the Country.

That time of the year is now Approaching very fattall to Shipping and their Men in danger of Seasoning, whereby their Voyages may be overthrown to the great Damage of the Merchant the Dimunition of their Majestys Revenues and loss of the Shipping. That provisions is now very Extraordinary Scarce and hardly to be got upon any terms in the Country and most or all of the said Ships very barely provided Some hardly Sufficient to carry them home if not permitted forthwith to sail and have a favourable Passage: That the main design of the Embargo is already Vacated Sevrall Ships having been permitted to depart and are gone from Virginia and the time of the Embargo Prolonged at the Arbitrary Will and Pleasure of the Men of Warr without any Orders from their Majestys known to this Government.

For these reasons and that there may be an Opportunity of Sending Intelligence to England of Occurrences here, as also that there may not want a Supply of Necessarys next year by the return of the said Ships hither and many other Motives Inducing; It is advised and Resolved that it is highly Necessary to permitt such Ships (as are ready) to depart under the Convoy and Conduct of Peregrine and John Brownes Ships of good force and Countenance and that the same be humbly Recommended to his Excellency for his Licence to take off the said Embargo & present and Suffer the said Ships to depart

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly
May the 12th 1692.

The sevrall Messages this Day received from the house, the first by M^r Greenfield and M^r Codd, the second by M^r Dent and M^r Smith, Major Tripp & M^r Whittington, and the last by M^r Tasker and M^r Hawkins, have passed the Mature