

Lib. R. R. R. if any such thing were, then possibly we may be mistaken in our measures; but since wee are well assured to the contrary, wee may (wee hope) preserve our allegiance intire to his Maj^{tie} without infringeing his L^{sp}s Charter; the one being soe farr, from inconsistency with the other, that wee cannot performe our duty to one, without both, being included the one within the other: And we have been (wee conceive) soe farr from shewing any disrespect to his Maj^{tie} that wee expected, your Exncy might have had advice out of England before our Lett^r but are desirous and conclude to waite till we heare his Maj^{ties} resolutions, which (we question not) will be agreeable to his L^{sp}s Charter, and consequently contrary to your expectations.

In the meane time, as we cannot but resent in some measure, soe wee are willing to lett you see, wee observe the small notice you seeme to take of this Governm^t (contrary to that Amicable correspondency soe often promised, and expected p. 233 by us) in not holding us worthy to be advised of his Maj^{ties} being proclaimed, without which certainty wee have not been enabled to doe our duty in that particular, such advice would have been gratefully received by

Your Exncys: most humble Serv^{ts}
 Tho: Taillor Nicholas Sewall
 Vincent Lowe Ed: Pye.
 Henry Darnall

Tho: Jones prisoner aboard Allen .

The hon^{ble} Coll W^m Stevens came and informed the board that he had just recd a Lett^r from one Thomas Jones an Inhabitant of this Province, and a person of good credit and repute in Som^rsett County, complaineing that he was detained a prisoner and under hard usage aboard the Quaker Ketch, Cap^t Thomas Allen Command^r for cause unknowne, and desiring some course to be taken by their Hono^{rs} for his liberty

Whereupon was resolved and writt to Captⁿ Allen this foll Lett^r (viz.)

Co: Letter to Captⁿ Allen concerning Tho: Jones.

S^t Maries June p^{mo} 1686:

Cap^t Allen

Being credibly informed that you (being within the limitts of this Province) have taken, and deteine a prisoner in your custody aboard your Ketch, one Thomas Jones an Inhabitant