

they had fully Complied with the Bond Given by M<sup>r</sup> Forward but that they were denied in Effect the Benefit of the Property proposed by that Act being greatly hindered by the Corporation of this City by Virtue of a Law as some have said of our own making

We beg Leave to Assure your Honours that their Allegation is entirely false for we have made no such Law Nor have we Obliged them to take any of their Servants on board again after Landed nor denied them the Liberty of Selling them nor done any Action that the Factors Can justly deem prejudicial to their Employ unless Our Legal Discharge of our duty by requiring security for the good Behaviour of Persons of ill fame be such, which we hope your Honours will not think us Accountable for either to M<sup>r</sup> Forward or his factors Nor ought we to Neglect our duty tho M<sup>r</sup> Forward should lose Money by his Bargain or not get so much by it as he Expected nor does it Concern us if M<sup>r</sup> Forward should think proper for the better Advance of his Sales to become Surety for their good behaviour nor do we any ways hinder him from making the best of his bargain nor ought he to hinder us from keeping the Peace; we hope in this the Gov<sup>t</sup> will protect us

The Accusation the Factors make against one of the Magistrates we believe is misrepresented; it is affirmed by one of us that he was told M<sup>r</sup> Moale said he would send the Convicts on shore and see who dar'd Commit any of them on which the Magistrate told M<sup>r</sup> Moale if he heard him dare any Magistrate to do his Duty he would Oblige him and them too to give Security and if this be the instance the Factors mean we hope it is evident to your Honours as well by this as by other parts of their Representation at what a pragmatical height of Imperious Insolence they are raised by M<sup>r</sup> Forwards Employ they are pleased to take upon them to Advise your Honours in matters of State and without their Sphere and yet pray remedy against us for Acting According to Law and our duty which if your Honours are not pleased to oblige them in they in Effect say they must tell their Masters

May it please your Honours

If any Magistrate has transgressed the Law to the Prejudice of the Representors the Law is open for their Remedy and his punishment with which they had no need to trouble your Honours there being an ordinary Remedy

We hope the Representation of these Persons deserve no Encouragement from your Honours but that your Honours