

Lib. C. B. your Excellency's most Mercyful Predecessor's Goodness
 No. 20 been Blessed with a most Gracious Pardon of certain Offences therein enumerated, but conditionally that your unhappy Petitioner should depart the Province forty days after the date thereof the usual Clause inserted in Pardons after being discharged from his Imprisonment being omitted in the same Your Petitioner having applied to Council was informed that altho' the Clause aforesaid was omitted yet the Intent could not be otherwise, because until discharged in due form by the Sheriff the Fees of Prosecution for which he stood Committed (as also in Actions of Debt) were paid and the most Gracious Pardon aforesaid produced into Court for Allowance thereof he with safety might well tarry 'till the forty days after the requisites aforesaid were complied with Your Petitioner having ever since caused not the least premeditated offence willing to make use of the opportunity of settling his Affairs in great Confusion thro' unforeseen accidents, his Lands Mortgaged in the Year Seventeen hundred and forty Eight as also lately to the Hon^{ble} J. B. Bordley Esq^r most Intricate Accounts
 p. 99 demanding his presence, Relying on the Council as above given him, in daily expectation of a Brother's arrival (lately stopped by the hand of Providence) to act in his behalf has at times resided in your Excellency's Government not in defiance of your Excellency, of my Lord's Honourable Council, nor of the Laws of which too audacious presumption your unfortunate Petitioner is incapable but with the intent only of saving out of his almost destruction some trifle to support him hereafter therefore he most humbly doth presume to hope that having as yet no formal discharge as aforesaid nor the other requisites as yet complied with if unfortunately deluded by the Council given him he shall find Commiseration in your Excellency's Generous Breast, and not resentment, because if he has unhappily caused offence it is very innocently and an Act the which any rational being having his preservation in view could not be guilty of. Your Excellency's unfortunate Petitioner being extremely distressed for too many reasons to be Illustrated is this his humble Petition doth with all due Submission Implore your Mercy by the grant of a most Gracious Pardon with some Short allowance of time finally to adjust his Affairs hitherto by him unwarily neglected in expectation of the arrival of his Brother as aforesaid or such other Relief as in your Wisdom deemed meet. And as in Duty bound your Excellency's Petitioner shall ever pray.

James Richard.

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Pardon issue in Behalf of the abovementioned