

Loss of time in Attendance of Courts and when on a hearing L. H. J.  
 the Greatness of their Oppression by such severe prosecutions  
 have been made App<sup>r</sup> they have been dismissed the Court and  
 Could recover no Cost ag<sup>t</sup> the said Birchfield because of his  
 Acting on behalfe of the Crown altho the Trouble and Charge  
 of such Defence might have been Saved to the people in Case  
 the Af<sup>d</sup> Birchfield or his Attorney had not proceeded after  
 soe uncommon and Imethodicall a manner ag<sup>t</sup> such Defend<sup>ts</sup> p. 109  
 without Demand or notice Severall of them having declared  
 in their answers upon Oath that they were never demanded by  
 the said Maurice Birchfield Esq<sup>r</sup> or any other on her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s  
 behalf to give any Acc<sup>t</sup> of the matters in the bill untill they  
 were Served with Subpœna to answer the same of which they  
 declare the said Maurice Birchfield might have had the utmost  
 Satisfaction they were able to give upon Subpena to Testifie  
 or request made without being put to the Unnecessary Charge  
 to answer the same in form According to the Proceedings of  
 the Court of Chancery

And Because the said Maurice Birchfield Esq<sup>r</sup> is an Officer  
 Employed under his Majestie in the Affairs of the Crown wee  
 have been very Tender of giving any Countenance to the  
 persons Damnifyed to seek any remedy ag<sup>t</sup> him for the Dam-  
 age they have Sustained by the rigour of such proceedings Ag<sup>t</sup>  
 them or to make any act here to remedy the Aggrievance Com-  
 plained of, altho we are well Satisfyed the Avaritious & Liti-  
 gious Temper of the pson Employed by the said Maurice  
 Birchfield Esq<sup>r</sup> as his Attorney at Law for the Sake of In-  
 creaseing his ffees has been the Chief Cause of the Aggriev-  
 ance Complained of, And only begg the favour of your L<sup>dps</sup>  
 to take w<sup>t</sup> methods your L<sup>dps</sup> in your Great Wisdom shall  
 think proper for the procureing such necessary Cautions to  
 be given to such officers for the future as may prevent their  
 oppressing his Majesties [Subjects] here at his Majesties own  
 Expencc and Charge by having the dues of the Crown wasted  
 in the prosecuting needless Suites at Law without any Cause  
 or Very Trifleing Sumes for recovery of which the Laws of  
 the Land give Remedy by a Justice of the peace's Warr<sup>t</sup>.

May it Please your L<sup>dps</sup>

Your two houses of Assembly doe in the last place begg p. 110  
 leave to assure you that nothing Transacted in this present  
 Sessions hath been Carryed on with any design of Drawing  
 the Papists into a Persecution But that notwithstanding any  
 act that wee have made they may Still if they Please Enjoy the  
 Same Indulgence they formerly had by the Connivance of the  
 Govern<sup>t</sup>, so long as they demean themselves Peaceably and  
 without Offence.