

petition Preferred to your house against him the Copy L. H. J. whereof has been produced to us under your Clerk's hand by which it appears he Stands charged with great partiality in the Execution of his Office as a Land Commissioner, and the said Thomas Addison Esq^r haveing represented to us that the said petition without his being ever called to Answer there- to is by your house referred to the Consideration of the next Sessions of Assembly by which means he is not only deprived of the present Oppertunity of Justifieing his Conduct in the discharge of his Office Aforesaid, But further declares he cannot think it proper for him to act in those other Eminent Stations he has the honour to be advanced to in this Govern- ment untill he shall have acquitted himselfe of the facts Im- puted to him in the said Petition, and forasmuch as we think it Unreasonable that any Gentleman, and Especially those who Occupy such Honourable Employments in the Govern- ment should be Taxed after such an undecent Manner with Notorious Crimes and be Denied a Speedy Oppertunity of Justifying themselves,

We therefore in the most pressing Manner desire, that a day may be Assigned dureing the Continuance of this Sessions for the Examination of the facts set forth in the said petition and to give the said Thomas Addison Esq^r an Oppertunity of Answering for himself and as an Inducement thereto, we have herewith Sent you the Letter before mentiond whereby you may perceive what Scandalous Liberties have been taken to abuse him on other Occasions.

And we the more Earnestly press this matter to your Con- sideration as a member of this House is Concerned therein.

Signed p Order John Beale Cl: Up: Ho:

9th April 1720.

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May it please your Excy.

Its now ten years that I have had the Honour to be Im- ployed in Some Stations of Eminent Trust in this Government, and most humbly begg Pardon that I appeale to your Excy whether (Since your Arrival here, which is near Six years of that time) I have not Served my Country with my Constant Attendance and application. What may be wanting in Ca- pacity I can't account for, But thought it my duty on the Com- mand of my Sovereign To Employ the best of my Ability that way, and Should Continue most Chearfully so to do if I might with Honour, but when mens names in Such Stations as oblige them to the conservation of the peace are Treated in all Conversations (where they are absent) by the Bare terms of Little mean Rascally fellows and Taxed with such Vilainous