

& foure Children are much distrest, his Credito<sup>rs</sup> disappointed who were to be paid att my Sonns returne to New England, & in particuler M<sup>r</sup> Shrimpton whose concernes are very considerable, & my selfe very greatly concerned which may occasion itt to be hard with me, & prove a great disappointm<sup>t</sup> to me now in my ancient dayes, & having now bin att five hundred pounds charge or more, which hath bin occasioned by this busines, all which together makes itt an extream suffering, especially unto us who were his neer relations, But yet I would hope that as itt is in yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> power, so you will please to mitigate itt, & not cause itt to be more heavy by withholding that which may yield some reliefe When tyme was in the minority of this Province, itt is not unknown I suppose to some of yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> what testimony of love & good will I exprest towards this Province & many of the Inhabitants, putting my selfe upon great trouble & charge on that account, of which the ancient Lord who then was did please to take notice of, & in particuler att a certaine tyme when as Cap<sup>t</sup> Tully had invited divers M<sup>r</sup>chants Masters of Shippes ffreightors &c who were concerned with this Province unto a ffeast his Lord<sup>shipp</sup> was then pleased to take notice of me in way of good liking, & to expresse itt as his pleasure, that I should have all good encouragem<sup>t</sup> given me for the future. I tooke itt as a gratefull acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> from the ancient Lord, & held my selfe much obliged thereby After which tyme I did further engage my selfe in the Province, but have come off with much losse And now since itt is become my lott to request yo<sup>r</sup> favour I hope you will not deale unkindly with me, but looke upon me with a benigne aspect, extending yo<sup>r</sup> help so farr as may consist with righteousnes & Justice, the which will be yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup> & interest & comfort to the Widdow & ffatherles, & my selfe in particuler who am

The ninth day of April  
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Yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> to comand  
wherein I may  
John Browne

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1678

For Answer to this peticoñ the Court doe say, that as the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> of this Province is as much bound by his own Lawes as the meanest of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Subjects resideing here under the protection of his said Lord<sup>shipp</sup>, so itt is but just that his cause should be legally tryed before he be concluded. Wherefore the Court desired the peticon<sup>r</sup> to imploy Christopher Rousby gent<sup>f</sup>, Geo: Parker gent<sup>f</sup>, Charles Boteler gent<sup>f</sup> Nehemiah Blakiston gent<sup>f</sup> any one or more of them now assigned him for Councell to bring the matter legally & Speedily to heareing before the Court, that so his Lord<sup>shipp</sup>s Attorney gen<sup>ll</sup> may be ordered to Answer unto them, & speedy & effectual Justice may be done as the meritt of the cause shall require