

The humble petition of several  
of His Majesty's Subjects from England to His Province

Most humbly sheweth

That your pet. with their several  
ships have lay here some months under a strict  
Imbarge, a Ship from England which was ad-  
mitted to have been ready to sayle in a private  
not being yett arrived or any the least assur-  
ance thereof. And now the winter coming on  
your pet. are very apprehensive of hard & dangerous  
passages and the most of them being of the outports  
and under Charter party the owners of their vessels not  
being concerned in their respective Ladings. if they  
are detained here never so long they cannot expect any  
other Satisfaction then their first agreement with  
the respective Merchants. And if yo. pet. are not  
admitted to sayle but kept two months longer they  
will not only loose the benefit of the next years  
Trade but suffer far more than ever when taken  
by the common Enemy provided they could be ad-  
mitted to sayle. Tho. yo. pet. most  
of them being bound home North about are not  
any ways apprehensive of that misfortune  
really a voyage to the Indies would not proceed.  
And where as it is daily Experienced that Her Majesty  
has been graciously pleased to Indige her Subjects  
upon Application with her Leave to returne pleasure  
from those provinces without being imbarged or stoped  
for any time. We humbly begg your Majesty's  
favour abt. consider thereof and that you