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Wherelic hearing from severall Hands, had  
required the said Letter, which was now in the  
Hands, of the Clerk of the Council, and inclosed  
under his Excellency's own Seal.

Which by his Excellency's Order, was opened  
at the Board, by the Clerk of the Council, and  
read as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

*L. in the ...*  
Your of the twelfth first was very  
agreeable, especially towards the End, for  
its ingenious matter, had, if not been preven-  
ted by this your ~~curious~~ Curiosity, I might have had pro-  
vidence enough, to have desired your Correction, of  
my imperfect and indigested Thoughts, that the  
abounding Drops, might have been served, by a  
skilful Hand, from the little Bileon, if yet there  
be any Ore, therein contained, but as for the per-  
usal of my ~~...~~ with the mentioned designe, I  
shall never consent, to so much loss of your time,  
as for that which has four times stood the Test,  
its too thread bare, to appear this cold season,  
its well if it be not condemned, to lower Germa-  
ny, before I see you next, for its so ill acquitting  
itself, in past service.

But whence this unreasonable Detention,  
this unexpected Demand, was it to stop my Mouth  
from the like former request, indeed I might  
greater reason, have petitioned a ~~...~~