

Start — He never did obstruct Mr. Birchfield —
in the Operation of his Office under the Commissioners
of the Customs, and that he was always aiding
and assisting to the Officers of the Customs in
this Province in the Discharge of their Duties
as by Law he was Required — As to the
Recovering the money & Effects due to his
Majesty in this Province, he is no ways
Concerned in that matter, but as Judge in
Equity — to which Trust he Discharged according
to the Dictates of his Conscience, and the
best of his Capacity; for which he is only
Answerable to God and the King — and
that he has ever had it in his memory —
when he gave a Decree, to do impartial
Justice, according to the strict Letter & Tenor
of his Oath without FEAR, FAVOUR, or
AFFECTION —

Upon the whole his Excellency says this
Charge is so general, he is Incapable of giving
a particular Answer to it — but upon his Arrive-
-ment in England he shall shew, that that
Gentleman could have no Motives to make such
Complaints against him, unless he thereby —

(Signed)