

some time untouched, therefore insisted to have the door of the house in which the salt lay opened, or they would break it open, at the same time telling her their necessity and likewise of the money for the quantity they wanted. as they did not mean to rob them of it, but to pay a full price, on which the woman said if they would not be too covish, they might get what they wanted, and opened the door, called a negroe, and they ordered him to measure out carefully 17 1/2 Bushels for which they paid her 35 Dollars. Then went home and wrote Mr. Chamberlaine their necessity, and what they had done. that if the sum they paid for the salt was not sufficient, they would still buy him the price he asked, tho' on hearing of it he pursued them to Carolina County as quick as possible and took a poor lad that was a hireling to a man that sent it with them, who I imagine is still confined; the above is a true state of case, in which I make no doubt your Hon^r will judge of us favourable as the case will admit of. I need not remind you of these distressing times. In that season as no violence has been used. hope you'll not think them men of seditions principles, who might be divisors of stirring up party faction. They are by no means such. I know several of the leading men to be men of reputation, who bears and is deserving of a good a moral character as most men in the County; I could wish our leading Gent. on this side of the Bay was as little inclined to party designs and self-interest as Colston - who was their leader of that Salt Embargo - They have been sincere in their Country's cause and have acted like men of spirit and principle ever since these distressing times commenced, which is more than can be said with truth of any engrosser of salt here.

They have not passed through the County publishing the numberless and great difficulties that we are at in carrying on the War against G. Britain, neither have they through any distant or conversation endeavoured to disunite and weaken our cause; which too many of our first Gentlemen have done and in public acts, and speaks with such timid duplicity, which leaves the ignorant in doubt, - was they real friends to their Country as they stile themselves, would they ingross that necessary article salt, and keep it from the necessitous as they do in this County - which seems to be for no other purpose than to distress the needy (for what end?) to make the war in which we are engaged more illsome, occasion the people to mutineer and create division among them, these are the ends they answer. May just vengeance fall on the heads of all such traitors - The success of Howe's arms when near Philadelphia, has unmasked many of our leaders here, which I'm sorry it's in my power with truth to say of them - and could with truth say a great deal more to the discredit of our own leaders, which in the present must decline as time will not permit - To conclude, I've thus far given you a true description of Colston's case and some of the conduct of our County men, and by which you may be better judge of the unhappy situation of the people of this shore, must beg your patience a little further while I inform you that if you should send Sumner's for these Carolina men to be brought before you on Mr Chamberlaine's (Charge)