

Reference of Petition & Address of ⁷⁸¹
Inhabitants of New Hampshire

At the Council ~~Chambers~~
at Hampton Court this 3^d. of July, 1686.

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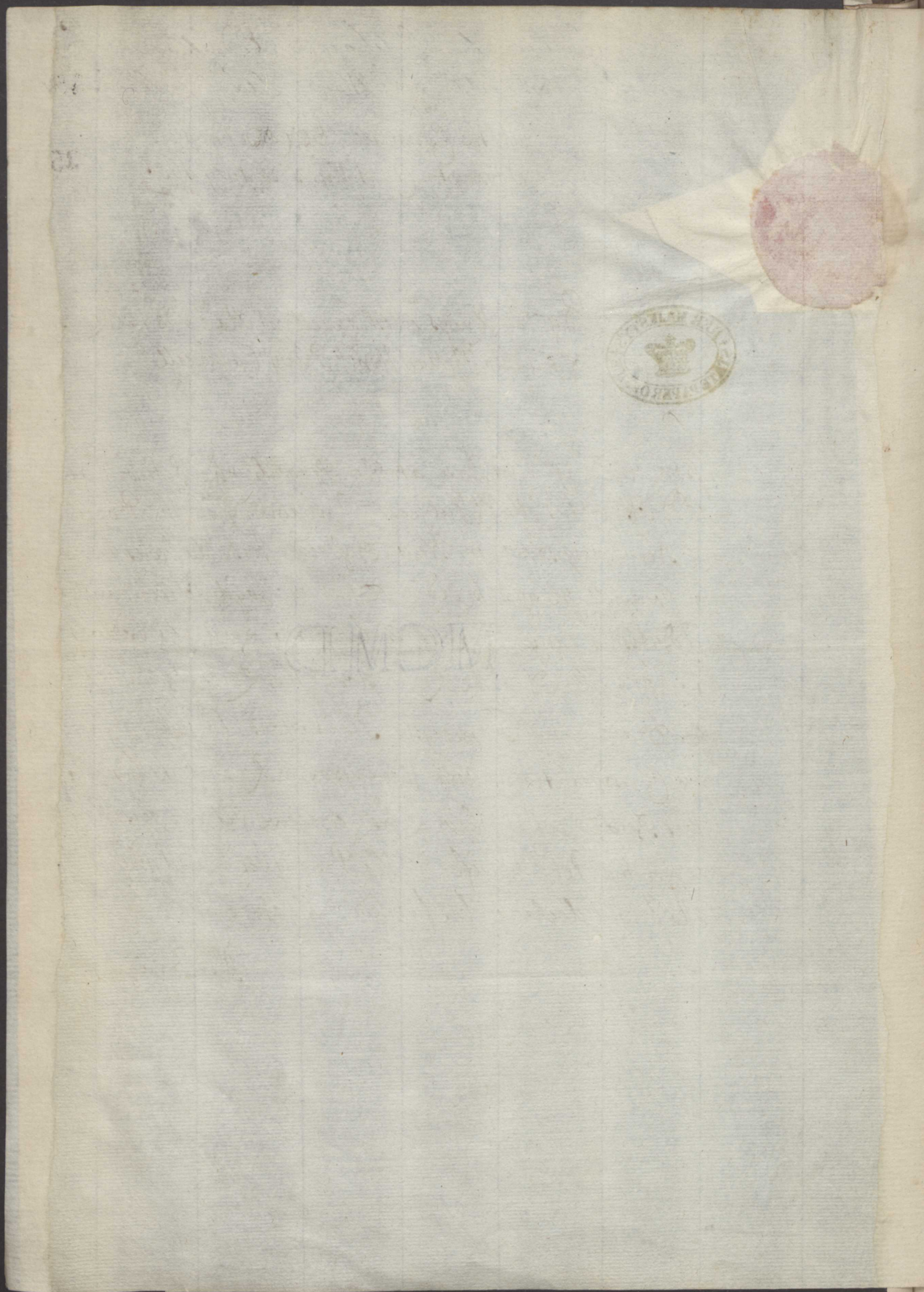


By the Kings Most Excellent Ma^{ty} and the Lords
of his Ma^{ty} Most Hon^{ble} Privy Council.

Vpon reading this Day at the Board the Petition and
Address of his Ma^{ty} Subjects, Inhabiting in the Province
of New Hampshire in New-England, His Ma^{ty} was this Day
in Council pleased to order, That the sayd Petition and
Address (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) be & it is
hereby referred to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee
for Trade, and Forreigne Plantations, to take y^e same
into Consideration, and thereupon to Report to his Ma^{ty} at
this Board, what their L^{ds}: conceive fit for his Ma^{ty} to
do for the Pet^r: relife in the Premises, and then his
Ma^{ty} will declare his further pleasure.

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To the Kings Most Excellent Ma^{ty}

The humble Petition and Address of your Ma^{ty} Dutifull and Loyall Subjects Inhabiting in the Province of New Hampshire
in New England
Most humbly Sheweth



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That yo^r Ma^{ty} Loyall Subjects of this Province had for more then fifty years been peaceably possors of the Lands lately
challenged by m^r Mason. and having found the same an utter desert and forrest land, with Excessive cost and hard Labour
reduced the same to a tolerable Support of our selves and families and lately maintained the same with vast expences for Stakes
and lives against the Incursions of a barbarous enemy who had otherwise reduced the same to utter Confusion.
That upon his late Ma^{ty} gracious Declaration and order for the Settlement and Government of this Province, we accounted our
selves happy for that therein we were by his Ma^{ty} punctly grace and favour saved from the unreasonable demands which
m^r Mason might have made upon us by the Limitations in the Commission for Government, wherein it was provided that the
Lords or Governor for the time being should use all methods by his good Advice to settle and quiet the people in the matter of
m^r Masons Title, or otherwise Impartially to state the Case and report the same to his Ma^{ty} that a final Determination
might thereupon have been made by his Ma^{ty} in Council, which if it had been duly attended had no doubt not long since
by your Ma^{ty} Justice and favour put us into an happy State of quiet and Repose.
That notwithstanding his Ma^{ty} gracious Command and Limitation the s^d m^r Mason hath been allowed to pursue many
of the Inhabitants in several Suits and actions wherein the Government have taken to themselves power of an absolute
Judgement without any regard had to the s^d Commands and Limitations, and with that Excess and rigor as to assigne
the s^d m^r Mason sometimes ten pounds, other times twenty pounds costs, when Damages have beene sometimes not above
two shillings very seldom ten according to the desert and Limitations above s^d
That the s^d m^r Mason beyond and besides the s^d quit rents and directly against his Ma^{ty} order in the s^d Commission refers in the
course of Improved Lands is a hindrance to the Settlements upon payment of the s^d quit rent or otherwise as his Ma^{ty} in Council
have determine hath disposed away the free to severall persons of severall Lands which were long before his
Challenges forced and Improved by others to the great Damages and Injury of his Ma^{ty} good Subjects, besides many other
Irregularities in the management of the Government to the great oppression and destruction of trade within your
Ma^{ty} Province and the utter Imperishing thereof
That for the last two years and upwards during the whole management of m^r Masons Suits all Law against your
Ma^{ty} Subjects there hath beene Generally one Jury returned to serve in all the s^d Suits with little alterations, and almost
constantly one forsmen who (for that end as we are apt to foree) was early complied with by m^r Mason for all the Lands in
his owne possession formerly with addition of severall other Lands to his owne profit.
That notwithstanding yo^r Ma^{ty} Late gracious ord^r and Inhibiting of any further procedure in the case of m^r Masons
title untill the cause was brought before yo^r Ma^{ty} in Council m^r Walter Parshott who was left Deputy Govern^r
hath since the arrivall of your Ma^{ty} Commands permitted Executions to be Extended and persons thereupon
Imprisoned in causes concerning the s^d Masons Title with Excessive and unreasonable Costs and Damages.
And Lastly whereas yo^r Ma^{ty} hath upon Complaint made against the Irregular proceedings done and suffered
been graciously pleased to permit m^r William Vaughan one of the Principle Inhabitants and Merchants in this
Province, to take his appeals to yo^r Ma^{ty} in Council for redress against severall Oppressive Judgements one whereof
refers to the title of his Lands within this province holden in the same forme with the rest of his Ma^{ty} good
Subjects here, we doe with all humbels gratitude acknowledge yo^r Ma^{ty} Justice and favour herein. For that
the p^rmanes and Issue of the s^d appeals wil therefore necessarily affect the whole province and so Intro-
ductory to the determination of all m^r Masons Challenges, we have judged it our Duty in most humbels
manner to protest our selves all yo^r Ma^{ty} foots, and have therefore entrusted and fully Impowered m^r Nathaniel
Wears one of the Inhabitants of this Your Ma^{ty} Province our Agent, to Lay before Your Ma^{ty} and Most
Hon^{ble} Privy Council the Common case and condition of your Ma^{ty} poore and Distressed Subjects in this Province
who is fully Instructed humbly to represent the same and the Arbitrary and Severe Oppressions we have Laboured

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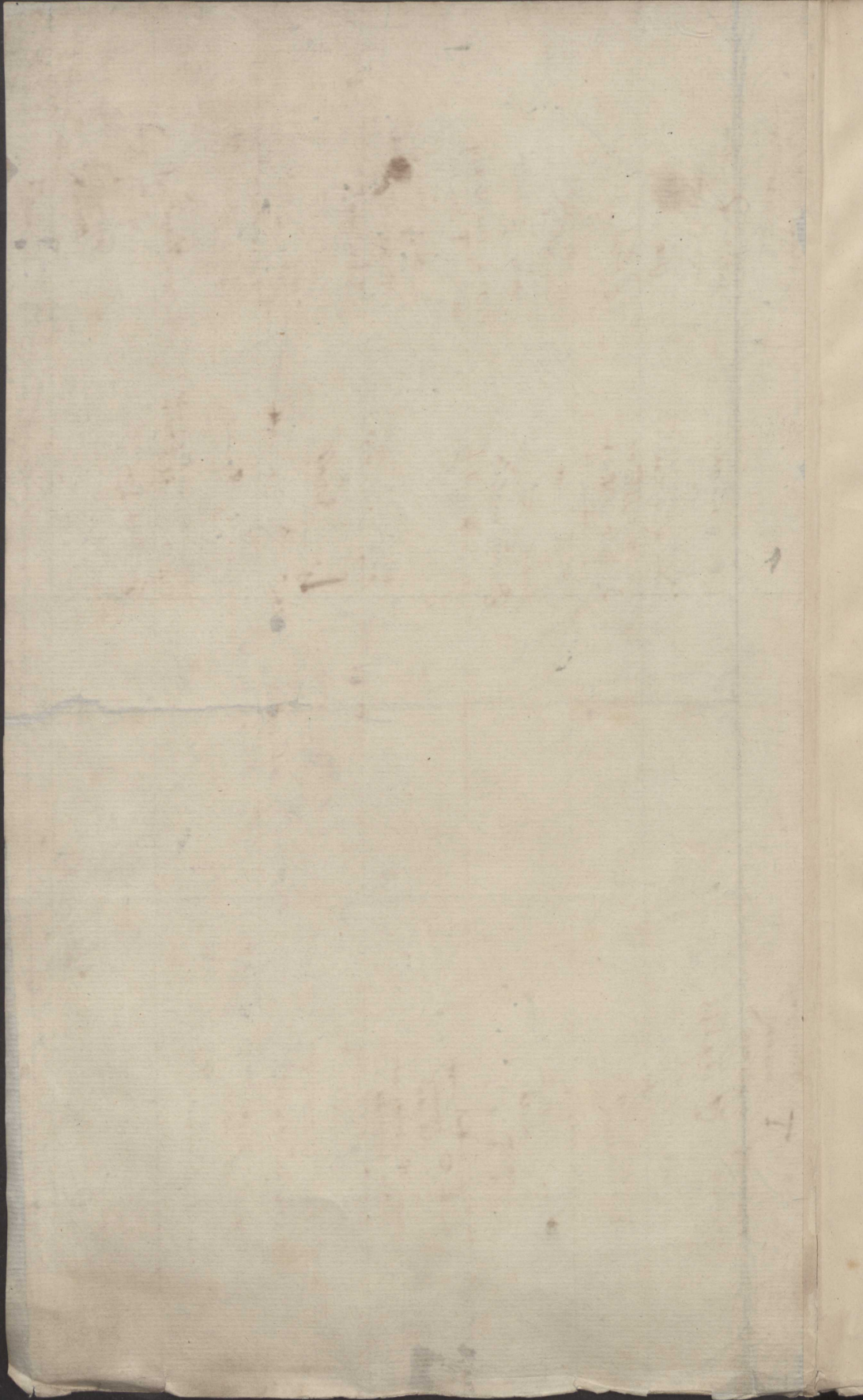
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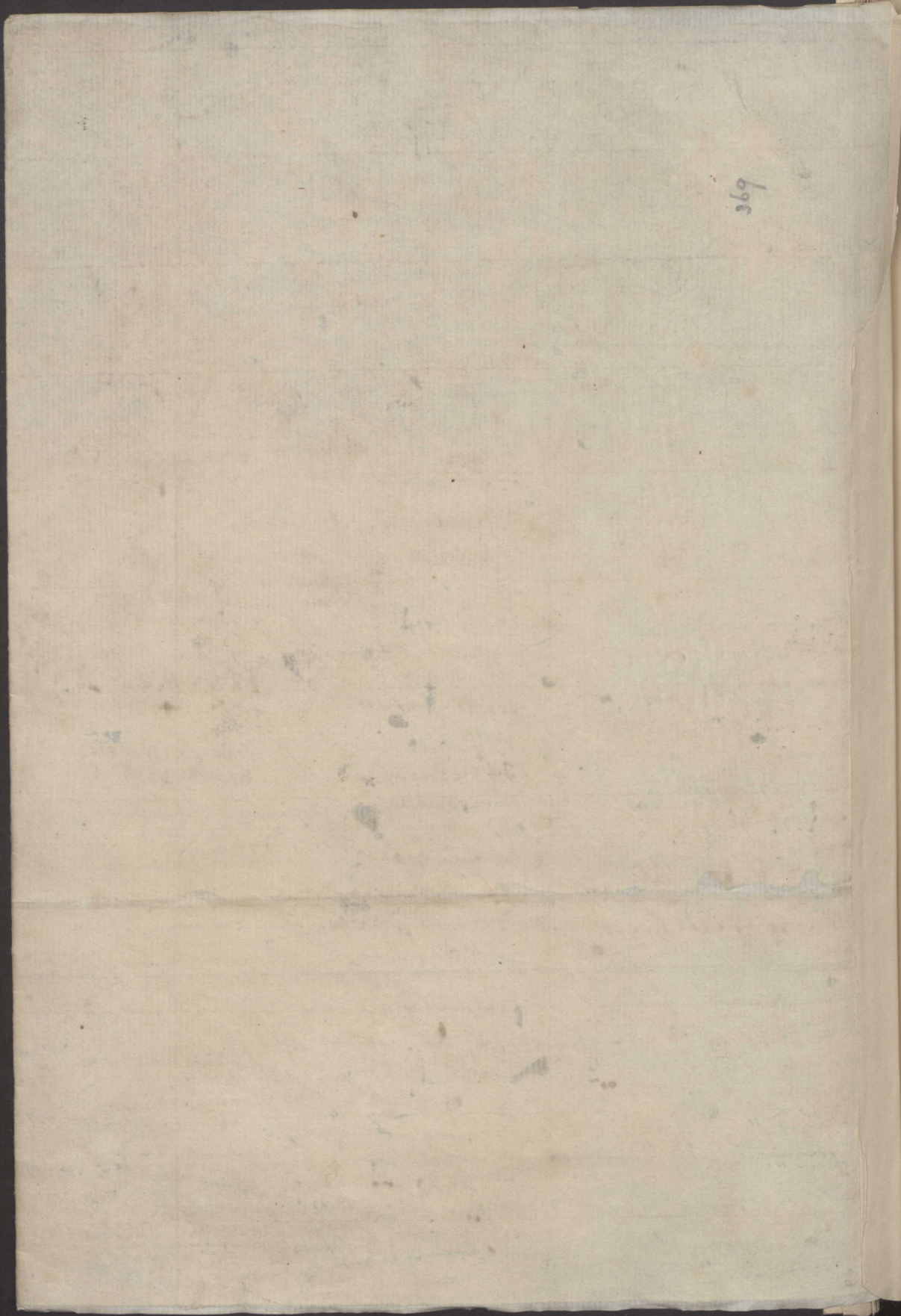
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The Pet.ⁿ and Address of the
Inhabitants of New Hampshire

Received from Mr. Wears their
Agent July 2^d. 1686.

Reported to the Committee 3 July

Read at the Committee the 5

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The Appeal Read 6. No. 8.

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Samuel Haines
Philip Haines
Lemuel F. Haines
John W. Haines
Charles F. Haines
William H. Haines
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Mathias Haines
John C. Johnston
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