

Reference of y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Wear & others ag<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
Cranfield.

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At the Court at Hampton Court.  
This 11<sup>th</sup> day of July. 1684.

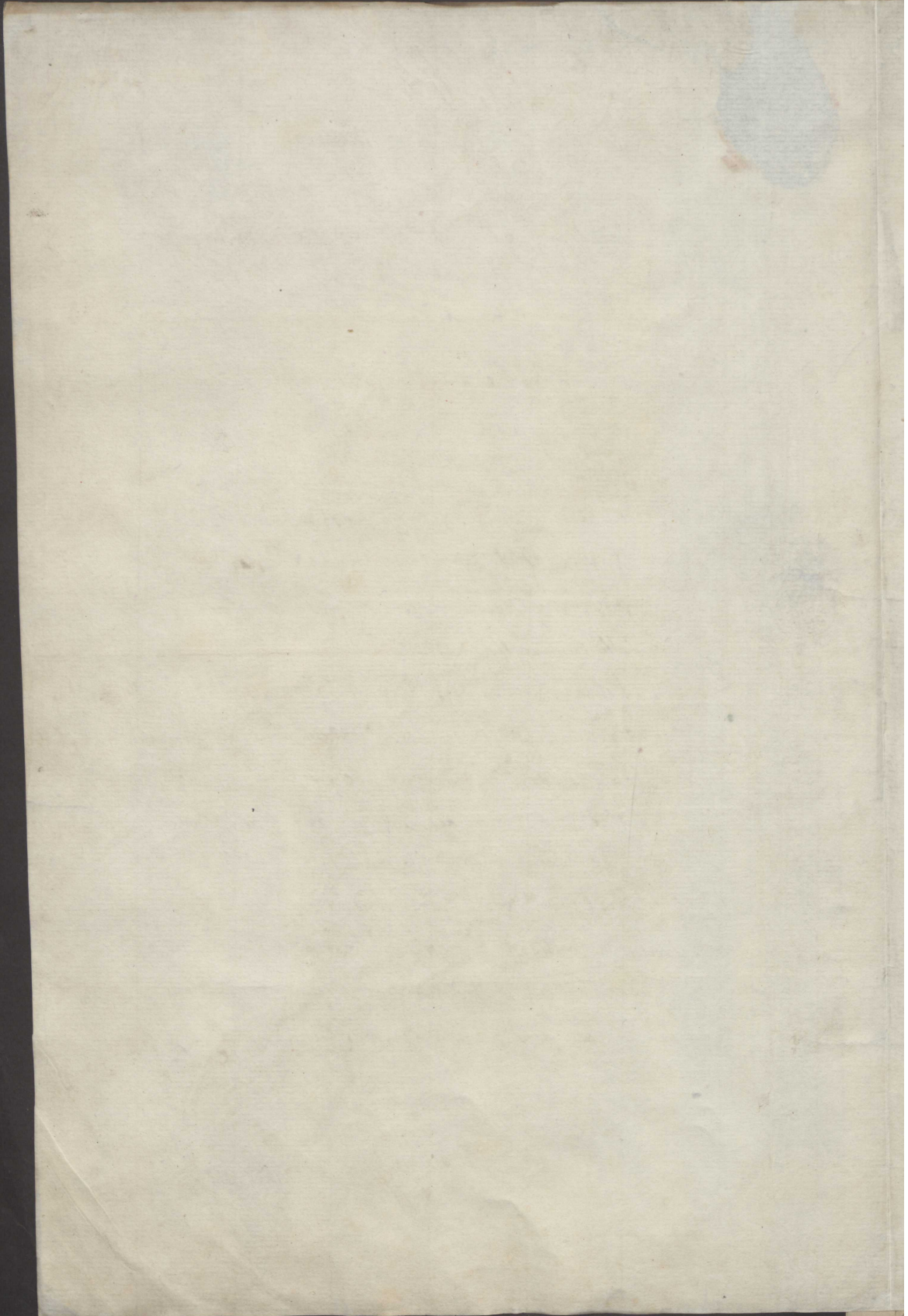


By the Kings Most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup> and the Lords  
of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Most Hon<sup>ble</sup> Privy Council.

Upon reading this Day at the Board the Petition & Complaint  
of Nathaniel Wear Inhabitant & planter in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> <sup>high</sup>  
Province of New Hampshire in New England in America, in  
behalf of himself & others, his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Loyal Subjects &  
Inhabitants & planters there, whose Names are subscribed to  
the four petitions: thereto Annexed. against Edward Cranfield  
Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Governour thereof. His Ma<sup>ty</sup> was pleased  
to order & that the said petitions, and Complaints, & that they  
are hereby referred to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Committees  
of this Board for Trade, and Forreigne Plantations, who  
are to consider thereof, and to report to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> at this  
Board, their Opinions thereupon. And then his Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
will declare his further pleasures.

Phil. Lloyd.









11 July 1684

Reference of the petition  
of Wm & others against  
M<sup>r</sup> Cranford:

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To the Kings most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
and the Lords of his most Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Privy Councill



Nathaniell Weare Inhabitant and Planter in your Ma<sup>ty</sup> Province  
of New Hampshire in New England in America on behalfe of  
himselfe and other his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Loyall Subjects Inhabitants and Planters  
there whose names are Subscribed to the fower Annexed Petitions most  
humbly Shewes against M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield.

That the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edward Cranfield Esq<sup>r</sup> your Ma<sup>ty</sup> Governor of the Said Province upon his first Entrance on that Government in  
Order to the Enlargement of his power as Governor there beyond the ffer bounds and limits your Ma<sup>ty</sup> was by your Royall Commission pleased to  
Sett him and to Engrasse the whole power of Erecting Courts withall necessary ffer powers and Authorities thereto to himselfe Exclusive  
of the Generall Assembly.

The said M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield being by your Ma<sup>ty</sup> Said Commission Authorized to Erect Courts such as the said M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield and the  
Assembly Should think necessary and to that purpose the Words in the Said Commission being for Erecting Courts as you and they Shall  
think fitt did take upon him and Cause it to be entered in the Councill Bookes there that the Words (And they) were inserted  
in his Commission by Mistake of the Clarke Engrassing the Same and delivered a Coppy of the Same Commission to the  
Generall Assembly without the Words (And they).

That accordingly M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield hath practically Shutt out those Words (And they) out of his Commission by Assuming to  
himselfe the Sole and Seperate power of Erecting Courts from Month to Month and Selling fferes at his owne Pleasure to the  
great oppression of your Ma<sup>ty</sup> Subjects there.

And whereas your Ma<sup>ty</sup> has been graciously pleased by your Said Commission to interpose betwene the Inhabitants of your  
Said Colony and M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason pretended proprietor thereof

And to direct

That on non Agreement betwene those Inhabitants and M<sup>r</sup> Mason

That the said M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield Should interpose who if he could not end the differences betwene them was by the said Commission  
directed

To Transmitt to England Such Cases impartially Stated with his Opinion and reasons on the Same That your Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
with Advice of your Privy Councill might hear and determine the Same

That the said M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield instead of keeping himselfe indifferent betwene the Contending parties M<sup>r</sup> Mason  
and the said Inhabitants hath by purchase or Mortgage from M<sup>r</sup> Mason made himselfe owner of the Province on the  
greatest parte thereof

That being soe interested and having Erected Courts as aforesaid by pretext and Colour of Legall proceedings in  
those Courts determining the questions arising betwixt the said Masons clayme and the Inhabitants reserved by your  
Ma<sup>ty</sup> Commission to your Royall determination many of your Ma<sup>ty</sup> Subjects there inhabiting are deprived and oppressed  
of their habitations and Estates and left without Remedy except by this their humble application to your Ma<sup>ty</sup>

That for deterring and depriving persons from prosecuting or defending their Rights there being little  
Curreant Coine in the Province

The Defendants Costs in every Action are Raised from Twenty Shillings to Sixe pounds which are  
Exacted in money and though goods tendered (as before was usual) yett the Persons are imprisoned for want  
of money in kinde

That the said M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield under Colour of Reliving men by trying their Acc<sup>t</sup>ions has by Setting the fferes  
of such Tryalls at such Extraordinary height forced Seveall to agree to M<sup>r</sup> Masons demands however  
Extravagant for want of moneys to Carry on the Suits

That the said Governor without any Authority given from your Ma<sup>ty</sup> taking upon himselfe the power of  
Setting the vallue or Curreant Rate of money in payments hath against the Law made by himselfe and the  
Generall Assembly Ordered Suits of eight how ever wanting in their weight to pass at Six Shillings a peice  
which is usually six pence and Shillings per peice more then before they went at

That the said Governor without good and Lawfull Cause hath taken upon him to Comitt Seveall men to  
Prison particularly W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan, J<sup>r</sup> and J<sup>r</sup> Joseph Don and others untill Bonds given for their appearances and  
good behaviour when nothing further objected to them

That the said Governor and his Councill without any Authority from your Ma<sup>ty</sup> and Contrary to his  
Comissions take upon them to make Lawes and put them in Execution without the Generall Assembly

That to prove the Articles above against M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield the Complainants have since fferely  
endeavoured to procure Warrants or Summons from the Secretary to Summon their Witnesses  
to be Sworne (which cannot otherwise be soe) the Seeking of such Summons has occasioned being bound  
to the good behaviour soe as the Complainers of a wrong done does under M<sup>r</sup> Cranfields Management  
draw a new Burishment on the Afflicted but noe manner of redress

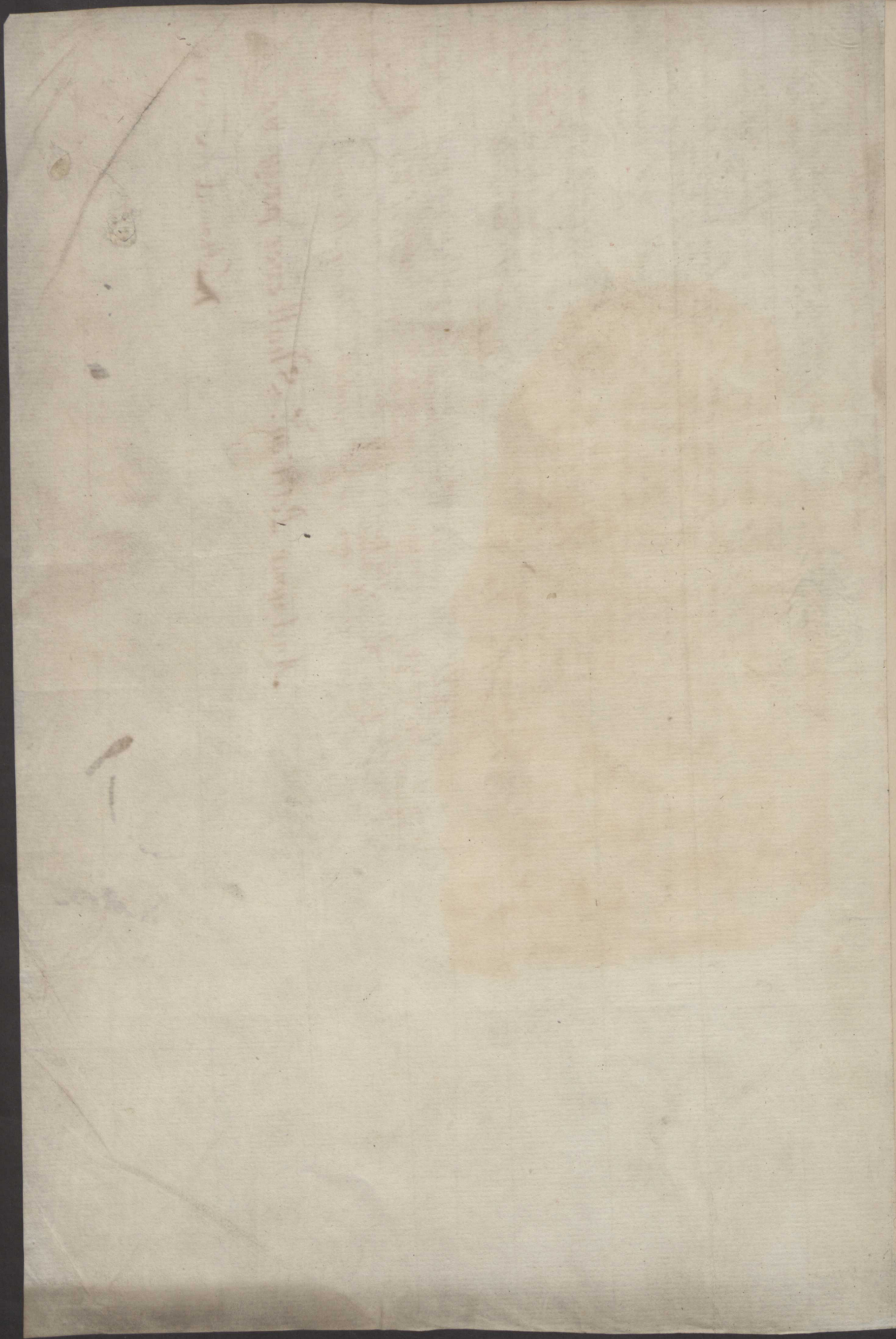
All which matters your Petitioners not having been able to prepayle with the  
said M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield to Swear their Witnesses in the Said Province they most humbly  
pray that by Commission or otherway as in your High Wisdom shall be thought fitt  
they may be enabled to Examine Witnesses there upon Oath that thereby with the  
Evidence they have here the truth may appeare and your Ma<sup>ty</sup> may give such  
Reliefe as to your Princely Wisdom shall seeme meete

And that in the meane time M<sup>r</sup> Cranfield be Admonisht not to Exceed the  
Bounds of his Commission.

And your Petition: Shall ever pray &c.

Nathaniell Weare





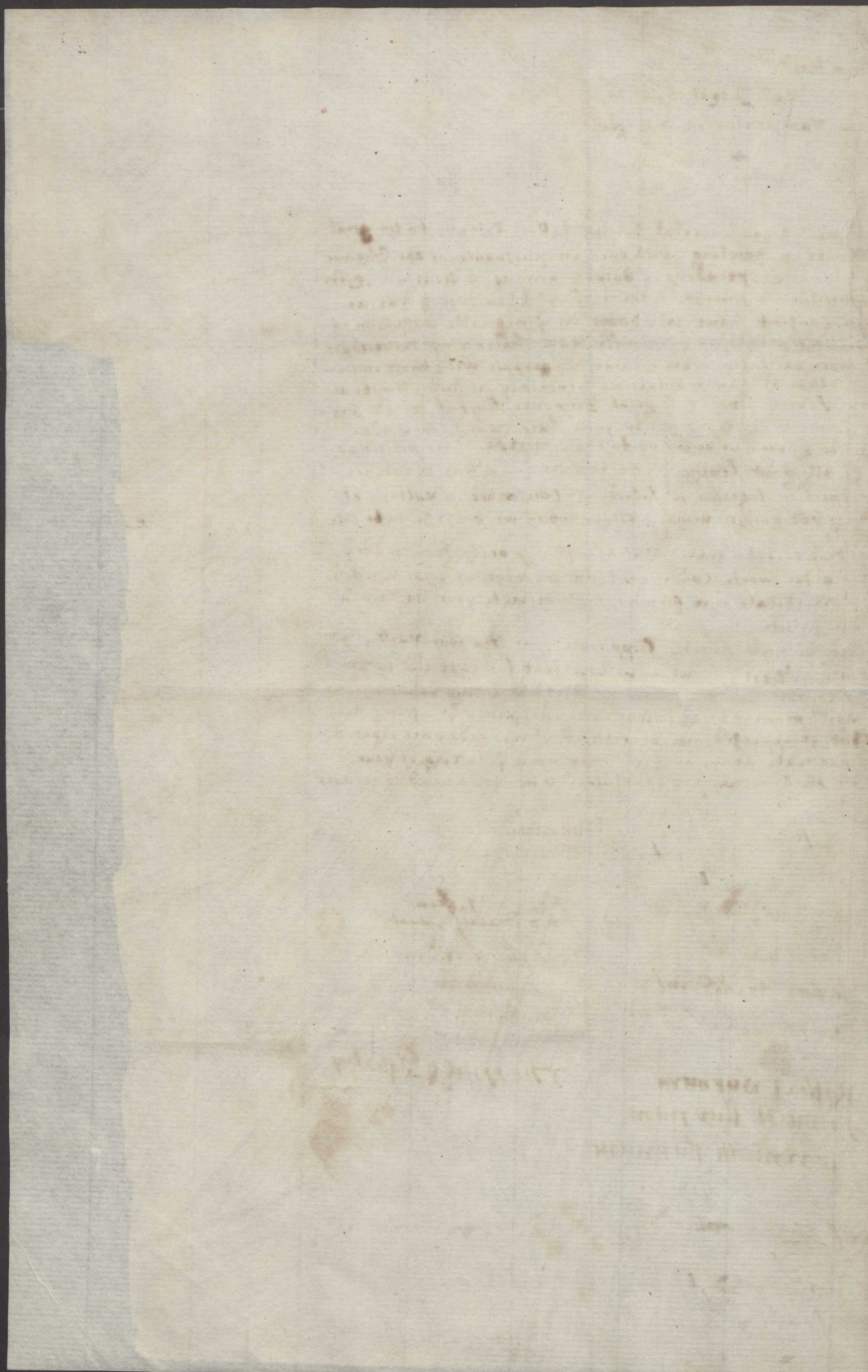














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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Petition of sundry of our Majties Loyal Subjects the Freemen and Inhabitants of your Majties Province of New Hampshire in New England

Most Humbly Sheweth

That yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners having under the indentment of yo<sup>r</sup> Majties Special Justices to their Letters Patents to the Great Council of Plymouth removed themselves & some of us into the remote & hilling wilderness in pursuance of their glorious and pious desire: John Gorton & others the inheritance of yo<sup>r</sup> Majties dominions & spreading the Gospel among the heathen the natives of the land; or at least by their allowance & approbation or consent have late down in the peaceable possession the for the space of a little more than thirty years hoping that as soon as should attend the only do not should have shared in the privilege of these Royal Letters Patents above mentioned: And therefore do the more patiently bear & cheerfully struggle with the innumerable evils & difficulties that most necessarily accompany the settling of these plantations (especially in such climate as these) beside the calamities of the late Indian wars to the loss of many of our lives & the great impoverishment of the survivors: And we are also further encouraged from yo<sup>r</sup> Majties Princes care in yo<sup>r</sup> late Commissioned us where yo<sup>r</sup> Majties intended Government & appointing some among our selves to govern us according to these methods there provided, for particularly bound to discountenance vice & encourage virtue & good living, and to promote among us a due obedience to yo<sup>r</sup> Majties authority & loyalty, fearing God & Honouring the King, which was directed to be our desire to be



And partly these sundry other reasons that are either effects or concomitants thereof: And we are in great words condemn them and of yo<sup>r</sup> Majties foreign plantations & reduced to such confusions & extremities that necessitate our application to yo<sup>r</sup> Majesty upon whose Princely clemency & Justice (where God) we only depend for our relief.

- Yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners distressed & oppressed Petitioners do therefore most humbly supplicate yo<sup>r</sup> gracious Majesty that you will please to grant liberty to one of our selves in Nathaniel Eaton whom we have sent for that end to your Majesty & yo<sup>r</sup> most Honourable private Council our desperate estate (the holding of which we do not will most compassion towards us, and yo<sup>r</sup> Majesty's benevolence to justice will incline to the upping such matters as in yo<sup>r</sup> Princely wisdom shall seem best that the oppressed may be delivered the wronged ones rights, And we further engaged in all humility & thankfulness as in duty bound do we most to pray Be.
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|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Nathaniel Eaton  | Rogers Moulton | Thomas Wright    | Joseph Perkins      | John Flannery    |
| John Marston     | Thomas Leach   | Isaac Gorton     | Jonathan Litchbrook | Joseph Sanderson |
| James Wilson     | Thomas Doreham | Thunphay Perkins | Conceat Perkins     | James Perkins    |
| James Brown      | John Louis     | David Langley    | Calio Perkins       | Moses Smith      |
| Thomas Brown     | Henry Debbans  | Samuel Langley   | Joseph Perkins      | Joseph Smith     |
| James Langley    | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| Jonathan Perkins | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| Henry Moulton    | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| John Moulton     | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| Joseph Smith     | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| David Perkins    | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| James Perkins    | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
| Morris Perkins   | John Debbans   | Samuel Langley   | John Perkins        | Joseph Perkins   |
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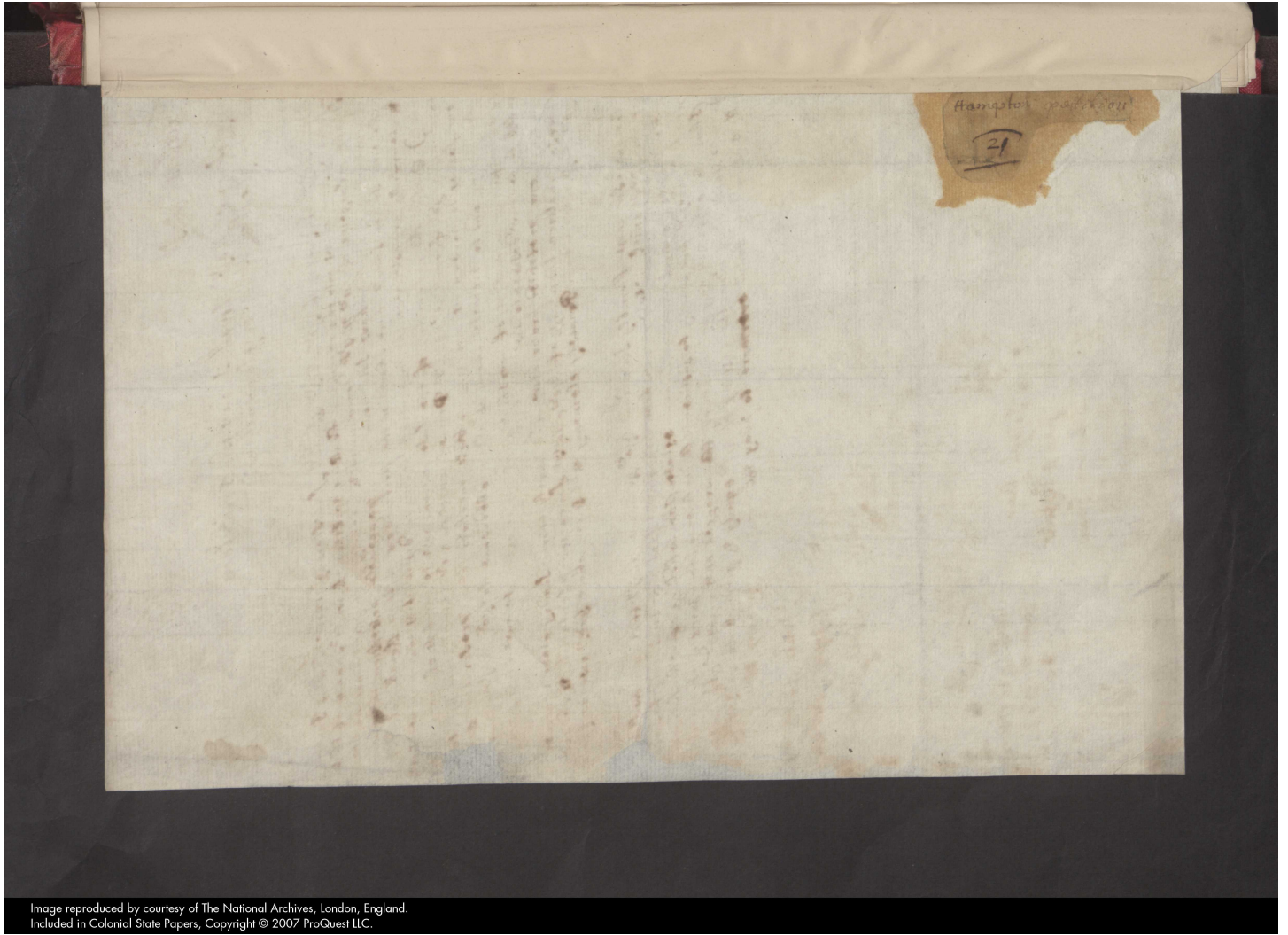


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petition of J. J. J. J. J.  
to the House of Commons  
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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition & Petition of sundry of Your Majestys Loyal Subjects  
the Freeholders & Inhabitants of Y<sup>e</sup> Majestys Province of New Hampshire in N<sup>e</sup> England

Most Humbly Sheweth

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10. Your distressed & oppressed Petitioners Do therefore most humbly supplicate yo<sup>r</sup> most Gracious M<sup>ty</sup> that  
you will vouchsafe to give leave unto one of our Sons M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Deane when we have  
sent for that end to speed before Sacred M<sup>ty</sup> & yo<sup>r</sup> most honorable private Council our displeasure shall  
the bestowing of which we doubt not will move compassion towards us And M<sup>ty</sup> doth presently to further  
income to the wife said money as yo<sup>r</sup> M<sup>ty</sup> shall deem best that the opportunity may be relieved  
we do only request that M<sup>ty</sup> & yo<sup>r</sup> M<sup>ty</sup> be pleased almost wisely & judiciously now prostrate as yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners may upon  
the merits of our equity & goodness be raised & further engaged in all humility & thankfulness as in  
Dearly bound members heartily to pray &c.

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petition of *St. John's*  
of *the town of Boston*

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