

Calendar of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies, Volume 11: 1681–1685, J. W. Fortescue, ed. (London: Longman, 1898), no. 1800, p. 666–67:

July 11. Hampton Court.	1800. Order of the King in Council. Referring the petitions of Nathaniel Weare and of the inhabitants of New Hampshire against Governor Cranfield to Lords of Trade and Plantations for report. <i>Signed</i> , Phi. Lloyd. 1p. <i>Annexed</i> ,
	1800. I. The petition referred to. Governor Cranfield on his first entrance into the Government of New Hampshire engrossed the whole power of erecting Courts to himself, excluding the General Assembly. His Commission ordained that the General Assembly should be included, but he declared that the words were a copyist's error and caused a minute to that effect to be entered in the Council Book. Again, Mr. Cranfield was directed by his Commission that, if he could not end the differences between Robert Mason and the inhabitants, he should transmit the papers home for decision by your Majesty and the Privy Council. Instead of doing so and remaining impartial between the parties, he has by purchase and mortgage from Robert Mason made himself owner of the best part of the province. Having done so and erected the Courts as aforesaid, he has deprived us of our estates and of any remedy except by application to your Majesty. Again, to keep persons from prosecuting and defending their rights, he has received defendant's costs in my action from twenty shillings to six pounds to be paid in coin, though coin is scarce; and though goods be tendered in payment as heretofore, yet they are not accepted, but the persons are imprisoned. Again, he takes upon himself without authority to fix the value of money, making pieces-of-eight, however wanting in weight, to pass for six shillings though often worth sixpence or a shilling less. Again, he has without lawful cause committed several men and particularly William Vaughan and Joseph Dow to prison till they give bond for their appearance and good behaviour, with nothing further objected against them. Again, he and his Council made laws and put them into execution without the Assembly. To procure proof of these articles, we have successfully endeavoured to procure warrants or summons from the Secretary to call their witnesses to be sworn (which cannot otherwise be so); but the seeking of such summons has caused men to be bound to good behaviour, so that complaint of a wrong done under Mr. Cranfield's mismanagement draws new punishment on the afflicted but no redress. We beg that we may be empowered to examine witnesses on oath, and that, meantime, Mr. Cranfield be admonished not to exceed his Commission. <i>Signed</i> , Nathaniell Weare. <i>Large sheet. [A précis in Col. Entry Bk., Vol. LXVII., p. 107.]</i>

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Nov. 4. New Hampshire.	<p>1921. Richard Chamberlain to Lords of Trade and Plantations. Pursuant to your letter of 23rd July, Governor Cranfield authorised me to give copies of all records in my keeping to any person requiring them, and to take such deposition as any of the complainants should make, and published the fact in the province. I accordingly attended and delivered any copies that were required to the persons demanding them. But on the 1st instant Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Waldern came to my house with several other persons. I asked them if they had business with me, and most of them said that they had not. I desired all such to withdraw, and all went out but Vaughan and Waldern. They then told me to take their depositions about a writing from Mr. Mason, that the Governor showed them about two years since, a grant of 150<i>l.</i> a year for seven years to be paid out of the province. For the better explanation of the depositions I asked whether Mr. Mason's grant was absolute, or if not, for what term. Mr. Vaughan thereupon left the house with Mr. Waldern in a heat, saying he would answer no questions, and so refused to be sworn. Several more who had come at his desire to give their testimonies, at once went away with him, nor has one of them since come to make a deposition nor complained to the Governor that they were denied to give their evidence. I conclude therefore that they will make a clamour to your Lordships against me, so write this short narrative. I enclose copy of the supplemental order for taking depositions and their depositions. They refused to swear to the last words. <i>Signed, R. Chamberlain. 1½ pp. Endorsed. Recd. 7 Jan. 8⁴/5. [Col. Entry Bk., Vol. LXVII, pp. 129–130, and Col. Papers, Vol. LIV. No. 64.] Annexed,</i></p>
	<p>1921. I. Copy of the Governor's order for taking depositions. 20 October 1684. Certified by Richard Chamberlain. 1 <i>p. Endorsed.</i></p>
	<p>1921. II. Copy of a supplemental order for the same purpose. 1 November 1684. Certified as the foregoing. 1 <i>p. Endorsed.</i></p>
	<p>1921. III. Deposition of William Vaughan and Richard Waldern as to Robert Mason's grant of 150<i>l.</i> a year to Governor Cranfield. <i>Undated. ½ p. Endorsed. [Col. Papers, Vol. LIV., Nos. 64 I.–III.]</i></p>

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