

4 April 1684.
Petition of Richard
Thayre of N. Eng.



To the King most Excellent Ma^{ty} & the Right
Hon^{ble} the Lordy of His Ma^{ty} most Hon^{ble} Privy Councill

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The humble Petition of Richard Thayre an Inhabitant &
Purchaser of a Tract of Land upon which is Built y^e Ma^{ty}
Towne of Brantrye in New-England.

Most humbly sheweth.

That y^e Ma^{ty} in Councill the 2^d of March 1683^z was graciously—
Pleased to Order the Inhabitants of the Towne of Brantrye forthwith to transmit an—
Authenticke Copy of a Deed, wherein y^e Let^r was concerned, And the Government
of the Massachusetts Bay, are also required to give notice to the Defendants—
Thomas Savage, and Captaine Clapp, of y^e Let^r Appeals, and to send to y^e Ma^{ty} in Councill
such Papers and Records, as shall be necessary for the final Decision of this Cause; which
said Order appointed the Cause to be heard before y^e Ma^{ty} the first Councill day in
Michaelmasse Terme following the date of the Order. Y^e Let^r having Received the said
Order sh^{ed} himselfe for New-England and Arrived there on the end of June last, and
Immediately delivered an attested Copy of the said Order to Governour Broadstreet—
and then went to the Select Men of Brantrye—Namely Richard Bracknall, and
Edmund Winge, Samuel Thompson, and Alexander Nash, and shew'd them y^e Ma^{ty}
Order in Councill desiring them to call the Inhabitants together, which they absolutely
refused; In a few dayes after, Governour Broadstreet sent out a Warrant to call the
Inhabitants together to Chuse Jury men for their Court: at that time y^e Let^r took the
opportunity of Preventing y^e Ma^{ty} Order. They then took a Copy of the said Order; and then
told y^e Let^r in full Assembly, he might goe about his busynesse, for you can not Prove—
the Seale (first to the Order) to be the Councill Seale. It might be made under a hedge, for—
ought they knew, They also sayd y^e Ma^{ty} had nothing to doe with them, They were a free People;
to the truth of this y^e Let^r is ready to make Oath.

Now forasmuch as the Government takes no notice of y^e Ma^{ty} Order in Councill; And the
Select Men of the Towne of Brantrye—Audely Answer and Rebells against y^e Ma^{ty} said
Order, And y^e Let^r hath been an Appealant here to y^e Ma^{ty} in Councill upwards of—
Three yeares in which time he hath made three Voyages from New-England, and backe—
again, to y^e Let^r great Damage both in Body and Goods, almost to the Ruine of—
himselfe and family.

Y^e Let^r therefore most humbly Prayers y^e Ma^{ty} to take into y^e C^onsideration—
Consideration the Contempt of the said Government, and Towne of Brantrye—
in not obeying y^e Ma^{ty} Order directed to them; as also y^e Let^r sufferings
by long Voyages and delays of Justice from the said Government, and in
Consideration that y^e Let^r lands lyes 8. or 10. Miles without the Bounds
of their Charter; (and are legally Purchased by y^e Let^r of Wampatack
Josi as a great Indian Sachem; or Indian King;) either to Restore y^e Let^r
to the Possession of his lands till the Myall be over; or that the Government
make it appeare that it is shew'd by Purchase, & Grant by Charter; or to make
such further Order therein for y^e Let^r Reliefe. As y^e Ma^{ty} in y^e great
Wisdome shall thinke fitt. They having hitherto refused to yeald obedience
to y^e Ma^{ty} Order, with designe to Harve y^e Let^r by Delays; which is, and
has been, their Method and Practice, in all Appeals and Cases, depending
before y^e Ma^{ty}—

And y^e Let^r as in humble Duty Bound, shal—
ever stay &c^a

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At the Court at Whitehall

2 April. 1684

His maj^{ty} in Council is this day graciously pleased to refer
the within petition of Richard Thayer to the R^t hon^{ble} the
Committee of Trade and Plantations, who are to examine the
the allegations thereof, and to Report to this Board how they
find the same, together with their best opinion.

Ch. Rogers

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Payne an Inhabitant of —
New-England —
Read in Council Apr
2 1684 & referred
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To stay till y^e issue of the
Two next y^e of the Proprietors
charter.

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