

Liber K. Nicholson Esq^r as are there mentioned & thereupon the Clerk hav^s by Order as we Conceive prepared a Letter for us to sign it was tendered to us & we desired to sign it which we did but never after heard any proof of those Allegations nor any thing more of them but since that upon better acquaintance & knowledge of his Exc^{lly} Gov^r Nicholson we find the direct Contrary principles in him to what was then asserted that he is so far from disaffecting the then & present constitution of Government that it hath been his greatest Care & Study to preserve & improve the same by the best measures & means he can And as to Countenancing Papists &c^a we find nothing in him tending that way unless it be his Administring Iustice to them where it is due without distinguishing one Sect from another but on the Contrary our Iournals of Assembly & all other Records make appear & we are assured that none has ever done more by his perswasions Example & large Gifts to propagate the Protestant Religion in this province than he

This we thought our selves obliged in Iustice to say to your
 p. 276 Lordships to vindicate the honour of his Excellency & wipe of the aforesaid Reflections in a manner imposed on

To the right Honble
 the Lords of the Council
 for the Committee of
 trade & foreign Plantations }
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Your Lordships
 most humble Serv^{ts}
 Nich Greenberry
 Tho^s Tench
 Iohn Courts
 Tho Brooke

The foregoing Letter is an Answer in Relation to a^{*} Letter by them & Coll^o Nehemiah Blakiston dec'd writ & sent to M^r Peter Paggen Merchant in London as appears in folio 70 of this Book the which by an Ord^r of his Exc^{lly} of the 4th of Iune Anno 1697 is entered in this place by

Hen Denton Cl Council