

Lib. H. D. 6: If we Sayle this Winter, considering the Season of the year and our being weekly mann'd, its morally impossible that ever We should keep Company together home, besides the Great Damages that will inevitably Ensue upon our Loading.

7: It will be more Advantagious to our Merchants by Reason our fforreign Trade will be Open and our Ships not likely to Return before the ffall.

All which and many more Urgent and Weighty Reasons that might be Offered together with the great and apparant loss that would Redound to the Crown by the miscarriage of the ffleet or their Returning home without their Loading, besides the unspeakable detriment of the merchants and Owners of the s<sup>d</sup> Ships being Recommended to yo<sup>r</sup> most serious and prudent consideracōn, will we hope prevaile with you to Consent to the Allowance of further reasonable time to Compleat our Loadings, especially since We p<sup>r</sup>sume & humbly Conceive it may be Granted Us without the least prejudice to yo<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>rs</sup> in the Post and Station you are placed and the great Trust and Confidence Reposed in you.

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|           | Daniel Bradley                   | Peter Olson             | Henry Suttan                         |
| Whitehall | James Brain                      | Splaudin Rand           | George Keeble                        |
|           | Samuell Philips Jun <sup>r</sup> | Thomas Salmon           | Recompence Stanborough               |
|           | Jeremiah Deeble                  | James Thomas            | Benjam <sup>n</sup> Haddock          |
|           | Richard Bass                     | Jon <sup>a</sup> Scarth | Thomas Lurting                       |
|           | Isaac Wilde                      | Daniell Watts           | John Tanner                          |
|           | Barth <sup>o</sup> Whithorne     | John Nall               | Joseph Scotting                      |
|           | Thomas Wilde                     | Thomas Emmes            | George Plater for & by               |
|           | Thomas Marshall                  | John Ganby              | Ord <sup>r</sup> of Andrew Sen House |
|           | Thomas Hastwell for }            | ffrancis Harbin         | George Plater for & by               |
|           | Cap <sup>t</sup> John Gallon }   | Henry Mundy             | Ord <sup>r</sup> of Robert Lurting   |
|           | Jo: Scotten                      | Edward Barcock          |                                      |
|           | Deane Cock                       |                         |                                      |

On the Back of the s<sup>d</sup> Peticōn was thus written Viz<sup>t</sup>

Whitehall This Peticōn and the Reasons have been Read in the Prov<sup>l</sup> Court, and so farr as the same Relates to this Province We doe Certifye that the Reasons given are generally True as they are within laid Down, and thereto We the Justices of this Court and Grand Jurors for the Body of this Province have set our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Decembe<sup>r</sup> 1696.

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| Hen: Smith              | Hen: Norris             | } Grand Jurors } | Robert Smith   | } Justices |
| Elias King              | John Barrot             |                  | John Hamond    |            |
| Charles Hemsley         | Tho: Sprigg             |                  | Richard Hill   |            |
| Rich: Chambers          | Tho: Stocket            |                  | Thomas Tasker  |            |
| Gilbert Parteson        | John Marriott           |                  | Philip Hoskins |            |
| Edward Swann            | Henry Cox               |                  | Thomas Staley  |            |
| Charles Stephens        | John Bowles             |                  | Philip Clarke  |            |
| Peter Jarboa            | Henry Green             |                  |                |            |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Lucket | W <sup>m</sup> Wilkison |                  |                |            |
|                         | Thomas Preston          |                  |                |            |