

B. M. Streets he offered to Pa[y] the fine appointed by the law but  
 Vol. 25. noe Supplications or Sollicitations he could Imply by himself  
 or friends could Impetrate or prevaile with his inexorable  
 Judges for soe reasonable a favour. And at the same Rate  
 is Justice distributed to us by these men in Civil Causes alsoe  
 insomuch th<sup>t</sup> wee know not what wee may call our own All  
 the Laws & Priviledges enjoyed by the Subject of England  
 tho' the most Just the most equal and ample in world not  
 being a Sufficient Guard to Secure our Persons Liberties &  
 properties here against the Arbitrary Violence of these des-  
 poticall men. Wee have not been sollicitous to procure many  
 hands to this Remonstrance from the difficulties th<sup>t</sup> did arise,  
 partly by the Remoteness of Some of the pusilaminy of  
 others who are doubtful of the Issue & the great dread th<sup>t</sup>  
 many have Conceived of their rigid & Implacable Mast<sup>rs</sup>  
 should it happen to be frustrated of Success but chiefly from  
 a perfect assurance that the Reasonableness thereof will be  
 more prevalent with yo<sup>r</sup> Lordshipp<sup>s</sup> than any number of Sub-  
 scriptions on w<sup>ch</sup> Account wee doe humbly confide that yo<sup>r</sup>  
 Lordshipp<sup>s</sup> from a Serious Consideration of the Premises will  
 think fitt to conclude that such men as have Imbib'd this  
 frenzy of Quakerism are in noe wise Quallified to give Laws  
 to a Country or to be Entrusted with Magistracy or the exe-  
 cution of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> laws or the Lives Liberties & Estates of  
 his Maj<sup>ties</sup> subjects, espetially since the Province is furnished  
 with a number of men sufficient to serve his Maj<sup>tie</sup> in all  
 the Posts of the Governm<sup>t</sup> and to answer all publick Occasions  
 therein Quallified according to Law who contrarily doe look  
 upon it as their Incumbent duty by the Principles of True  
 Christianity to stand upon all occasions & in all exigences in  
 the defence of their Prince & Country with the uttmost  
 hazards of their Lives & Estates And wee doe hope alsoe  
 and humbly Request that yo<sup>r</sup> Lordshipp<sup>s</sup> from the same  
 consideration will please to Espouse the Justice of our Cause  
 & become our Advocate with his Maj<sup>tie</sup> th<sup>t</sup> such men may be  
 declared unquallified & disabled to have any share anywhere  
 in Governm<sup>t</sup> either Executive or Legislative, by w<sup>ch</sup> act the  
 Aggrievances of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> most Loyall Subjects in these  
 parts will be effectually Redressed & the Governm<sup>t</sup> here Es-  
 tablished upon a legall & solid basis. Thus wishing yo<sup>r</sup>  
 Lordshipp<sup>s</sup> increase of glory in this & an Immortall State wee  
 most humbly begg Leave to Subscribe

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>pps</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>pps</sup> most humble  
 & most obedient Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Dated at Philadelphia  
 March the 26<sup>th</sup> 1697

This is a Copy of what was sent to  
 [signed:] Fr. Nicholson.