

of Complaining of the rigorous and unjustifiable proceedings L. H. J. of Maurice Birchfield Esq<sup>r</sup> and his Substitute here in his Majestys name, and by Colour of his Authority to the prejudice of his Subjects, yet for want of a Clear representation of our Case Injurious Oppressors Seem justified by the Opinion of the Honourable the Commissioners of the Customs, and the Innocent Sufferers loaded with the Imputation of making groundless Complaints and being Clamorous.

We have reason to be discouraged in all our future Applications if what we make on this occasion with your Excellency's kind Assistance, (which we Earnestly Implore) should now fail us. We must then Look on our selves under an unhappy necessity of Submitting to the Dictates of any of his Majestys Officers at home however they be Misinformed or deceived Concerning us or the States of our Cases. But we hope for better things and that if your Excellency will please to permit us to refer to our former Representation on this head and also to the papers relateing thereto in our Agent Coll Blackiston's hands, whose Assistance in this Case we Doubt not of, and also to the Abstracts from the Chancery Dockets under the hand of the proper Officer and the Great Seale of this Province you will have it in your power Sufficiently to evince the Justice of our Case to the Sattisfaction of all that Question our Candour in that representation.

By the Experience of your good inclinations towards us in other affairs we Doubt not but in this you will add to the many Obligations by which we are Bound ever to pray for your prosperity.

Thereupon the Question was put, whether the house will Concurr with that Report or not.

Carried in the negative by the Majority of Votes, and Ordered the following Message be prepared Viz. p. 78

By the Lower House of Assembly Aprill the 22<sup>d</sup> 1720  
May it please Your Honours

This House on reading the Report from the Gent appointed to make a further Representation of the aggrievances Complained of against Maurice Birchfield Esq<sup>r</sup> Cannot Concurr therewith for that it is Contrary to the Votes of this house Yesterday past in relation thereto.

Signed p order M: Jenifer Cll: Lo Ho.

And sent to the upper house by Coll Mackall and five others.  
They return and Say they Delivered it.