

our Constituents are universally and justly alarmed and¹⁵⁷
filled with anxious concern at the present aspect of their
affairs. We now therefore apply to your Lordships as to
one who has, we presume, a disinterested regard to the well
fare and prosperity of all parts of the Kings Dominions, and
beseech you to employ your great Influence in his Majesty's
Council, that our Charter Rights may be restored; that our
invaluable Liberties as Subjects may be secured, and that
the several acts of Parliament made for the purpose
of Raising a Revenue in America may be repealed.
In a word, all that is desired by the People of this Pro-
vince, is, that they may be restored to their original Stand-
ing, and all Controversy between both Countries may thus
cease and determine.

In the Name & by order of the
House of Representatives

A Letter to Agent Franklin, Prov. Mass: Bay June 25 1773

Sir The House of Representatives have lately had divers
Letters signed Tho^s Hutchinson, Andrew Oliver & laid be-
fore them attested Copies of which you have Inclosed and after
maturely considering their Contents have voted, as their Sense,
that the Tendency & design of said Letters appear to have been
to overthrow the Constitution of this Government & to
Introduce arbitrary Power into this Province and have
passed sundry Resolves respecting these Letters which
accompany this Letter. They have also agreed upon and
passed and address to his Majesty, which you will receive
with this Inclosure. Praying that his Excellency Tho^s.
Hutchinson Esq^r Governour and the Hon^{ble} Andrew Oliver
Esq^r Lieutenant Governour of this Province be removed
from the posts they hold within this Government,
which address you are desired as soon as possible to
present to His Majesty & as the Persons aforesaid
have by this their Conduct rendered themselves

themselves very obnoxious & have entirely lost ye
 Confidence of this People, you are desired to use
 your Interest & Influence to Support said Petitions
 that it may have its desired Effect & you are
 further directed to employ Arthur Lee Esq: as
 Council upon this occasion, and any other Council
 you may think proper, you are ~~also~~ desired also to
 take Effectual Care that the Several Petitions
 relative to the Governor and Judges of the Superior
 Court receiving their Support from the Crown
 independent of the Grants of the people may
 be (if they have not already been) immediately
 laid before his majesty & strenuously supported
 as they are matters that very nearly & essentially
 affect our happy Constitution the preservation
 of which in a great measure depends upon
 their meeting with a favourable reception & answer

Signed by the Speaker

A Petition To the King's most Excellent
 Majesty

Most Gracious Sovereign

We your Majesty's loyal
 Subjects the Representatives of your ancient Colony
 of the Massachusetts Bay, in General Court legally
 assembled by virtue of your Majesty's writ, under
 the Hand and Seal of the Governor, by leave do
 lay this our humble Petition before your Majesty.

Nothing but a Sense of the Duty we
 owe to our Sovereign, and the obligation we

we are under to consult the Peace and Safety of the ^{P/53}
Province, could induce us to remonstrate to your
Majesty the Mal Conduct of Persons who have heretofore
had the Confidence and Esteem of this People, and
whom your Majesty has been pleased, from the
purest Motives of rendering your Subjects happy
to advance to the highest Place of Trust and
Authority in the Province. —

Your Majesty's humble
Petitioners, with the Deepest Concern and anxiety,
have seen the Discords and Animosities, which
have too long subsisted between your Subjects of the
Parent State and those of the American Colonies:
And we have trembled with apprehensions that
the Consequences naturally arising therefrom would
at length prove fatal to both Countries. —

Permit us humbly to suggest to
you Majesty, that your Subject here have been
inclined to believe that the Grievances which they
have Suffered and still continue to Suffer, have
ben occasioned by your Majesty's Ministers and principal
Servants being unfortunately for us, misinformed in certain
Facts of very Interesting importance to us. It is for this
Reason that former Assemblies have from time to time
prepared a true State of Facts to be laid before your
Majesty, but their humble Remonstrances and
Petition, it is presumed, have by some means ben
prevented from reaching your Royal hand. —

Your Majesty's Petitioners have

have very lately had before them certain Papers, from which they Humbly conceive, it is ~~in~~ ^{most} reasonable to suppose that there has long been a Conspiracy of evil Men in this Province, who have contemplated Measures and formed a Plan to advance themselves to Power and raise their own Fortunes by means destructive of the Charter of this Province, at the Expence of the Quiet of the Nation, and to the annihilating of the Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies.

And we do, with all due Submission to your Majesty, beg leave particularly to complain of the Conduct of His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson on Esq. Governor, and the Hon. Andrew Oliver Esq. Lieutenant Governor of this your Majesty's Province as having a natural and efficacious tendency to interrupt and alienate the Affections of your Majesty's ^{our} Rightful Sovereign from this your loyal Province, to destroy that Harmony and Good will between Great Britain and this Colony, which every honest Subject would strive to establish, to excite the resentment of the British Administration against this Province, to defeat the Endeavours of our Agents and Friends to serve us by a fair representation of our state of Facts; to prevent our humble and repeated Petitions from reaching the Ear of your Majesty, or having their desired effect; And finally that the Said Thomas Hutchinson and Andrew Oliver have been among the Chief instruments in introducing a Fleet and an Army into this Province to establish and

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and perpetuate their Plans. Whereby they have been not only greatly instrumental of disturbing the Peace and Harmony of the Government and causing unnatural and hateful Discords and animosities between the Several parts of your Majesty's extensive Dominions, but are justly chargeable with all that Corruption of morals, and all that Confusion, Misery and Blood shed, which have been the natural effects of posting an Army in a populous Town.

Wherefore we most humbly pray that your Majesty would be pleased to remove from their Posts in this Government, the said Thomas Murchinson Esq^r and Andrew Oliver Esq^r who have by their Conduct and otherwise, rendered themselves justly obnoxious to your loving Subjects and entirely lost their Confidence; and place such good and faithful Men in their Stead as your Majesty on your great Wisdom shall think fit.

A Letter to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia

Prov. Mass^s: Bay June 3 1773

Sir
The very important Resolves entered into by the House of Burgesses of his Majesty's most ancient Colony of Virginia on the 12th March last, together with your obliging Letter inclosing the same, have been laid before the House of Representatives of this Province.

The wisdom of the Measures proposed in these Resolves, and the great good Effects that may reasonably be expected to flow from them not only to the Colonies but the parent State were so obvious, that the House immediately adopted them, and appointed a Committee to keep