



To the Right Honourable the

Lord *CARTERET*,

One of His MAJESTY'S Principal Secretaries of State.

MY LORD,



AVING lately had the Honour of presenting the humble Address of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* to His Majesty for the Continuance of their Charter Privileges, which they apprehend in some Danger; it seem'd agreeable at the same 'Time, to explain the Right which the Charter Governments have to those Privileges. Nor could an Argument of this Nature be so properly address'd to any other Person as Your Lordship, who in your high Station, have all His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations within Your Province, and under Your immediate Care.

MY LORD, the Colonies I plead for, ask only Justice; yet if their Circumstances should require the Royal Grace, they humbly hope they have some Claim to it from their firm and exemplary Loyalty, For it may