

teranced by the Proprietors, who with great Earnestness solicited the Matter, and have on every Occasion been zealous and active for the Defence of the Colony. — The Petition was referred to a Committee of the Privy-Council and the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, who reported in favour of it. But the Petitioners, at that Time, received no Relief, owing, as they presume, to the other weighty Affairs of Government, which then necessarily engrossed the Attention of his Majesty's Ministers. Peace being soon after concluded, the Petitioners remained silent, till we are now again alarmed with greater and more threatenng Dangers than ever. Longer Silence would be unpardonable, and the sooner the *British* Nation is acquainted with our State, the more Possibility of Redress will remain.

I may be said, with the greatest Justice, that our Proprietors and our late Governors, have done every thing in their Power to assist us, and keep up to an *English* Constitution; for which they have been reviled, abused, and all imaginable  
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