

as surpriz'd by the *French*, and the then Governour, Captain *Lloyd*, and Garrison, taken
Commander of the *Militia*, rais'd the best Force he cou'd, and attempted the Relief
the two nearest Persons to him being the one kill'd, the other wounded: But the
Garrison, Your Petitioner was forc'd (after all possible Resistance) to submit with
Ransom, after which, he was treacherously carry'd away to *Placentia*, and detain'd there
permitted to return.

His Majesty's Commodore, being there, and Impowr'd or Authoriz'd to grant a Commission to
Place (the former Governour, Captain *Lloyd*, being carry'd into *France*, and since kill'd there)
Governour and Commander in Chief of the Fort and Harbour of *St. John's*, and all the
which he accepted of at the Request of the said Commodore, the several Merchants and
; and Your Petitioner hath ever since held the same, and faithfully discharg'd the Trust
Charge hitherto, and to the general Satisfaction of all concern'd in the Trade there.

implanted no one's Pretension (coming in upon an entire Vacancy) and behav'd himself unblameably in
most Gracious Consideration for the Governour's Pay, and for his Continuance in the Government, and
to Your Majesty.

And Your Petitioner, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

QUEEN'S Most Excellent MAJESTY.

of the Inhabitants in NEWFOUNDLAND.

Subjects inhabiting Your Province of *Newfoundland*, do humbly beg Leave to tender our
thanks which Your Majesty has so Graciously conferr'd on us; which, with God's Assistance,
protected against the violent Outrages of our barbarous Neighbours the *French*; whose bold
and unfortified Harbours most Dangerous, as they would our residing at *St. John's*, had not
under our being Regularized into a Militia, and to be put under Command of *John Collins Esq.*
in Guarding and Repairing Your Majesty's Fort in *St. John's*, and Regulating and Con-
tinuing Satisfaction: We therefore humbly beg Leave to recommend Him to Your
care, and the Great and Necessary Expence he has been at, and the Prejudice which his
and are Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects.

Subscribed by all the best Inhabitants that are Masters of Ships

and Masters of Ships trading to *Newfoundland*, do concur with
the said *John Collins Esq.* their present Governour, with all
the said Government, and Rewarded for the good
of that Province.

of the said Masters of Ships in London, Trading thither, and