

“ the Petition of the House of Representatives of  
 “ *Massachusetts Bay*, containing divers Charges  
 “ against Sir *Francis Bernard*, your Majesty’s  
 “ Governor of that Province; and also a Petition  
 “ of the said Sir *Francis Bernard*, praying, That  
 “ an early day might be appointed, to examine the  
 “ several articles of complaint exhibited against  
 “ him; and likewise a Petition of *Dennis De Berdt*,  
 “ Agent for the House of Representatives of the  
 “ said Province, praying, That due time and op-  
 “ portunity might be allowed to make good the  
 “ allegations contained in the complaint against  
 “ Governor *Bernard*:—The Lords of the Commit-  
 “ tee, in obedience to your Majesty’s said order of  
 “ reference, did, on the 21st of *December*, take  
 “ the said several Petitions into consideration; and  
 “ it appearing, by the aforementioned Petition of  
 “ Sir *Francis Bernard*, that, a few days before  
 “ he embarked for *England*, he obtained a copy of  
 “ the charges alledged against him, and was pre-  
 “ pared to make his answer thereto; their Lord-  
 “ ships thought proper to appoint *Saturday* the  
 “ 27th of *January* to hear the same: but your  
 “ Majesty having been pleased, by another order  
 “ of Council of the 19th of *January*, to refer unto  
 “ this Committee a further Petition of the said  
 “ *Dennis De Berdt*, praying, That the trial of the  
 “ complaints against Governor *Bernard* might be  
 “ deferred some months, in order that due time  
 “ may