

“ restrictions as are used in other colonies.”
 ‘ And whereas it has graciously pleased your
 ‘ majesty, in the letters patents of com-
 ‘ mission to your captain-general, and go-
 ‘ vernour in chief, and in case of his death, or
 ‘ during his absence, in the letters patent of
 ‘ commission to your majesty’s lieutenant-
 ‘ governour of this province, to give and grant
 ‘ unto him full power and authority, with
 ‘ the advice and consent of your majesty’s
 ‘ council, so soon as the situation and circum-
 ‘ stances of this province would admit of it,
 ‘ and when and as often as need should re-
 ‘ quire, to summon and call general assem-
 ‘ blies of the freeholders and planters, within
 ‘ this government, in such manner as he in
 ‘ his discretion should judge most proper.
 ‘ And whereas your petitioners, whose pro-
 ‘ perties, real and personal, in this province,
 ‘ are become very considerable, having well
 ‘ considered its present state and circumstan-
 ‘ ces, and humbly conceiving them to be such
 ‘ as to admit the summoning and calling a
 ‘ general assembly of the freeholders and
 ‘ planters; did, on the third day of December
 ‘ last past, present their humble petition to
 ‘ the honourable Hector Theophilus Cra-
 ‘ mahé, Esq; your majesty’s lieutenant-go-
 ‘ vernour, and now commander in chief,
 ‘ stating as above, and humbly praying, that
 ‘ he would be pleased, with the advice and
 ‘ consent of your majesty’s council, to sum-
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