

those that are immediately exposed to the outrages of the enemy, have peculiarly felt refreshments from the benign influences of your wise and tender conduct ; and are under the most sensible engagements to acknowledge your Excellency, under God, as the breath of their nostrils.

Your uncommon sagacity and prudence, in contriving to loose the bonds of your captivated children ; your unwearied vigor, and application, in pursuing them, to work our deliverance, can never be enough praised. It is most notorious that nothing was thought too difficult by you to effect this design ; in that you readily sent your own son, Mr. WILLIAM DUDLEY, to undergo the hazards and hardships of a tedious voyage, that this affair might be transacted with success ; which must not be forgotten, as an expression of your great solicitude and zeal to recover us from the tyranny and oppression of our captivity.

I doubt not but that the God, whom herein you have served, will remember, and gloriously reward you ; and may Heaven long preserve you at your helm, a blessing so necessary for the tranquility of this province, in this dark and tempestuous season ; may the best of blessings from the Father of lights, beshowered down upon your person, family and Government ; which shall be the prayer of,

*Your Excellency's*

*Most humble, obedient,*

*and dutiful servant,*

JOHN WILLIAMS.