

Letter, attempt to state to your Lordship all such matters, and rest in full confidence that whatever reasonable request we make of your Lordship if in your power you will grant it, and what you cannot that your lordship will be pleased to transmit and lay before His Majesty's Ministers; we, in such case praying your lordship's recommendation in our favor.

The uniform and benevolent attention of Government to our distresses, during the continuance of, and since, the late Rebellion, and the encouragement we have received from your lordship's worthy predecessor will not permit us to entertain a doubt but that under your lordship's auspices, our most valuable interest will be secured and every reasonable expectation gratified.

The Petitioners acknowledge with the warmest gratitude his Majesty's paternal care and most gracious attention to alleviate as much as possible by multiplied favors conferred upon them, the calamities incident to a state of war; they therefore wish to convey to your lordship the strongest assurances of the unshaken loyalty and fidelity of themselves and constituents; assuring your lordship, that whenever his Majesty shall require their service, their lives and properties shall most cheerfully be devoted to his service, and the defence of his dominions. From your lordship's great wisdom and intimate knowledge of our interest & expectations as loyal subjects, and the particular attention paid by your lordship to our reasonable requests on former occasions, we have formed the most sanguine hopes that the lands on which we are now settled, and which we have improved at great expense and labor, will not be granted to us on worse terms than we held the lands that were forfeited in the