

“ To the Worshipful William Carter Esquire, Judge of the
 “ Vice Admiralty Court, in the Island of Newfoundland.

“ The Memorial of John Leigh, Attorney to Messrs.
 “ And” Pinson, John Tingcombe, and Jonathan
 “ Elford, Afflignees, &c. &c.

“ Humbly Sheweth,

“ That your Memorialist did, in the Month of May last, take
 “ Possession of the Sloop Collector, and sundry other Effects, Part
 “ of the said Estate, in the Harbour of Fermuse, in this Island ;
 “ that your Memorialist, in the said Sloop Collector, did on the
 “ 30th Day of June last come into this Harbour from Fermuse
 “ with a Lading of Goods, Part of the said Effects, for Sale ; and
 “ that John Sparke, Master of the said Sloop, at the Command of
 “ Peter M’Kie, Esq^r, Surveyor, did attend at the Custom House
 “ of this Island, and produce her Register, which the said Peter
 “ M’Kie, with Joⁿ. Ogden, Esq^r, Dep^t Collector, and D’Ewes
 “ Coke, Esq^r, Comptroller, did detain in their Possession from
 “ the Second Day of July until the Sixth idem, under a Plea that
 “ your Mem^t ought to discharge or pay a certain Bill of Ex-
 “ change, drawn in Favour of the said Peter M’Kie, for the Sum of
 “ about Six Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, on the said Philip
 “ Leigh & C^o, before the Time of their becoming Bankrupt ;
 “ that your Mem^t having persisted in refusing to discharge
 “ the said Bill, and the Claim of the said Jon^s Ogden, D’Ewes
 “ Coke, and P. M’Kie, Esq^r, on the said Sloop, for Payment
 “ of it, having been rejected by your Worship, the said Register
 “ was delivered back, and the Sloop permitted to return to Fermuse,
 “ after Twelve Shillings for her Report or Entry at the said Custom
 “ House had been for the First Time exacted and paid.

“ That the said Sloop has come Coastwise to this Harbour from
 “ Fermuse several Times since the said Sixth Day of July last, and
 “ that each Time before she has been permitted to depart, the Sum
 “ of Twelve Shillings has been exacted by the said Officers, and
 “ paid, although the said Sloop has been, ever since her Arrival
 “ in this Island in the Year 1787, employed solely for the con-
 “ veying of Goods Coastwise, and no such Fees were ever de-
 “ manded on her, nor the Master’s Attendance at the Custom
 “ House, after his First Arrival, required by these or any other Offi-
 “ cers until this Season ; that the said Sloop came last into this
 “ Harbour from Fermuse on the Eleventh Instant, being with the
 “ Goods