

Majesty's Service, upon this Occasion, may be graciously accepted by His Majesty, as a Proof of that perfect Duty and firm Loyalty which, I am persuaded, all the Colonies concerned in the Reduction of this Place (but especially that of the *Massachusetts*'s Bay, for which I can more particularly answer) bear to His Majesty's sacred Person, and to his Government, and of their ready Disposition to promote the general Welfare of his Dominions : And I humbly beg of your Grace to lay this Account before His Majesty, in such Manner as your Grace shall think most proper.

*I am, &c.*

*William Shirley.*

