

‘ had to offer, and having maturely weighed  
 ‘ and considered the whole of the evidence  
 ‘ adduced by the said Benjamin Franklin,  
 ‘ Esq. upon, which the said House of Re-  
 ‘ presentatives did come to the several  
 ‘ resolves, which are the foundation of  
 ‘ their said petition to your Majesty: The  
 ‘ Lords of the Committee take leave to  
 ‘ represent to your Majesty, that the said  
 ‘ House of Representatives, have by their  
 ‘ said petition taken upon themselves to  
 ‘ bring a general charge against your Ma-  
 ‘ jesty’s said Governor and Lieutenant-  
 ‘ Governor, and to complain of their con-  
 ‘ duct, “ As having a natural and effica-  
 ‘ cious tendency to interrupt and alienate  
 ‘ the affections of your Majesty from that  
 ‘ your Loyal Province—To destroy that  
 ‘ harmony and good will between Great-  
 ‘ Britain and that Colony, which every  
 ‘ honest subject would strive to establish—  
 ‘ To excite the resentment of the British  
 ‘ administration against that Province—  
 ‘ To defeat the endeavours of their agents  
 ‘ and friends to serve them by a fair re-  
 ‘ presentation of their state of facts—To  
 ‘ prevent their humble and repeated peti-  
 ‘ tions from reaching the ear of your Ma-  
 ‘ jesty, or having their desired effect;  
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