

‘ Franklin, Esquire, styling himself Agent  
 ‘ for the said House of Representatives  
 ‘ (and from whom the said petition had  
 ‘ been transmitted to the Right Honourable  
 ‘ the Earl of Dartmouth one of your Ma-  
 ‘ jesty’s principal Secretaries of State)  
 ‘ and likewise by Israel Mauduit Esquire,  
 ‘ from whom application had been made  
 ‘ to this Committee, humbly praying on  
 ‘ behalf of your Majesty’s said Governor  
 ‘ and Lieutenant Governor, that he might  
 ‘ be heard by Council in relation to the  
 ‘ Address of the House of Representatives  
 ‘ of the said province; and the said Benja-  
 ‘ min Franklin, Esq. having thereupon  
 ‘ prayed, that he might in that case be  
 ‘ heard also by his Council at a future  
 ‘ day—The Lords of the Committee did,  
 ‘ in compliance with the petition of the  
 ‘ said Israel Mauduit, Esq. and at the  
 ‘ instance of the said Benjamin Franklin,  
 ‘ Esq. think proper to appoint a future  
 ‘ day to resume the consideration of the  
 ‘ said petition of the House of Representa-  
 ‘ tives of Massachusetts Bay, and to allow  
 ‘ Council to be heard on both sides there-  
 ‘ upon.—And their Lordships having been  
 ‘ this day attended by Council on both  
 ‘ sides accordingly, and heard all that they  
 ‘ had