

8      *The Petition of the Americans in 1765.*

*Majesty's Parliament; and to afford them such relief, as in your royal wisdom their unhappy circumstances shall be judged to require.*

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will pray.

*New York, Nov. 1765.*



To the Right Honourable the LORDS Spiritual  
and Temporal, of Great Britain, in *Parliament*  
*assembled.*

The Memorial of the Freeholders and other In-  
habitants of the Massachusett's Bay, &c.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWS.

**T**HAT his Majesty's liege subjects in his American colonies, though they *acknowledge a due subordination to that august body the British Parliament*, are intitled, in the opinion of your memorialists, to all the inherent rights and liberties of the natives of Great Britain, and have, ever since the settlement of the said colonies, exercised those rights and liberties, *as far as their local circumstances would permit.*

That your memorialists humbly conceive one of the most essential rights of these colonists, which they have ever, 'till lately, uninterruptedly enjoyed, to be trial by jury.

That your memorialists also humbly conceive, another of these essential rights to be the exemption from all taxes  
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