

wouldly w^{ch} advice of the ^{Gov} being proclaimed, without which
certainly w^e have not bin able to do our duty in that particular
such advice would have bin gratefully received by

Your Obedient most humble Serv^{ts}
Tho: Tailor Nicholas Sewall
Vincent Lowe
Henry Barnall Ed: Eye. —

Tho: Jones prisoner
aboard Allen

The Hon^{ble} Col^l W^m Stevens came and informed that he
had just rec^d a Let^{tr} from one Thomas Jones an Inhabitant
of this Province, and a person of good credit an reputation in
some of the County, complaining that he was detin^d a prisoner
and used hard usage aboard the Quaker Ketch Capt^{ns} Thomas
Allen Command^{er} for cause unknown, and desiring some course
to be taken by their Hon^{rs} for his liberty

Whereupon was resolv^d and writtⁿ to Captⁿ Allen this
foll^wing Let^{tr} (viz^t)

St. Marks June 9th 1686

Captⁿ Allen

Being credibly inform^d that you (being within the limits
of this Province) have taken and detin^d a prisoner in your custody —
aboard your Ketch, one Thomas Jones an Inhabitant of this Province
without any just cause appearing or made known to us, (of w^{ch})
we cannot but take notice, and hope you will civilly upon receipt
hereof dismiss him in full assurance that if he have committed
any offence deserving punishment you shall upon your application
to the Govern^{or} & so that w^e will do you justice.
So hoping you will give us no further trouble We are &c

Let^{tr} to
Captⁿ Allen
concerning
Tho: Jones

Your Loving Friends
Tho: Tailor
Vincent Lowe
William Stevens. —

