

Care and Fidelity, we have had sufficient Testimony and  
 also in the late Revolution the said Bonner did demean and  
 behave and carry himself as a true and faithful Subject of their  
 said Majestys for which cause the late Convention restored him  
 again to his former place of Clerk of this County, since the dissolu-  
 tion whereof your Honours have likewise been pleased to confirm  
 the said Place of Clerk of this County to him, Now we being  
 credibly informed that Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary of this  
 Province intends to remove the said Bonner and to impose a  
 Stranger upon us for Clerk of this County a person altogether  
 unacquainted with the same and in whom we dare not repose  
 so great a trust therefore we humbly pray that as hitherto, so  
 your Honours would still continue the said Bonner in the said  
 Place of Clerk of this County, Wee humbly apply our selves  
 to your Honours for redress herein and if it shall seem meet  
 and convenient to your Honours we further humbly pray that  
 this our present condition may be represented to the King  
 and Council

And We shall &c

Ferdinando Battee	Edward Carter	William Cole
Thomas Linchcomb	John Hawkins	John Willowby
John Watkins	John Jordain	John Larkin
Robert Lockwood	Robert Procter	Thomas Hughes
John Chappice		
John Hammond		
William Holland		
Henry Ridgely		
James Saunders		
Samuel Young		
Nich Gassaway		
Abell Browne		

Justices

Sr Thomas Lawrence present at the reading and hearing of  
 the foregoing petition makes his defence thereto and conceives  
 that he hath sufficient power by his Commission and Instruct.