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Move & Offer to the consideration of the Board that whereas some of their Honours had lately rec^d a Letter from S^r. Thomas Lawrence requiring them severally as Justices of the Provincial Court to sign for him according to Law as he alleged his habeas Corpus which had likewise been personally demanded of his Servant Thomas Muckins on his Behalf they thereupon pray the Sentiments & advice of the Board therein whether or no they are ^{by Law} obliged to comply therewith

In answer whereunto it is Declared that he was committed by special Order of his Excellency the Gov^r & Council a superior Authority to that of the Provincial Court & that if in his case such writ were grantable it must be to some higher Court or Place that can take Cognizance thereof moreover upon the demand made no such writ has been produced for the parties of whom demanded to sign to whereby it might appear to what Court or other Authority his said writ should direct him

It hereupon is concluded & the opinion of the Board is that it be demanded of S^r. Thomas Lawrence or whosoever shall appear to solicit for him his said Demands to have a sight of the said writ for their better Information before such time as they can give a more positive answer therunto

Taking into consideration that their Majesty's Ships of War the Conway appointed & now lately arrived in the Fleet are limited to sixty days time staying here