

As the more heavy to him by understanding that his
 inconsiderate words & actions have by some of the people
 of the Province been imputed to that Degree as to breed
 some discontents in the minds of some of the Subalterns
 whereby your Excellency's Gov^{ty} might have rec^d some
 trouble tho never in the least imagin'd or intended by your
 Petitioner

— And that your Petitioner's sincerity in this his hum-
 ble Submission to your Excellency's Clemency may be the
 more apparently known to the world he is freely of-
 fer with all the candor imaginable to answer truly to
 all such questions as your Excellency shall please to
 put to him whereby your Excellency may receive further
 Satisfaction in the discovery of any matter that may
 give your Excellency the least discontent so far as he is
 Capable of doing to confirm your Excellency in the be-
 lief of your Petitioner's sincerity in this matter he humbly
 offers to deliver unto your Excellency the very original of
 the late Articles framed by M^r John Coote Sen^r under his
 own hand who is the maine Instrument of your pres^{nt}
 present misfortunes & whose Company & correspondence
 your Petitioner for his own safety will for the future avoid
 & in as much as your Excellency's humble petitioner hath
 thus sincerely & with all humility left himself to your Exc^l
 mencys & has offered to do any thing in his power & know-
 ledge that may in any wise conduce to your Excellency's Sa-
 tisfaction he humbly hopes your Excellency's Goodness will
 so far Condescend as to remit the punishment due to his
 Guilt & permit him to go home & mend his own private