

inasmuch as he hath been thus happily served having a  
 favour of your Excellency's extraordinary Consideration in the  
 furtherance of ~~me~~ & therefore to your great care & Expenses  
 then concerned therein to rule over them in these Provinces

But the more Grievous to your Excellency's petitioner  
 is the said accusation because he has often used a many good  
 many unobjectionable Words of your Excellency's goodness in  
 such a manner that he must needs be looked upon the most  
 ungrateful of men should any thing come from him that  
 may in the least tend to calumniate your Excellency

Whence he humbly prays that according to your  
 Excellency's wonted Clemency & your peculiar desire of  
 promoting the Interest of all fair Traders into your Gov<sup>t</sup>  
 that your Excellency would be pleased to remit the pro-  
 secution with the guilt of those things your petitioner  
 is accused without hardly demands that the employ he is  
 concerned in may not suffer having only this to offer  
 himself that if he should speak such words which he  
 never remembers to have done they were such as he had  
 no ground to say & in themselves utterly false & further  
 that he shall with all industry endeavour to manifest  
 himself as he really is a well wisher to your Exc<sup>ty</sup> & the  
 Gov<sup>t</sup> & abhorer of such persons as should have any  
 inclination to the contrary

In humble hopes of your Excellency's forgiveness your  
 petitioner can do no more than pray &c

James Brown

Captaine James Brown being Called in

His Excellency is pleased to say that he is not to be taken  
 with a few fair words in a Petition

But since this is a Day appointed for publick Thanks  
 giving & especially upon the happy News of the good