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Petition of the inhabitants of East Jersey, asking to be taken under the government of the King, should the Proprietors not appoint a suitable person as Governor.

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TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE PET^{ON} Your Maj^{ties} Loyall Subjects inhabiting in your Maj^{ties} Province of East New Jersey in America.

Humbly Sheweth.

THAT M^r Jeremiah Basse was sent over by the Proprietors of this Your Maj^{ties} Province In the year 1697 with a Commission from them to govern the said Province, whose Authority was by many opposed, for that (as it was alleged) he wanted our Maj^{ties} Royall approbation as by Act of Parliament is required, whereupon very great disturbances have arisen amongst the Inhabitants of this Your Maj^{ties} Province.

That the Councill here did give an account to the said Proprietors, of those disturbances & at the same time did advise and assure them that no Gov^r by them commissioned would satisfy the People here without Your Maj^{ties} Royall approbation.

That yet notwithstanding (in contempt of your Maj^{ties} known Laws and against the advice of the Councill aforesaid) They the said Prop^{rs} have sent over Colonell Andrew Hamilton (in the year 169) to govern the s^d Province by virtue of a commission from themselves only, not having your Maj^{ties} Royall approbation, who has thereupon assumed the Government; and by force of arms holds Courts to the great terrour of your Maj^{ties} good Subjects; and has pressed Sundry Persons

to his assistance therein, some of whom he has imprisoned, and fined for no other cause but for refusing Obedience to his Illegall Authority commanding them to take up Arms against their peaceable Neighbours.

WE Your Maj^{ty}s Loyall Subjects labouring under these and many other grievances and oppressions by the Proprietor of this your Maj^{ty}s Province of East New Jersey, do in most humble manner lay ourselves prostrate before your Maj^{ty} (the fountain of Justice) humbly imploring your Maj^{ty} will be graciously pleased, according to your Princely Wisdome, to take into consideration Our evill circumstances under the present Prop^{rs}. And that Your Maj^{ty} will be graciously pleased to give Your Royall Command to the said Prop^{rs} (if the Right of Government is invested in them) that with Your Maj^{ty}s Royall approbation they commissionate for Gov^r a fitt Person, qualified according to Law, who as an indifferent Judge may decide the Controversies, arising between the Prop^{rs} and the Inhabitants of this Your Maj^{ty}s Province, and settle all the differences which at present they labour under, or if otherwise Your Maj^{ty} be graciously pleased to take the Government immediately into Your Maj^{ty}s own hands, We humbly pray (if it may be for your Maj^{ty}s Service) That East and West New Jersey's may be one distinct Government

And Your Pet^{rs} as in duty bound shall ever Pray
&c.

William Looker Sr.	W ^m Mitchell	Sam ^l Potter
Jos: Whitehead	Jos: Halsey	Benj: Parkhurst
Sam ^l Carter	Jn: Harriman Jun ^r	Jos: Ogden
James Whitehead	Tho: Fitz Randolph	Walter Wall
Jn: Miles	Benj: Hull	W ^m Chesman Sen ^r

¹ These names are written in columns in the draft, but as they are not original autographs, it is impossible to say in what order they were written. All those having an asterisk appended are very doubtful.

Benj: Woodroffe	W ^m Olden	W ^m Chesman
W ^m Brown	Jutt: Hall*	Jn. Morford
Jos: Maker Jun ^r *	Andrew Bowne	Peter Stout
Tho. Skenoye*	Rich. Hartshorne	W ^m Merzell
Jn: Rosse	Lafty Gronen	Jn: Bray
Jn: Thomas	Rob ^t Hamilton	Jn: Whitelock
Jos: Hindse	Obadiah Holmes	Tho. Taylor
Josh: Clarke	Jorat Mall*	Jos. Anirell*
Tho: Clarke	Jn: Nahihan*	Fra: Buckhalson
Jos: Lyon	Jn: Stout Sen ^r	Jacob Vadoon
Kendrick Tunneson*	Ja: Wilson	Aty Beune
Jn: Clarke	Jn: Bowne Jun ^r	W ^m Lawrence Jun ^r
Jn: Willis	Benj: Borden	Jn. Lawrence
Hommuel Bunel*	James Grover	Rech ^d James
Jos: Cand	Nico: Stevens	Sam ^l Forman
John Boyse	Kend. Hendickson	Jn: Swinney
Sam: Walker	Lamb: Johnson	W ^m Lawrence
George Drake	Peter Landevinter	James Lawrence
Jn: Drake	Peter Wilson	Ben: Lawrence
Tho ^s Higgins	Hen: Harsh	Ja: Borden
Jn: Langstaff	James Ashton	W ^m Wood
Henry Crosley	Tho: Hanackson	Alex: Forman
Jn: Perte*	Tho: Johnson	Jere: Bennit
Jn: Edmonds	Ephraim Clarke	James Bowne
Rich Corden	Jn. Mceker	Rob ^t Ashaly
Jn Cleayton	Edw ^d Osborne	W ^m Eastell
Hen: Parat	Stev: Bedford	W ^m Whandrick
W ^m Laten*	Rob: Wolly	George Shammit
W ^m Wheavins	W ^m Willis	W ^m Furch
Nic: Larta*	Bar. Carter	Jn. Wilson
Jn: Parant	Ben. Bond	W ^m Jones
Charles Chubs	Ja: Manning	Jos. Cole
Dav. Cleayton	Jos: Manning	James Fox
Tho: Potter	Jn. Chaplin	Sam ^l Forbenor
Rob: Holman	Jed: Higgins	James Dorset
Tho: Cox	Jn: Fitz Randolph	W ^m Verety
Dan: Robins	Wm. Runyen	Rich ^d Hankson
Nat. Robins	Hugh Dun	George Allin
Mons: Robins	Jud: Sutton	Jos: West

Jos: Meeker	Jo: Fitz Randolph	Jn. Herne
W ^m Looker Jun ^r	Jn. Manning	Caleb Allin
Jn. Allen	Jn. Jemings	Jos: Parker
Sam. Whitehead	Jn. Dreake	Josias Planbord
Benj. Meeker	Fra: Dreake	Aron Robins
Sam ^l . Clarke	Elis Lawrence	W ^m Purden
Henry Tuttell	Ben: Cooke	W ^m White
Jn: Hindes	James Stout	James Ashton
Ob: Sale	Abner Ilnes	Rich ^d . Robins
Jona: Ogden	Tho: Eistell*	Tho: Parker
Jona: Ogdèn Jun ^r	Ob: Bowne	Tho: Parker Jun ^r
W ^m Whitehead	Rich. Davis Jun ^r	Jn. Dewilde
Benj. Price Jun ^r	Benj: Corden	Jn Page Sen ^r
Tho: Sayre	Jn. Cole	Jn Page Jun ^r
Nat: Whitehead	Sam. Willit	Jn Fowler
W ^m Strayhearne	Jn. Sealtou	Ant. Woodw'd
Pier Mice	Moses Lipet	Jn. More
Dan. Robins	Jn. Woodroffe	Jonas Wood
W ^m Parrent	Rich: Clarke	Jn. Parker
W ^m Winter	Tho: Thompson	Jn. Megie
James Gunner	Benj: Meeken*	Charles Tooker
Rich. Davis	Geo. Rosse	Remembrance Lip-
Rich. Compton	Jos. Ressey*	pincott
W ^m Bowne	George Ross	Jos: Lippincott
Step: Vane	John Cox	Steph: Sheate
Moses Tompson	Sam ^l . Dotey*	Garet Bowler
Abr: Baker	Rich ^d . Sutton	Jn. Woolley
Benj. Ogden	Isaac Smalley	Jn. Williams
Jn. Gold	Benj: Manning	Ja: Bollen
W ^m Miller	Sam ^l . Dotey	Ja: Seabrooke
Jn. Craner	Sam: Hull	Jos. Lawrence
Eben: Lyon	Edm ^d . Downham.	Sam: Throp
Andr: Cragg	Reheboth Gannet	Henry Bell

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