



To the Kings most excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Peregrine Cust James Bradley
Charles Herries Robert Thornton William Greenwood
Markhouse Davison and Abraham Newman all of the City
of London Merchants

Sheweth

That your Petitioners Markhouse Davison and
Abraham Newman have for many Years past dealt and traded in
buying large Quantities of Teas at the India Companys Sales in
London and selling the same by Wholesale and also in shipping
and sending the same to the British Colonies in America for sale
there.

That your said Petitioners in December One thousand seven
hundred and seventy three on the ordinary Course of such their Trade
shipt on Board a Brigantine or Vessel called the Fortune -
commanded by Benjamin Goreham then lying in the River Thames
bound for Boston in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in North -
America sixteen Chests of Tea consigned to Henry Lloyd a Merchant
there.

That the said Ship arrived in the Harbour of Boston on
Sunday the sixth of March One thousand seven hundred and
seventy four laden with Goods and Merchandizes of various kinds
(amongst which were the said sixteen Chests of Tea) upon Freight
and about Eight o'Clock in the Evening of the next Day being the
Seventh of March the said Ship being then at anchor in the
Harbour of Boston aforesaid a great Number of Persons all of
whom were unknown to the Captain and many of them disguised -
and dressed and talking like Indians armed with Axes and -
Katchets with Force and Violence entered on Board the said Vessel
and broke open the Hatches and proceeded to ransack the
Hold and hoisted out Twenty eight Chests of Tea amongst which
were the before mentioned sixteen Chests of Tea) upon the Deck of
the said Vessel and threw with Katchets Axes and Clubs broken open
the said Chests and emptied and threw the Tea into the Water whereby
the same was wholly lost and destroyed.

That in December One thousand seven hundred and seventy three
your Petitioners Peregrine Cust James Bradley Charles Herries -
Robert Thornton and William Greenwood undertook a Policy of
Insurance on the said sixteen Chests of Tea for several Sums of
Money amounting together to Four hundred and eighty Pounds
which sum by reason of the Loss of the said Tea they have paid

to your Petitioners Monkhouse Dawson and Abraham Newman the
Assured in the said Policy

That the said Tea with the Charges and Premium of Insurance
thereon was of the Value of Four hundred and seventy two Pounds
Two Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling as by the Invoice thereof
made and sent therewith dated the Twenty third Day of December
One thousand seven hundred and seventy three appears

That your Petitioners are prepared with proper Evidence fully
to prove the Matters aforesaid

That by an Act of Parliament passed in the present Session
intituled "An Act to discontinue in such manner
and for such time as are therein mentioned
the landing and discharging lading or shipping
of Goods Wares and Merchandize at the Town and
within the Harbour of Boston in the Province of
Massachusetts Bay in North America" your
Majesty is empowered to assign and appoint the Extent Bounds
and Limits of the said Port or Harbour and also to appoint
Quays and Wharfs within the said Harbour for the landing
discharging lading and shipping of Goods in case it shall
appear to your Majesty that full satisfaction hath been made
by the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boston to the East India
Company for the Damage sustained by the said Company by
the Destruction of their Goods sent to Boston And when it
shall be properly certified to your Majesty that reasonable
satisfaction hath been made to others who suffered by the
Riots and Insurrections at Boston in November and December
One thousand seven hundred and seventy three and January
One thousand seven hundred and seventy four

That at the time of passing the said Act Advice had not
been received in England of the Riots and Disorders committed
at Boston in March One thousand seven hundred and seventy
four and therefore the same could not be therein particularly
taken Notice of But nevertheless your Petitioners humbly
conceive that by the said Act it was intended that no such
Port Harbour Quays or Wharfs should be appointed as or
for the said Town of Boston until it should appear to your
Majesty that reasonable satisfaction had been made to all Persons
who suffered by the Riots and Insurrections at Boston

Wherefore and in regard that the Violence used in destroying the
said sixteen Chests of Tea was not provoked by your Petitioners
and did not proceed from any Resentment conceived against them
or against their manner of trading but was intended and used

by all affected Persons as an Affirmation to and defence of your
Majesty's Government and Authority

Your Petitioners most humbly
pray that your Majesty will be graciously
pleased to give your Petitioners such relief
as their Case may require and such as to your
Majesty may seem just

And your Petitioners shall ever pray

P. Cust.

Wm Greenwood

Charles Herries

Davison & Newman

Robt Thornton

Jas Bradley

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To the King's most excellent Majesty,

The humble Petition of Peregrine Cust, James Bradley, Charles Harris, Robert Thornton, William Greenwood, Monkhouse Davison and Abraham Newman all of the City of London Merchants

Sheweth, That your Petitioners Monkhouse Davison and Abraham Newman have for many Years past dealt and traded in buying large Quantities of Teas at the India Company's Sales in London and selling the same by Wholesale and also in shipping and sending the Same to the British colonies in America for sale there.

That your said Petitioners in December One thousand seven hundred and seventy three in the ordinary course of such their Trade ship on Board a Brigantine or Vessel called the *Fortune* commanded by Benjamin Gorsham then lying in the River Thames bound for Boston in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in North America Sixteen chests of tea consigned to Henry Lloyd a Merchant there.

THAT the said Ship arrived in the Harbour of Boston on Sunday the Sixth of March One thousand seven hundred and seventy four laden with goods and Merchandizes of various kinds (amongst which were the said Sixteen Chests of Tea) upon Freight and about Eight o'clock in the Evening of the next day being the Seventh of March the said ship being then at a wharf in the Harbour of Boston aforesaid a great Number of Persons all of whom were unknown to the Captain and many of them disguised and dressed and talking like Indians armed with Axes and Hatchets with Force and violence entered on Board the said Vessel and broke open the Hatches and proceeded to rummage the Hold and hoisted out Twenty eight Chests of Tea, amongst which were the before mentioned Sixteen Chests of Tea, upon the Deck of the said Vessel and there with Hatchets axes and Clubs broke open the said Chests and emptied and threw the Tea into the Water whereby the same was wholly lost and destroyed.

That in December One thousand seven hundred and seventy three your Petitioners Peregrine Cust James Bradley Charles Harris Robert Thornton and William Greenwood underwrote a Policy of Insurance on the said Sixteen Chests of Tea for several Sums of Money amounting together to Four hundred and eighty Pounds which Sum by reason for the Loss of the said Tea they have paid to your Petitioners Monkhouse Davison and Abraham Newman the Assessed in the said Policy.

THAT the said Tea with the Charges and Premium of Insurance thereon was of the Value of Four hundred and seventy two Pounds Two shillings and Ten Pence Sterling as by the Invoice thereof made and sent therewith dated the Twenty third Day of December One thousand seven hundred and seventy three appears.

THAT your Petitioners are prepared with proper Evidence fully to prove the Matters aforesaid.

THAT by an Act of Parliament passed in the present Sessions entitled "An Act to discontinue in such manner and for such time as are therein mentioned the landing and discharging lading or shipping of Goods Wares and Merchandize at the Town and within the Harbour of Boston in the Province of Massachusetts' Bay in North America" your Majesty in empowered to assign and appoint the Extent Bounds and Limits of the said Port or Harbour and also to appoint Quays and Wharfs within the said Harbour for the landing discharging lading and shipping of Goods in case it shall appear to your Majesty that full satisfaction hath been made by the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boston to the east India Company for the Damage sustained by the said Company by the destruction of their Goods sent to Boston. And where it shall be properly certified to your Majesty that reasonable Satisfaction hath been made to others who suffered by the Riots and Insurrections at Boston in November and December One thousand seven hundred and seventy three and January One thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

THAT at the time of passing the said Act Advice had not been received in England of the riots and Disorders committed at Boston in March One thousand seven hundred and seventy four and therefore the same could not be therein particularly taken Notice of But nevertheless your Petitioners humble conceive that by the said act it was intended that no such Port Harbour Quays or wharfs should be appointed at or for the said Town of Boston until it should appear to your Majesty that reasonable Satisfaction had been made to all Persons who suffered by the riots and Insurrections at Boston.

Wherefore and in regard that the Violence used in destroying the said Sixteen Chests of Tea was not provoked by your Petitioners and did not proceed from any Resentment conceived against them or against their manner of trading but was intended and used by ill affected Persons as an opposition to and defiance of your Majesty's Government and Authority.

YOUR PETITIONERS most humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give your Petitioners such relief as their Case may require and such as to your Majesty may seem just.

AND your Petitioners shall ever pray

P Cust, Davison & Newman, Wm. Greenwood, Charles Harris, Robt. Thornton, Jas Bradley

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