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To His Excellency William Tryon Esquire
 Captain General & Governor in Chief in & over
 the province of New York, and the Territories
 depending thereon in America, Chancellor, and
 Vice Admiral of the Same. —

May it Please Your Excellency,

We, the Freeholders and Inhabitants of
 King's County in the province of New York beg leave
 to congratulate Your Excellency on your Return to
 the Capital of Your Government; and to assure You
 that we feel the sincerest Emotions of pleasure
 on this happy Event, which opens a prospect that
 we shall once more experience the Blessings of peace
 and Security under His Majesty's auspicious
 Government & protection. Blessings which we formerly
 enjoyed under Your Excellency's just & mild Administration
 and which We ardently wish to have renewed.

Preserving in our Loyalty & unshaken
 Attachment to Our Gracious Sovereign in this Time
 of distress & Trial, and anxious to testify our Affection
 for Him, we have embraced the earliest Opportunity to
 petition the King's Commissioners that they would restore
 this Country to His Majesty's Peace. —

New York 13th November 1776.

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Sir,

From the well known Humanity, Benevolence,
and enlarged Sentiments of His Majesty's Commissioners
We have the most flattering Expectation that they will
be pleased to restore this district to His Majesty's peace.
To Your Excellency we naturally look up for assistance.
We therefore request that You will be pleased to present
our Petition to the Commissioners, & derive your utmost
influence that the Prayer of it may be granted, as it is
our fervent desire, & what we esteem the greatest
Earthly Felicity, to remain Subjects of the British
Government, in Union with the Parent State.

Signed by one of the Justices of each district
in behalf of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of
King's County. —

Nick. Couwenhoven.

Theod. Polhermes

Peter Cotelgaa.

Abra. Voorhes

Johannes Bergen.

Barant Johnson Junr.

John Lugdam.

Cornelius Wyckoff.

Jeremias Vanerbelt.

Abraham Luquer.

Rutger Van Brant.

Philip Nagel.

Abra. Van Brant.

Brav. Johnson.

Engelbart Lott.

I agreeable to the Request in the Address
delivered by You to me signed by the Justices of King's
County in behalf of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the
said County, I have presented to Lord Howe, one of the
King's Commissioners for restoring peace to His Majesty's
Colonies, the very dutiful & Loyal petition & Representation
of the said Inhabitants, who was pleased to say that
"He would take the earliest Opportunity of communicating
"with General Howe on the Occasion"

This publick profession & Evidence of the
unshaken Loyalty of the Inhabitants of King's County
and of their Zealous Attachment to the British Constitution
is highly pleasing to me, and gives them a Claim to my
best Wishes for the speedy Concurrence of those Circumstances
and Events which may induce His Majesty's Commissioners
to grant a Request, the Expediency & propriety whereof
is safely & happily committed to their Wisdom & discretion.

I am, with Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm. Tryon

The Hon^{ble}

William Axtell Esq^r of King's County

The foregoing Address was delivered to Governor Tryon
by Mr. Axtell one of His Majesty's Council, to whom His
Excellency was pleased to write the following Letter in Answer

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