

My Lord,

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This Morning I received the Address of the County of Suffolk; --- Excepting the Townships of East and West Hampton: Which Address I immediately presented to General Howe, and have the honor herewith of transmitting a Copy of the same: The above Townships apologized for not subscribing the above Petition, they lying to the Eastward of the Island and much exposed to the incursions of the Rebels from Connecticut: --- I am next Week to Review the Militia of that County, and shall then be better able to Judge of the temper of its Inhabitants in General, and of those two Townships in particular.

Last Saturday I reviewed the Militia of Kings County and after explaining to them the Treachery and Deceit with which they had been treated by the Rebel Leaders. I had the Satisfaction to find a hearty disposition among them in favor of Government.

I am with all possible Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships,

Most Obed.^t Hum^{ble} Serv^tW^m Tryon

Lord George Germain.

New York 2^d. Decem^r: 1776.

Governor Tryon.

(N^o 21)

Dec^r 30th

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To His Excellency William Tryon
Esquire Captain General and Governor
in Chief in and 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 Inhabitants of the County of
Suffolk, beg leave to Congratulate Your Excellency on Your
Return to the Capital of Your Government; and to
assure You, that we feel the sincerest Joy 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 and
Protection ——— Blessings which we formerly enjoyed
Under Your Excellency's mild Administration and which
we ardently wish to have renewed.

Persevering in our Loyalty and
unshaken Attachment to our gracious Sovereign,
in this Time of Distress and 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 County to His Majesty's
Peace, altho many of the most respectable Inhabitants

and a much greater Number of the Inferior Classes have been driven off by the Calamities of War, or sent Prisoners to New England, and other distant Parts, yet we hope that the Numbers still remaining and who have voluntarily subscribed, may be deemed sufficient to intitle this District to His Majesty's Grace, whilst the Sufferings which our absent Fellow Inhabitants undergo for the Royal Cause, plead in their behalf with the Commissioners. — for whose well known Humanity, Benevolence, and enlarged Sentiments, we have the most flattering Expectations.

To Your Excellency we naturally look up for Assistance; We therefore request that you would be pleased to present our Petition to the Commissioners; and otherwise exert Yourself, that the Prayer of it may be granted; as it is our fervent desire, and what we Esteem the greatest Earthly Felicity, to remain Subjects of the British Government. — in Union with the Parent State

Signed by Obedience and in Behalf of the
Inhabitants of the County of Suffolk.

Suffolk County - -
23rd November 1776

by
Richard Floyd
Thomas Fanning
Frederick Hudson.

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His Excellency The Governor's Answer.

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New York 2^o December 1776.

Gentlemen

Agreeable to the Request in the address delivered to me by You in behalf of the Inhabitants of Suffolk County, I have presented their very Dutiful and Loyal Petition and Representation to His Excellency General Howe one of the King's Commissioners for restoring Peace to His Majesty's Colonies, who was pleased to say, He would ^{take} the earliest Opportunity of communicating with Lord Howe on the occasion.

Every Publick Testimony of Loyalty to our most Gracious Sovereign, and Attachment to the British Constitution, is at this Season particularly commendable, and the Inhabitants of Suffolk County may be assured of my good Wishes for the Completion of their desires as expressed in their Petition and Representation, the granting of which is happily committed to the Wisdom and discretion of His Majesty's Commissioners.

I am with Regard,
Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Serv^t

Wm Tryon.

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Major Rich^d Floyd. M^r Tho^s Fanning, & M^r Fred^k Hudson of Suffolk County.

John A. Tyson's (1802) of
2 December 1776.

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To the Right Honorable Richard Lord
Viscount Howe, of the Kingdom of
Ireland, and to His Excellency The
Honorable William Howe Esquire, General
of His Majesty's Forces in America, the
King's Commissioners for restoring
Peace to His Majesty's Colonies in North
America.

Your Excellencies by your Declaration bearing date
July 11th 1776. having signified that "The King is
desirous to deliver His American Subjects from the
Calamities of War and other Oppressions which
they now undergo, and to restore the Colonies to His
Protection and Peace" and by a Subsequent Declaration
dated September 11th 1776. having also been pleased to
express your desire "To confer with His Majesty's
Well-affected Subjects upon the means of restoring
the Public Tranquility and establishing a permanent
Union with every Colony as a Part of the British Empire".

We therefore, whose Names are herunto
subscribed, Inhabitants of the County of Suffolk
on Nassau Island in the Province of New York,
reflecting with the tenderest Emotions of Gratitude on
this Instance of His Majesty's Parental Goodness and
encouraged by the affectionate Manner in which
His Majesty's gracious Purpose hath been conveyed
to Us by Your Excellencies, who have thereby convinced

that Humanity is inseparable from that true
Magnanimity, and those enlarged Sentiments
which form the most shining Characters, — Beg
Leave to represent to Your Excellencies.

That we bear true Allegiance to our Rightful
Sovereign George the Third, as well as warm Affection
to his sacred Person Crown and Dignity.

That we esteem the Constitutional Supremacy
of Great Britain over these Colonies, and other
depending parts of His Majesty's Dominions as
essential to the Union, Security and Welfare of the
Whole Empire, and sincerely lament the Interruption
of that Harmony which formerly subsisted between
the Parent State and these Her Colonies.

That many of the Loyal Inhabitants have
been driven away by the Calamities of War, and the
Spirit of Persecution which lately prevailed, or sent
Prisoners to New England, and other distant parts.

We therefore hoping that the Sufferings
which our Fellow Inhabitants undergo, for their Attachment
to the Royal Cause, may plead in their behalf, Humbly
Pray that Your Excellencies would be pleased to restore
this County to His Majesty's Protection and Peace.



Suffolk County October 1776.

(Subscribers to the above Petition - upwards of Six Hundred.)

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In Govt. Lyon's (N^o 21) of
2^d December 1776

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