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 Description: Petition to Parliament by land owners around York, Maine against Richard Vnes and Edward Godfrey, governors of the area under Ferdinand Gorges' mandate.

To the Right Honorable, the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons assembled in Parliament:-

The humble petition of George Cleeve, gent, on the behalf of himself and others, the planters and inhabitants of New Somersetshire, in New England, whose names are under-written submitted:

Most humbly showing that the petitioners, and the rest of the planters there by virtue of her patent made by the late King James, bearing date the 3rd of November in the 20th year of His Majesty's reign, and by other grant and assignment thereupon made, ought to be governed according to the rules and directions contained in the said patent.

Yet nevertheless, so it is, that Sir Ferdinando Gorges Kt. hath of late years without any lawful authority, set over your petitioners and the said other planters several Governors and other officers, who contrary to the said her patent exercise unlawful and arbitrary power and jurisdiction over the persons and estate of your petitioners and the said other planters to their great oppression utter impoverishment and the hindrance of the plantation in these parts. And these Governors and officers amongst many other misdemeanors have done and committed the several oppressions injuries and offences contained in the Articles hereto affixed.

Wherefore your petitioner on the behalf of himself and the said other planters most humbly pray unto your honors to take the premises into due consideration, and to cause redress thereof to be made and due recompense to the parties grieved.

And your petitioner as by duty bound shall daily pray for your honor's good.

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| Richard Tucker   | George Frost     | Thomas Page<br>(see over) |
| Michael Mitton   | John Bonython    | George Puddington         |
| Arthur Mackworth | John West        | John Baker                |
| William Ryall    | William Coale    | Edward Johnson            |
| Arnold Allen     | John Smith       | Henry Lyme                |
| Henry Watts      | John Wadley      | John Alcock               |
| Henry Boade      | William Smith    | Andrew Alger              |
| Will Hayward     | John Wilkinson   |                           |
| Thomas Raynolds  | Anthony Newland  |                           |
| Henry Sympson    | Francis Robinson |                           |
| Richard Barnard  | Joseph Jenks     |                           |
|                  | Peter Weare      |                           |
|                  | Avowed by me     |                           |
|                  | George Cleeve.   |                           |