

Twelfth Month 1722. No Meeting for Sufferings on account of the burial of our much-valued and truly serviceable ancient friend, John Whiting."

M. ETHEL CRAWSHAW.

Quakers' Petition re Governor Belcher

Minehead y^e 29th 11^{mo}

(January) 1739.

Francis Whitworth }
& Thomas Carew } Esq^{rs}

We are lately Informed That Strong Endeavours are making with the Kings Ministers to deprive Governor Belcher of his Governments in New England, And as that Gentleman has given demonstrable Evidence on all Occasions of his regards & Attachment to our Friends the People calld Quakers under his Government and more Particulary by his Influence a Law has been past exempting our Friends from Taxes to the Maintenance of the Ministers there, In Gratitude we earnestly Request your favour and Kind Interposition on behalf of the Said Governor with the Ministry & especially the Duke of New Castle in whose Province the Affair principally lyes, And we beseech your Indulgence and Countenance to the Bearer hereof our fr^d Rich^d Partridge to whom we refer for further Information in the Affair wherein you willt greatly oblige & Serve

Your Friends

JOHN DAVIS

THOMAS FREEMAN

JOHN DEVONSHEIR

JOSEPH DEVONSHEIR

JN^s (? JN^o) DAVIS JUN.

ABRAHAM CLOTHIER

JOHN READ

ROB^t DAVIS

[Direction]

To

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