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PRESSES OF EDWARDS & BROUGHTON,
RALEIGH, N. C.

lency will forgive all our past offences by your gracious Proclamation, that peace and tranquility may be restored again, to all the Inhabitants of this Province, and confiding in your assistance and favour to execute the Laws against said exactions and extortions and conclude

Your dutiful Petitioners,

Signed in behalf of the said Counties

W ^m Moffitt	Peter Julian	Lewis Lowry
Chris ^r Nation	Sam ^l Low	John Marchill
W ^m Butler	Harmon Cox	Joshua Teague
J ^a Stringer	John Pyle	Tho ^s Swearinger
W ^m Strongfellow	W ^m Paine	Nath ^l Ashley
Ja ^s Billingley	Cha ^s Saxon	W ^m Barton
Solo ⁿ Gross	Ja ^s Younger	Mincher Litten
	Samuel Ray	

Letter from the Presbyterian Ministers to Governor Tryon

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM TRYON ESQ^r CAPTAIN GENERAL &
COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN AND OVER THE PROVINCE OF NORTH
CAROLINA

SIR,

We the Subscribers His Majesty's ever dutiful and loyal Subjects Presbyterian Ministers in this Province, beg leave to approach your Excellency with cordial professions of unshaken duty and loyalty to His Majesty's sacred Person and Government and to testify our duty and ready submission to the Laws of this Province and to your Excellency's Administration. With these sentiments glowing in our breasts, we cannot but express our abhorrence of the present turbulent and disorderly spirit that shows itself in some parts of this Province, and we beg leave to assure your Excellency that we will exert our utmost abilities, to prevent the infection spreading among the People of our charge, and among the whole Presbyterian Body in this Province as far as our influence will extend.

We humbly hope your Excellency has found but a very small proportion of the People of our Denomination, among the present Insurgents, and we assure you Sir, if any such there are, they have departed from the invariable Principles of their Profession, which some bred in this Wilderness, for want of proper Instruction, may be supposed ignorant of.

Fully sensible of the happiness of our situation in point of Religious Liberty, we shall not fail at all times to inculcate and proclaim the glorious and catholic doctrines of Faith, Piety, Virtue and Loyalty so as best to promote the glory of our Divine Master, the best Interests of mankind, the Honor of His Majesty's Government, and the ease and comfort of your Excellency's Administration.

We congratulate our Country Sir, that while your Excellency steadily refuses to grant anything on compulsion to the demands of unreasonable men, you have at the same time made the cause of the poor so much your own, as to ensure to them the redress of any grievances they may labour under, in the way prescribed by the Laws of their Country.

That Heaven may bless your Excellency, the other branches of this Legislature, and the whole body of this Province, that all parties of Christians, may unite as one man to strengthen your hands at this Season That you may weather the Storm with dignity to yourself and Government, and compassion to the deluded, and unwary, and be long continued among us a Pattern, and Patron of Virtue, and Piety, Steadiness and Condescension is the sincere Prayer of

Your Excellency's most Obedient
and most humble Servants

HUGH McCADDON
JAMES CRESWELL
HENRY PATILLO
DAV^d CALDWELL.

Hawfields 23rd August 1768.

Letter from the Presbyterian Pastors to the Presbyterian Inhabitants of North Carolina.

DEAR BRETHREN,

It is with great concern and regret that we view the present Opposition to Order, Law and Government in sundry parts of this Province, and it is with equal concern that we find ourselves unable to assert with truth, that not one of our Profession is engaged in it; It is however our hope and wish, that the number of regular Presbyterians, among the present Insurgents is very small, and to those who may have been seduced from the peaceable Deportment and Loyalty of their Profession & Ancestors, we affectionately address Ourselves as followeth.