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 To his Ex^{ty} Richard Earle of Bellomont
 Cap^t Gen^l & Govern^r in Chief of his Ma^{ty}
 Province of New York & y^e Territoryes y^ere
 Depending in America & vice Admirall of y^e
 Land &c.

The Humble Petition of Samuell Torrill in most
 humble manner sheweth

~~(That y^e said Petitioner for many years past been an Inhabitant of the~~
 many years past, been an Inhabitant of the
 Province, & by his honest labour & Industry, by the
 Blessings of God, maintained his family, But by a
 sad accident y^r poor Petitioner being himself
 from home the first day of December instant, had
 his House together with all his goods, cloaths, & provision
 by fire kindled in y^e thatch of his said house, immediat
 ly consumed to ashes, and y^r Ex^{ty} said Petitioner have
 a wife & six small children, will be reduced to greates
 poverty & necessity, unless relieved by y^r Ex^{ty} wanted
 Comoney & accustomed goodnes, in Confidenc^e w^{ch} of

y^r Ex^{ty} Poor Petitioner most humbly request
 & prayes y^r Ex^{ty} will be pleased by publique
 authority, to Recommend his sad Calamity
 to y^e Charity of well disposed persons in y^e City
 of New York, and on all y^e Towns on y^e Island
 of Nassau, And y^r Petitioner as in duty
 bound shall ever Pray &c.

Samuell Torrill