

To his Ex^{ci}. Rich^d. Earl of Bellomont Capt. Gen^l and Govern^r.
in Chief of his Ma^{ty} Province of New York and the Territories
Thereon Depending in America and Vir^d. Ad^l. of the same &c

May it Pleas^e yo^r Ex^{ci}.

We whose names are here under subscribed
his Ma^{ty} Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk on the Island of
Long Island do hereby certify to yo^r Ex^{ci} that Samuel Smith of this County
died of this Instant December as we are Credibly informed by the Order
of Almighty God from an accident of Fire had his house with all
his goods household stuff cloathes and Provisions burnt and consumed to
the value of near on hundred pounds and that being a Poor man
and having a Wife and Six small children he will be reduced to great
Poverty and Necessity unless relieved by yo^r Ex^{ci}. Clemencie in granting
his Authority for the Collecting and Receiving the Charity of well
disposed persons which is humbly submitted to yo^r Ex^{ci}. Wisdom and
great Goodness by

Suffolk County
December y^e 16. 1698

Yo^r Ex^{ci}.

Most Dutifull Hum^l.
Serv^{ts}.

Richard Smith
Adam Smith
Matthew Howell
Thomas Helme
Fortholme
Thomas Mays
John Wickes
Jonathan Smyth
John Culbille
Samuel Matherdoff
Richard Edgell