as being wthout their consents & knowledge & bidden
the rules of lawes. All wch passages I cannot passe by,
but in due time will question those irregular proce-
dings being contrary to the kings lawes wch every
faithfull subt is bound to God, his king and country
to maintaine. These lawes are my inheritance and the
right of every freeman of this kingdome, wch for my
pte I esteeme as my life and above my estate, wch
death will depend thereon. Histories doe record the
fearefull ends of some men, wch have denyed justice
and broken the kings lawes, for ffor wthout the lawes we
cannot subsist, nor our king bee in safetie, I purpose
more to petition the Lords, the next sitting to see if a
friendly accomodation of all busynes may bee obtayned,
wch I heartily wish yr Thus out of my love & service
to you, farre from all feare, dare, or distrust in this
my inistigeadding, I thought fitt to advise you therefore to
take all speeche away hereafter, and so resting most
confident on my Gods protection, I leave you to the
Lords tuition, giving you further notice that noe legall
sale of my goods you can make in respect of my plea
nor no man legally can buy them, except you send
a writt out of the Exchequer Court called Vendi-
exponas, wch is yr warrant in case my Plea should
insufficient.

yrs to bee commanded to his power
Richard Chambers.

Dd the 17th of August 1629. to
the Sheriffe of London.

To the right honble the Lords and others of
his mats most honble Privie Counsell.

The humble petition of Rich: Chambers
of London vintnert prisoner in the ffleete,

Sheweth

That ye Pet.r on the 28th day of September last 1628.
went of his owne free will to Hampton Court wth a petition
for relief and restoring of his goods, wch were taken from
him by the officers of the Custome House, wch petition
he delivered to the Hble Board, and being called in before
ye Lops his petition were read, and upon debating thereof, ye
pet.r did (upon occasion) then say that marchants in England
were more wronged & struck then in other pts, only intending
them words by the officers of the Custome House, att whose
the Petition were, wch if ye Lops would send p mittis him,
at that instant time ye pet.r would send complaynes himselfe
as he then were humbly desired, but not being suffered
were commanded forth and so committed prisoner to the
marshalsea, where he remaynes twenty five dayes, in wch
time he petitioned 3. severall times to ye Lops for his liberty,
explained his words aforesaid, desiring ye Lops favours,
wch he could not obtaine, and so were forced to bring his
Habeas Corpus, upon wch, wth great difficulty, (bound to his
good behaviour) he had his liberty, and after were committed
to the kings Bench by the Judges 3. dayes, and discharged
thence wthout mesne, and after that committed again, by the ffleete
Attorney and there prisoner 10. dayes, & discharged by him,
being served by mr Attorney wch proceed to answere an
Information in the Starre-Chamber, for speaking the
aforesaid words, wch ye petition hath answered upon his
oath, after wch proceedinge he hath been suddenly called
into the Starre Chamber, & there fined at 2000. to the king, &
sentenced to imprisonment & acknowledgemt. being for the
same busynes for wch, 3. sundrie times he were imprisoned

before