before any sentence 38. days, and since 18. weeks more after
censure prisoner in the Fleete.

Yo^r Pet^r therefore for his iust defence and relief in y^e
premisses dis the 16th day of June last, in bend hymselfe put
into the Exchequer Court a Plea in barre of the sentence
to bee made for the levying of the said fine and deliuered
the same to the Lord Chiefe Baron, and other Barons w^th
a Petition, wh^ch receaued it, and gaue it to an officer
of the Court m^r Serivan, to file the same and directed
to m^r Attorney Heyden, being promised by the Barons
the further of the Court &c.

The next day m^r Attorney moued the Court about it
tooke noticd of the Plea, as by his motion appeareth, p^r
10. days after a fieri facias was taken out before a
and sent to the Sheriffe of London to expend on his goods
2000^li. wch was done, although the goods were in the protection
and disposall of the Exchequer Court, & by order of Court
the goods w^ere to bee deliuered into yor Pet^rs owne hands
and possession, but w^ere not, but expended in the Sheriffes
of the Cutchmen possession, and taken, prayses, a
carried away, being contrary to the lawe as yor Pet^r
remedyless, and contrary to the vsuall course of the
Court, without the Barons knowledge & consent, w^ch
they disauowe, for a plea, being put in Court is a
Barre, as the Commandment sufficient against all proceed
whatsoever, till it bee adiudged by lawe, wch yet is not

May it therefore please yor Lopp^s to consider the premi
and the dutifull respect, wch yor petitioner oweth to this h
Board, and the kings happy lawes, being farre from
Commanding or graunting any offence to the kings ma

or

or yor Lopp^s and heartily sorry that yor Lopp^s should taken
any offence at his words, by any interpretation contrary
to his faithfull intention, and innocent heart, farre
from thinking any disloyalty in words or action, as it
suggested in the Information, ag^t the kings iust gouern^mt.
or yor Lopp^s and hauing vpon his solemne and sacred
oath, loyally vpon mature deliberation and aduice of
Counsell in all true sincerity of his heart explained
himselfe, by wch solemne oath, his Conscience and soule
is deer obliged till death, to maintaine in this life,
that so by faith and a good Conscience, hee discharged
before men, hee may in the tide to come, receaue the
blessed reward promised. /

In remembrance of wch his former suffering being 4.
Tedall hynde imprisoned as aforesaid, and 7000^li. estate
allmost a yeare detayned from him, All wch being to his
great discredit hinderance and charge, which tendeth
to the ruyne and vtter overthrow, of his trade Credit,
and estate, wth diuers griefes and inconueniences to
his wife, 4. Children and family, and the hurt of
his Creditors and Otherwise, to whome hee is indebted.

Yo^r petitioner therefore in all humble manner beseeche
yor good Lopp^s to intercede for him to his most gracious
ma^tie for the remitting of the said Censure and to
restore him to his goods so taken from him, wth his former
liberty to follow his affaires, for the relief of him, his
wife Children and family and the paying of his debts &c.
And hee shall euer as in duty pray for yor honor^s happines/

This Petition was deliuered to the Lords
the 11th of September 1629. /