To the Kings most excellent Ma.tie

The humble petition of Richard Chambers of London Marchant Prisoner in the Fleete.

In all humbleie wise, that having bene wrongeed and his goods, wrongfully, without warrant of law taken from him by the Officers of the Customes house, the Petitioner for his Relieife in that behalfe did the 28.th day of September last 1628. petition the honble Board at Hampton Court.

That being called before the Lords Ships and his Petition read, occasionally upon debate of some other matters, the Petition in Justification of his said complaint ag.t the said Officers in a reportuous ~~manner~~ and dutifull manner said, that Marchants in England were more wronged & sufferd then in other pts, meaning by those Officers ag.t whome he had petitioned, as the petitioner then twice instantly humbly offered to explaine himselfe but by Mr Leonard to give the same, the a sudden Committment to the marshalsea did hap not bene prosecuted, where he remaynedd prisoner 25. daies.

That the Petition during that restraint did three severall times in all humble manner sue to there Lpp.s for his Libertie, therein explaining his meaning by the former words wherefore he could not obtaine it.

That not prevailing therein, the petition legally sought

sought his liberty by Hab. Corpus, returnable in the Kings Bench wch he obtayned, yet was afterwards by the Judges of that Court committed 3. dayes to the Kings Bench, and after by mr Attorney Generall committed to the Fleete 10. daies.

That after the Petition for the same words for wch he had for severally bene committed, was called into the High Court of Starr Chamber, where by his answere upon his solemne oath, he did shew his true & upright meaning in the using the said words, to be only of the said Officers.

That notwithstanding upon hearing, the 6.th day of may last, the Petition was fined at 2000.li and condemned to imprisonm.t and to confession of himselfe to be guilty of that he had formerly upon solemne oath denied and cleared.

That out of 7000.li estate of the Petitioners goods almost a years Ransome detayned, by the said Officers and ordered by the ho. Court of Exchequer to be returned to the pet.r owne possession, some pte of the said goods have bene since seized for the ~~K~~ said fine, and that (as the Pet.r is informed) without due course of law, there being no former summons, and the pet.r having before put into the said Court a plea in barre of Exprurum &c