To the Right ho^ble the Lords and others
of his ma^ties most ho^ble Privy Councell.

The humble Petition of Richard Chambers
of London Marchant Prisoner in the Fleete

Yo^r hono^rs knowe my case and manifolde sufferings
wch I do every way so pitiefull that I want
words to expresse them.

I have allreadye upon my solemne oathe in the
Starre-Chamber affirmed and doe I now protest
before the ma^tie of Allmighty God, that those words
for wch I stande sentenced and imprisoned, I
never meant them by the things forced ma^tie
yor hono^rs the State or government, but only
by the inferiore officers of the Customes Howse by
wch I have much suffered, and this I must
still protest, for I can doe no other wthout
wronging the truth and my owne Conscience,
I confesse the wordes were spoken in yor
Hono^rs presence through griefe of heart and I am
heartily sorry, that yor hono^rs have been offended
therebye, at wch I doe I humbly cast myselfe
in all humility.

My goods are seized upon for the summe of 2000^li
to his ma^tie my creditt estate and trade of
marchandise overthrowne thereby and by reason
of this my longe restraint no meanes is lefte
~~me~~ to releive me my wife and 4. children
family, but by yor hono^rs clemency, wch I humbly
implore:

My most humble suite therefore is that yor
hono^rs would be pleased so farre to commiserate my
distressed estate as to intercede for me to his ma^tie