To the Kings most excellent Ma:tie

Humbly showeth, and informeth yo:r most excellent Ma:tie Sr Robert Heath knight yo:r ma:tie Attorney Generall that whereas this Realme of England by meanes of the Comodious situation and fertility thereof, and through Gods great blessing unto and upon this nation, and the gracious government of yo:r Ma:tie and yo:r most noble Progenitors and Predecessors Kings and Queenes of this Realme hath abounded and doth abound beyond other Nations in the trade of Marchandize, and the Marchants of this Realme have ever been, and yet are so free in their trading, and so farre from being oppressed or hardly used by yo:r ma:tie or yo:r Predecessors or the State in their trade of marchandizing that they now have and of longe time have had all fitting protection and Priviledges, w:ch they rouldy reasonably desire, for their imouragement in their trade and rouche of marchandizing, and otherwise, so that thereby and by the blessing of God upon their labours they all, and above others the ffa: of the Levant and Turkish Company have growne, and doe growe to great wealth and estates And yet they and all other the marchants of this Realme doe and by all the time of yo:r ma:tie most happie Raigne and by the hunt of the raignes of yo:r most Royall father King Iames and others of yo:r most noble Predecessors Kings and Queenes of this Realme Allwayes from time to time have paide and ought to paie Certaine moderate Customes and duties upon for the goods and marchandizes exported and imported by them out of and into this Realme