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To The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^r
President of the State aforesaid

Humbly Sheweth W^m Lovegrove of the Province
of Nova Scotia, now a Prisoner ^{in Water Goal} at Fort Washington
in this State, that he was compelled to go to England the
last year to seek Redress of the most arbitrary Measures
exercised against him by the Government of said Pro-
-vince, that he came Passenger in a Brig from England
bound to Nova Scotia, and was captured in his Passage, by
an armed Vessel belonging to this State, and brought
in here, that he is neither a Seaman nor Soldier, but a
Citizen of that Province; that he is destitute of Money
and Friends, and unable to live on the common Rate of
Prisoners, and wishes to return to a distressed Wife & eleven
Children who need his immediate Assistance, after so long
an Absence; — Wherefore your Petitioner most
Humbly Prays that your Honour would give him his
Parole to return to Nova Scotia by the most direct Way,
He hereby engaging on the Sacred Principles of Honour
to procure the Return of a Gentleman of equal Rank
in Exchange to these United States, and as in Duty he

Portsmouth Aug 20th 1781 will ever Pray
WILLIAM LOVEGROVE

Son D^r I have seen the Petitioner, read his Story, seen his
Papers and Dispatches, and I verily believe the above Facts
to be true; he has been persecuted in a most singular & cruel
Manner, in that Province, as appears by Certificates of several
Gentlemen; he is really doubly distressed, and is truly deserving
your Honour's Humanity & Indulgence, From your
Honour's most obed^t Serv^t Oliver Whipple

Petition of W. Longrove
of the 10th August 1701
received the 16th of August
1701

By
The Hon^{ble} Nicholas Wren Esq^r
President of the Committee of Safety
Samuelson