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To the Hon^{ble} the House of Representatives for the Province
of New Hamp^{sh}; in General Assembly Convened Apr. 2. 1745

The Petition of Elisha Sanborn of the Parish of
Brentwood in Said Province Yeoman as agent for
Said Parish Humbly Shews

That the Said Parish was made and incorporated by an act of
the General Assembly made & Pass'd in the Sixteenth year
of His Majesty's Reign by Meters & Bounds Set forth in the
Said Act being before part of the Old Parish or Town of
Exeter - That since the Said Parish was so Incorporated
his Excellency the Governour has been pleas'd (by & with
the Advice of the Council) to Grant a Charter for Erecting
& Incorporating part of the aforesaid Parish of Brentwood
into another Parish by the Name of Keeneborough
whereby Great Part of the Inhabitants of Brentwood
someise themselves discharged from paying taxes and
doing any other duty within the Parish of Brentwood
and claim the Powers Authorities & Privileges of a Parish
Within the Limits given by the Said Charter the consequence
of which is many persons are doubly taxed & great Debates
and Strifes have & are likely to arise - That the Petitioners
of Brentwood apprehend that not only their Powers Authorities
and Privileges are made Null if the Said Charter be Good
But the Act of Incorporation aforesaid is also defeated &
Superseded which greatly affects the Rights & Privileges of
this House & in them all the Kings Subjects in this Province
That the Said Petitioners foresee a wide field of Law opening
before them hereby (one of their number having been already
Imprisoned for Rates made in consequence of the aforesaid
Charter) which they should be Glad to avoid if it could be
without giving up their just Rights - Wherefore your Petitioner
in Behalf of his principals prays the Advise of this Hon^{ble}
House in the Premises that some Scheme may be pursued in
Conjunction with the other Branches of the Legislature as
may settle these disputes (but just beginning) upon such
a foundation as is agreeable to the Constitution & on which
a lasting peace may be built - & y^r Petitioner in
Behalf of his principals shall ever pray &c.

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