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immediately assembled themselves in Town-meeting, & received their report with the Indulgencies from the Commanders in Chief at New-York. which report was accepted by the Inhabitants, and a vote passed in a very full meeting that they would continue altogether peaceable, which the Town hath observed, and they know of no instance wherein they have assisted the King's enemies, neither have they molested or disturbed the King, & servants that have put into this place. but on the contrary have paid them every respect due to their rank with as much politeness as we were capable of. And we should been glad to have had it in our power to say that all the Officers had behaved with that cordiality towards the inhabitants that they had a right to expect from them. After the aforesaid Charges you proceed & say That without an immediate & full explanation of our conduct you shall consider us as the Profess^d enemies of our most gracious Sovereign and commence your operations against us as such.

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We think we have given a full explanation of every charge exhibited against us and we hope to your satisfaction. And we further say that this Town has done no act inconsistent with the Indulgencies, and that we have a right to the continuation of them until the Commanders in Chief in New-York see fit to withdraw them. We now beg leave to mention to you the conduct of your armed Vessels while in this port. The same day they were piloted into the harbor by the Inhabitants, our small Fishing Fleet arrived. They immediately took possession of them & kept the Fishermen from their families twentyfour hours, & held up every appearance of treating them as enemies - after which (contrary to the rules of the Navy) Capt^t Duggan let his sailors be on shore in the evening among the peaceable Inhabitants with cutlasses - breaking open shops - plundering the Inhabitants of their property in the most audacious & menacing manner. and himself gave orders to his people without ^{even} consulting the Inhabitants.

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