

1698 WOOLLEN TRADE PETITION

To the Right Honno^{ble} the L^{ds}
 Spirituall & Temporall in Parliam^t
 Assembled

The Humble Petition of the Gent, Freeholders Traders
 And Inhabitants of Moretonhampstead in Devon

Humbly Showeth to you^r Lordshipps that the Trade
 of this Towne Consists in the Making of Searges,
 Which hath and is much decayed of Late by Reason of
 the Multitudes of Searges Made in Ireland, and the
 Gro^wth of that Trade there; being much Cheaper made
 in that Kingdome, by the Reason of the Low price of
 their Wooll, and provisions and Laborers, whereby
 they Under sell us abroad and Incoradge Foreigners
 to Lay their Stockes out with them, which formerly
 were' obleidged to have all their Searges from
 England, Soe y^t: unless there by a Remedy Found,
 our Traders will wholly be Lost, and the poore
 Increase to that Degree that we shall not be able to
 give them a Maintainance and, Wherefore We most
 Humbly pray your^t Lordshipps to take the premises
 into you^r Consideration and to cause & Stopp to this
 Growing Mischeife as you^r Lordshipps shall thinke
 most fitt,

And You:^r Petitioners shall Ever pray &c

Arnell, Stephen	Cortion, Sam:
Austen, Joseph	Corrton, Nathan
Battishill, John	Crocker, Edwd
Berry, Daniell	Crocker, Richard
Berry, Ezekeiell	Croote, Alexander
Berry, W ^m	Croote, Arthur
Bowden, Humphrey	Crucy, William
Bowden, Joseph	Decent, Bennory
Bowdon, Mathew	Doddridge, John
Brock, Daniel	Doddridge, Thomas
Brock, Daniell	Dreaton, Richard
Brock, Jerimiah	Eales, Richard
Brock, Michael	Easton, Jos:
Brockidon, John	Endacott, Robt
Browne, John	Endacott, Thomas
Browne, Robert	Evans, Sillvanus
Browne, W ^m	Flashman, John
Coake, John	French, John
Collacott, John	Gray, John
Collihallow, George	Hamlin, Rich ^d
Comm, Simon	Harrison, Christo:
Connant, Nicholas	Heyward, Jos:

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Hill, Simon	Preston, James
Hodge, James	Priston, Thomas
Hole, John	Reade, Jacob
Hole, Rob ^t	Reade, Jacob
Hoper, William	Sawdey, Ciprian
Hunt, John	Searell, John
Hutching, Jn ^o	Shears, John
Jackson, Clement sen	Sheres, William
Jackson, Clement jun	Skinner, Arthur
Jackson, Daniell	Smith, Josshua
Lane, John sen	Smith, Moses
Lane, John jun	Soper, Christopher
Langworthy, Edw:	Soper, John
Laskey, John	Southmead, Rich ^d
Leightfoote, William	Stidston, Wm
Leightfoote, Samuell	Tozer, Arthur
Loring, Benjamin	Tozer, Henry
Lumley, Zackariah	Tucker, Joseph
Maller, William	Vowler, John
Mander, Cornelius	White, Henry
Mardon, Edw	White, Richard
Mardon, Edward	Whiteway, Alexander
Mardon, Geo	Whiteway, John
Mean, Roger	Williams, Wm
Medland, William sen	Williams, William
Medland, William jun	Windeat, William
Miller, Rich ^d	Worthy, George
Mortimore, John	Woodward, Richard
Neronam, Elisha	Wrayford, George
Nicks, Jacob	Wrayford, George
Nicks, John	Wrayford, Jonath
Nosworthy, Matt:	Wrayford, Thomas
Nosworthy, Matthias	