Sir

I am very much surprized to be taken into Custody this moment for a thing I acknowledged & ask'd Mr Bordley's pardon for, & which he accepted as full Satisfaction before yr Excy. The Warrant says that in the Libell I have reflected on others of his Lpp Council, which as I never intended, if I might have the honour of defending my self before yr Excy & Council before my Commitment, I doubt not to make appear that there is no one word or Expression that can bear such a Construction. I cannot but admire a Gent. should aim at my ruin at a Time I thought for my side I am sure at least) all resentments had long since ceased between us. I humbly ask yr Excys pardon for this presumption, which I hope for from ye uneasiness of my present Situation, & am with ye greatest Respect

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Sir

Your most obedient Servt

29th July 1721.

J Browne