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12 July 1813

To the Right Honorable The Lords
Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Memorial of Major General Tho. Hislop.

Sheweth

That your Memorialist in the discharge of his Duty as His Majesty's late Governor of the Island of Trinidad, did, "With the View of providing for the due Administration of Justice, combined with the preservation of the Peace and good Order of the Colony," adopt certain Measures under the Authority of the existing Laws, of His Commission under the Great Seal, of his Instructions under The Royal Sign Manual, as likewise in pursuance of the Advice of His Majesty's Council (with which by his said Instructions he was required to consult,) against which Measures The late Chief Oidor of the Island aforesaid prefer'd Complaints to His Majesty in Council, representing them, as grievous, arbitrary and illegal and calling upon His Majesty for the "Punishment" of your Memorialist thereby rendering it indispensable for your Memorialist to vindicate to The Privy Council his proceedings in the fulfillment of the important trust, confided to him as His Majesty's Representative in the Administration of the Government of the said Island of Trinidad.

For this purpose your Memorialist, in answer became under the necessity of submitting the whole of his proceedings so complained of, which he had regularly, step by step, communicated by Dispatches to The Secretary of State for the Colonies without receiving any Instructions to alter the course thereof, to the Investigation of His Majesty's

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Most Honorable Privy Council who having finally made their Report thereon to His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, Your Memorialist has the gratification to find his well founded hope and expectation realized, by being wholly exempted in the said Report from any blame or imputation of wrong whatsoever ~

Your Memorialist conceives it would be improper to trespass upon Your Lordships's time by any detail of a case definitively reported on by His Majesty's Privy Council, but earnestly begs to crave the attention of Your Lordships to this circumstance, namely That the proceedings of His Majesty's Privy Council arose entirely from an Attack made upon Publick Acts which Your Memorialist was by the Advice of The King's Colonial Council bound to do for the Welfare of the Colony and of his Office as His Majesty's Representative in Trinidad ~

Such an Attack Your Memorialist was by every principle of Duty and Respect to His Majesty and The Government who had chosen to appoint him to his important Situation, imperatively called upon to repel, undeterred and unawed by any difficulties of Circumstances ~

Those of a pecuniary Nature have been most unexpectedly heavy and severe, but Your Memorialist respectfully ventures to hope, that the hardship of his Case may be alleviated in that respect and that he will not be left to sustain a loss of that Nature in addition to what he has otherwise suffered in this very bold but groundless Attack on his Publick Measures adopted for Publick Tranquillity and Publick Safety and upon Acts which Your Memorialist was indeed bound to do by the Opinion of that Council with

which His Majesty commanded him on such Emergencies
to advise

Your Memorialist therefore prays That Your
Lordships, in consideration of the premises,
will in your Justice be pleased to order &
payment to Your Memorialist of the expences
necessarily incurred by him in Defence of
the said Measures, amounting, as appears
by the Certificate annexed, to the Sum of
Twelve Hundred and Sixty eight Pounds
Two Shillings and four pence -

Which is humbly submitted.

Jermyn Street
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