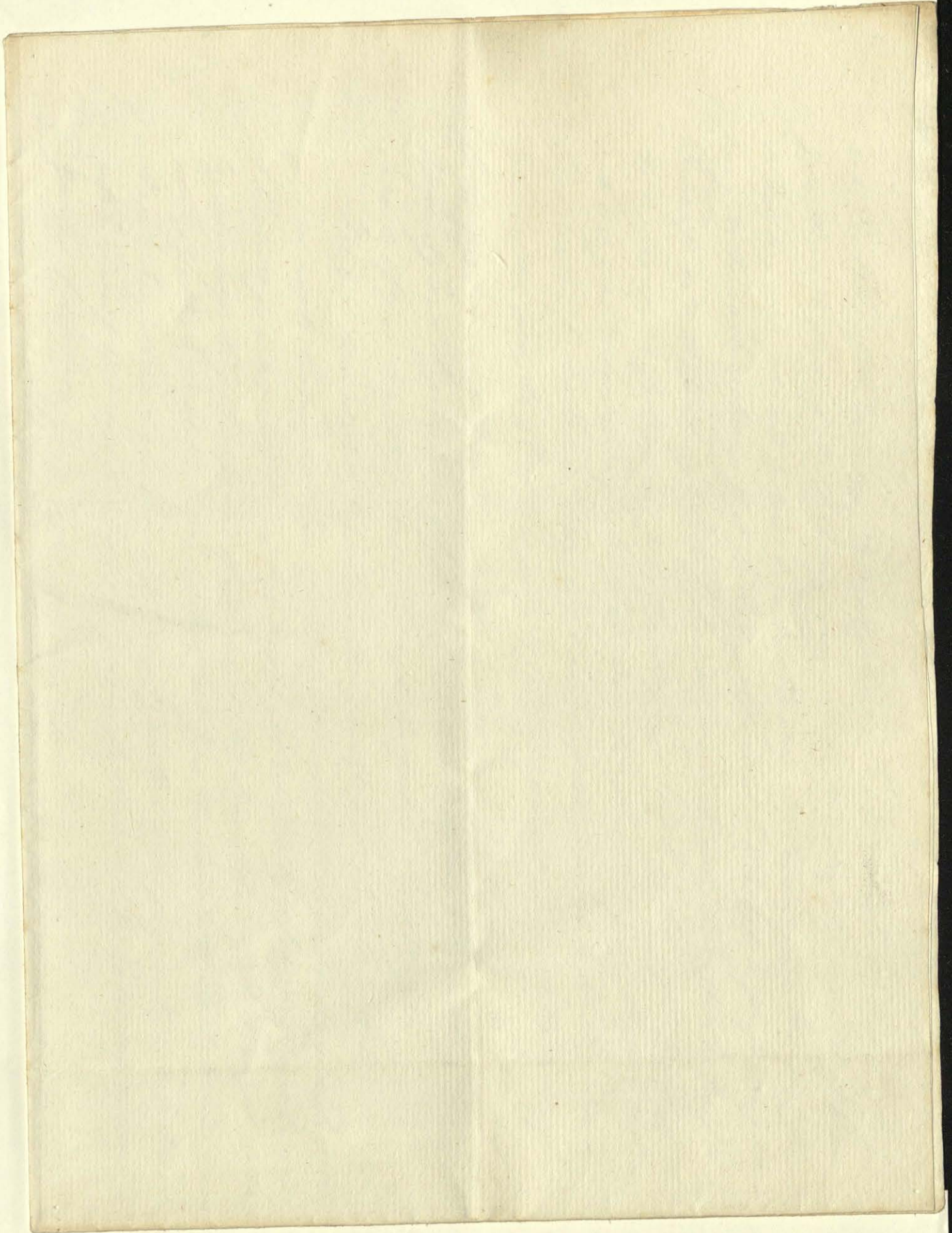


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To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Memorial of Timothy Sullivan, of Chancery Lane

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Majesty's most dutifull and Loyal Subject by Memorial deliver'd to your Majesty in January last at Windsor, at St. James's on the 17th of April and at the same Place on the 26th of July did truly inform your Majesty of a most alarming Evil then practis'd of Dyeing Black Teas into every Quality of Green to the apparent Danger of the Depopulation of your Majesty's Dominions, the immense Loss of your Majesty's Revenue (which in this Article amounts to near a Million annually) and the great Diminution that threatens this important Branch of British Commerce, should The Public discover this Evil and the pernicious Effects it must have on the Consumers.

That your Majesty's Memorialist humbly begs Leave to assure your Majesty that this fraudulent Practice is carried to such Excess that there are at this Time existing in London Forty private Warehouses merely for the Purpose of Preparing by pernicious Compositions the said Dyed and adulterated Teas.

That your Memorialist humbly begs Leave to assure your Majesty that this great Injury to Mankind is not confined to your Majesty's Dominions alone but hath extended itself to China, as your Memorialist asserts that in the last March Sale for Teas by The East India Company there were 770 Chests of Dyed Teas discover'd, which have since been return'd to that Country.

That your Memorialist farther begs Leave to assure your Majesty that at least Six Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-seven of your Majesty's Subjects have perished from this Abuse from the 1st of January 1779 to the 1st of the present December, which your Memorialist can fully prove as well as that one of the Compositions that is used in Dyeing Black Teas into Green is of so pernicious a Nature that one Grain is a certain Poison for Twenty Men. Your Memorialist procured Samples of the 1273 Chests of Dyed Teas that were discover'd in The Company's Warehouses in last October Sale and had them analyzed and found they proved to be of a most poisonous Quality which Facts your Memorialist made known to the Lords of The Treasury. That your Memorialist will enable The East India Company to suppress this Trade in China for the future, as well as prevent it in your Majesty's Dominions.

That your Memorialist at the Request of Lord North, Mr. Pownall and Sir Grey Cooper prepared a Bill for redressing the evil Practices above stated and left it in May last with Sir Grey Cooper for his Inspection, but was afterwards told by him that it was Lord North's Direction that the said Bill should be postponed till the present Sessions of Parliament.

That your Memorialist in investigating and prosecuting this Business hath greatly deranged his own Affairs and injured himself in his usual Private Views of Profit, and also that he has necessarily expended divers Sums of Money; and having had many Interviews with Lord North, Sir Grey Cooper, the Two Chairmen of

— The East India Company

and The Lords of The Treasury (Particularly on the 21st. Novembes last) and having given the said Lords of The Treasury every satisfactory Proof they required of him so that they were pleased to Order him immediately the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds being the Amount of Money that he had paid out of his Pocket in perfecting this Business notwithstanding which he has not received more than the one half thereof tho' he has applied for the same to the persons from whom he had a right to expect it, and that your Memorialist further begs Leave to represent to your Majesty that a Consideration for his Labour Time and Care and the Services he has render'd Government from the 4th of January 1779 to the present Time at the Rate of £200 per Annum will not be thought an unreasonable Recompense for that Affiduity and Applications which he has bestow'd towards promoting the Interest of your Majesty's Revenues and the public Advantage.

That your Memorialist begs Leave to represent that Persons in Holland of great mercantile Consequence have offer'd your Memorialist very advantageous Proposals, if he would go and reside there, that they might benefit by what they knew he could lay down respecting this Species of Commerce, the Suppression of which ought to be more valuable to Great Britain — But that your Memorialist's Zeal to serve your Majesty has hitherto made him reject any Offers that were proposed, and he hopes within himself that your Majesty will graciously think that his Endeavours are deserving of Attention.

Your Memorialist therefore most humbly extreats that your Majesty will take his Case into your Royal Consideration; and that your Majesty will be graciously pleased, to direct that your Memorialist may immediately receive the Remainder of his Disbursements, and a reasonable Satisfaction for the Labour Time and Care, he has employ'd in perfecting this Business: and your Memorialist shall ever pray.

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Timothy Sullivan,

19th December 1780.

Memorial,

To The King.

To prevent the Dyeing of Teas
in His Majesty's Dominions,
and in China, and to augment
His Majesty's Revenue: and
for other Purposes. —