

William Tryon to the Assembly

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[New Bern]

[December 14, 1770]

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

You will herewith receive a Memorial preferred by some London merchants to the Earl of Hillsborough concerning the packing and shipping of naval stores from this Province to the mother country.<sup>1</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Tryon

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<sup>1</sup>See the memorial of Bridgen & Waller and Hindley & Needham to the earl of Hillsborough, March 31, 1770, in this volume.

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[December 19, 1770]

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly. —

I am to request You will exempt M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Fulford,<sup>1</sup> now upwards of Eighty Years of Age, from the payment of Public, Parochial and County Taxes. He has been a Resident in the Province since the Year 1705 (near Twenty Years before the Indians were last drove from Cape Fear River) Served Seven Years in the War against the Indians between the Years 1709 & 1719, and is at this present Time incapable of Labor, all which Circumstances make Him an Object of Your Indulgence. He is now an Inhabitant of Carteret County.

W<sup>m</sup> Tryon

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<sup>1</sup>On page 25 of his personal copy of John H. Wheeler, *Historical Sketches of North Carolina, from 1584 to 1851* (Philadelphia: Lippincott, Grambo and Co., 2 volumes in 1, 1851), hereinafter cited as Wheeler, *Historical Sketches*, in the margin opposite mention of the birth of Virginia Dare as "the first-born offspring of English parents in this western world," J. T. Albritton wrote: "First male child of English descent was John Fulford born 1629, and died 1723. He was born in Carteret County, and his grave is about 8 miles from Beaufort." The source of Albritton's information is not given. The Albritton book was owned in 1960 by J. C. Moore, clerk of court, Sampson County, Clinton, N.C.