

Whereas I having been Suspected to be unfriendly and
 inimical to the just rights & Liberties of America & the Constitution
 of the Province, Being sensible that by some impudent
 Conversation & Controversy I have Justly Caused Such Suspicions,
 & more Especially in my Selling a horse on the way from Acton
 to Charleston ferry, but before the late Hostilities Com-
 menced at Concord, & Also my Conversation with Katherine wife
 of Jonathan Adams Esq. Relative to the Negro Man for killing woman
 Children &c, And being sensible of my Impudence therein I
 freely Say, That with regard to Selling a horse I Sincerely Declare
 that I had no thought nor intention any way, whatsoever to Assist
 enable the British Forces, though the horse in question
 Neither did I think any way that the said horse was to have
 been sent directly to the enemy. But as it is strange I suspected
 the said horse was made use of in the said Hostilities, I am sorry I sold
 a horse as I did. And with regard to my Conversation with Mr.
 Adams Relative to the Negro man before d. 17th. I had no sinister
 intention, yet I Acknowledge the said Conversation & Answers there
 to met Adams Justly Aggravated the Suspicions above d. And that
 thereby I manifested, An ungenerously inhumane Disposition, for which
 unadvised Conduct I ask the forgiveness of my neighbours & acquaintances
 & of neighbour Adams & wish in Particular

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