

them complained, that the people lay under some hardships here.

*The Solicitor General.* You declared much more before the council. I was then called suddenly before the council, and was surprised.

*John Bashford.* I was at the coffee house, where I saw the papers or addresses, but do not know what they were or contained; and I signed four or five papers there, but did not stay half a quarter of an hour. When I was there, I saw Colonel Bayard amongst many others in the room, but did not see his name, as I remember, to any of the papers.

*The Chief Justice.* These witnesses are very unwilling, or very forgetful, having given a much different account of things upon their oaths before the governor and council.

*Bashford.* I have now had time to recollect myself, but was then under a surprise, not knowing what I was sent to for.

*Hugh Gray.* About December last, being at the coffee house I saw on a table some papers which afterwards I understood were addresses to the King, Parliament and Lord Cornbury. Somebody asked me to sign them, which I did accordingly, but do not know who it was; remember Colonel Bayard was there amongst others, smoking a pipe of tobacco; I believe there might then be about ten hands to the papers and about five in the room; I read all the addresses, but cannot now remember the contents of them; do not remember there were any complaints against the government in those addresses.

*Mrs. Hannah Hutchins.* About

Christmas last Col. Bayard brought some papers to my house and left them with me, but bid me show them to my husband who was then at church. These papers remained at my house about three days and then I delivered them to a negro who was sent for them, but do not remember whose negro it was; Col. Bayard was not at our house while the papers lay there.

*The Solicitor General.* Now I shall proceed to prove what sort of people were drawn in to sign these papers.

*John Read.* Being on 26th of December at Mr. Hutchins' house I saw some papers which one Mr. Burroughs then present asked me to sign telling me they were addresses to the King, Parliament and Lord Cornbury made for the good of the country and which were lying on the bed there; I signed them, but did not read them; did not see Col. Bayard there but believe I saw his name to the papers; saw a great number of names subscribed to the papers, about 200; am about 17 years of age.

*Edward Marshal.* Going one day about Christmas to the house of Mr. Hutchins I saw there five addresses which I signed, one was to the King, another to the Parliament and another to the Lord Cornbury congratulating his arrival. I read some of them, but found nothing in any of them that reflected upon the governor; there was some complaint of the speaker of the assembly being an alien; saw the name of Edward Marshal before I had signed, but do not know but there may be more Edward Marshals than one in the province; did not see Col. Bayard at