

Directions: Read the following document. Complete the **Document Analysis Questions** below.

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Mr. FROTHINGHAM called attention to the Broadside printed in the Proceedings for October, 1870, containing the names of the "addressors" to Governor Hutchinson, previous to his departure for London on the 1st of June, 1774. They were printed in the "Massachusetts Gazette" (Tory) of June 2, 1774, appended to the following address, which, as printed in the newspaper, has this heading: "On Saturday last a number of gentlemen waited on our late Governor, Mr. Hutchinson, and presented to him the following address:—

Address "To Governor Hutchinson."

SIR,— We, Merchants and Traders of the Town of Boston, and others, do now wait on you, in the most respectful Manner, before your Departure for England, to testify, for ourselves, the entire Satisfaction we feel at your wise, zealous, and faithful Administration, during the few Years that you have presided at the Head of this Province. . . . Had your Success been equal to your Endeavours, and to the warmest

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Wishes of your Heart, we cannot doubt that many of the Evils under which we now suffer would have been averted, and that Tranquility would have been restored to this long divided Province. But we assure ourselves, that the Want of Success in those Endeavours will not abate your good Wishes when removed from us, or your earnest Exertions still on every Occasion to serve the true Interest of this your native Country.

While we lament the Loss of so good a Governor, we are greatly relieved that his Majesty, in his gracious Favor, hath appointed, as your Successor, a Gentleman who, having distinguished himself in the long Command he hath held in another Department, gives us the most favorable Prepossession of his future Administration.

We greatly deplore the Calamities that are impending and will soon fall on this Metropolis, by the Operation of a late Act of Parliament for shutting up the Port on the first of the next Month. . . You cannot but be sensible, Sir, of the numberless Evils that will insue to the Province in general, and the Miseries and Distresses into which it will particularly involve this Town, in the Course of a few Months. Without meaning to arraign the Justice of the British Parliament, we could humbly wish that this Act had been couched with less Rigour, and that the Execution of it had been delayed to a more distant Time, that the People might have had the Alternative, either to have complied with the Conditions therein set forth, or to have submitted to the consequent Evils on Refusal; but as it now stands all Choice is precluded, and however disposed to Compliance or Concession the People may be, they must unavoidably suffer very great Calamities before they can recieve Relief.

Making Restitution for Damage done to the Property of the East India Company, or to the Property of any Individual, by the Outrage of the People, we acknowledge to be just; and though we have ever disavowed, and do now solemnly bear our Testimony against such lawless Proceedings, yet, considering ourselves as Members of the same Community, we are fully disposed to bear our Proportions of those Damages, whenever the Sum and the Manner of laying it can be ascertained. We earnestly request that you, Sir, who know our Condition, and have at all Times displayed the most benevolent Disposition towards us, will, on your Arrival in England, interest yourself in our behalf, and make such favourable Representations of our Case, as that we may hope to obtain speedy and effectual Relief.

May you enjoy a pleasant Passage to England; and under all the Mortifications that you have patiently endured, may you possess the inward and consolatory Testimonies, of having discharged your trust with Fidelity and Honor; and recieve those distinguishing Marks of his Majesty's Royal Approbation and Favor, as may enable you to pass the Remainder of your Life, in Quietness and Ease; and preserve your Name with Honor to Posterity.

Mr. Frothingham stated that other addresses were presented to Hutchinson at this time, which he carried to London, and

*Gov.
Hutchinson
in Sep.*



Document Analysis

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What is this document?
2. Who wrote it?
3. Why was it written?
4. When was it written?

Questions to Consider:

- What can you learn about the merchants and traders regarding the act that affects them and what their request regarding the act is?
- What is the tone of the letter, what words were used to create that tone?
- What can you learn about the merchants/traders fears/expectations/wishes?
- What actions are or have the merchants/traders taken thus far?

Finding Evidence:

- Describe the response of the merchant/traders in regards to the act.
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 - 2.
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- List some of the purposes in the document.
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 - 2.
 - 3.
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- What is the tone of the letter? List some words that support the tone

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- What do you know about the merchants/traders point of view based on the documents creators?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.