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friend

Chas. Copley of

by these then may understand how I was
had committed me, at Hertford upon the 28.
as I understand, that the informers, who to the
of Norton, with the hope, that I had been
to middle with the desire, to the constable, and
hope, and swear the should not show the hope to
right, I would give, for more money, as the demand, but I
got on safe, in my boots, and I would give the would
and swear that you would be with them, and the constable, and
them what the did demand, the said: I will the said constable
you down, now consider, you that is, to do justice and equity to all
men, if such men be followed, to be by: magistrates, and say that you
give them orders, to do such things, how shall one man say that
any thing is their own, and where must justice, be had, now
is demanded, from you, against this will. Forbination and
Comdels, for the hope, the hope, from me, which I told you, that
borrowed, and that without any just law or command, from you,
as I know off, for I desire justice, from you, though in bondage
by you, you at liberty, in the eternal power, and good of god
that's blessed for ever, I am at rest, and leave my charge to
the Lord, who will yield with all faith, and no respect of
person must take place, but both plaintiff and defendant
must stand at the bar, of justice, to receive just judgment
according to the law, in the body, and now concerning the
oath of Allegiance, and give evidence, I told you, if I could
any oath I could a taken, that, and as for the oath, which
or any man upon the face of the whole earth, to be, I have read
of that Church, which is in god, the ground and pillar of truth,
which Church, was our and not others, within might testify all
men that know us, that we are not positively affected, being
we cannot take any oath, upon any account what for ever, because
Christ hath commanded to the contrary, as I said to you before,
and our yea and nay, is as much to us as an oath, and if we
had not kept our yea and nay, then to us, as if we
had taken an oath and broken it, and now at this time you
I never took an oath, unto this day, and for I desire
to suffer affliction with the people of god, then to enjoy the
liberty and pleasures of this world for a season, though I
give my liberty, and could be glad to have it, though I
my full willingness, but in the main time, I rest in
with the Lord, and leave it to him who hath all power in
on, and earth, and can turn the hearts of all the
of men as he pleaseth him, who is god over all blessed for ever
and this is not, only for my self, but for all my friends
followers, as well as my own, who are just men, and
good common well-meaning men,

for, because of these just and
in some, buying these goods, and providing
these lands, and these rents, and the things
if we be impoverished and our goods spoiled,
and, relying upon this amount, but it known
we are money in this Nation, and if they
will with in all respects as we are in this country,
we would be as rich of these Tements, and manie
to pay the things, and when the are they
with they must be maintained, in the Nation and is
not this the way to make money good and few things, for
consider some of your goods you have had of us, since we
were a people, and manie warrings, from the Lord god of
heaven and earth by us his people, called I warrant, to
have given what you see, and found not, the amount,
nor did the people have no harm, and that is the word of
truth to this, and whether then will heave or forbear
it is in hand to the immortal souls, that then might say
say no they had in hand with the Lord, which is the desire
of my soul, for this, and all men upon the earth,

Known by the name of
Roger Longworth

1679
I have signed by me
and was sealed to
the maner
of which is as follows