Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir,

Elijah Wimpey, the bearer, waits on you to afk your kind afsiftance relative to the Petition which he is about to prefer to the General Court. M<sup>T</sup> Kirkland defigned to have prefented it; but is prevented by bodily illnefs. Wimpey will shew you the petition: and, you may be afsured the reprefentation which it makes of their necefsities, is not too strong, or at all exaggerated. They are a needy people, and I very verily trust that some of them may justly be confidered as the Lord's poor. That, whatever service you may do for them, will not only be gratefully acknowled by them; but, I trust be an acceptable sacrifice to HIM who regards the poor in this world, with the same eye of compassion and mercy, as the rich and the affluent. But, as I presume you need no stimulus to so kind and generous an act, I only add that,

I am, Sir, with Refpect & Efteem, Your Obed.<sup>t</sup> Hum.<sup>le</sup> Serv.<sup>t</sup> Stephen West.

Rev. <sup>d</sup> M <sup><u>r</u></sup> Strong.	
[verso:	The Reverend Nathan Strong
	Hartford.

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