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The ... of John ... to the ... of ...

The said ... in ... at all times ... of ...

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[The page contains dense, handwritten text in an old English cursive script. The text is largely illegible due to fading and the angle of the page, but it appears to be a formal document or letter. There are several large, dark ink blotches on the left side of the page, possibly from a binding or a stamp. The handwriting is consistent throughout, suggesting it was written by a single person.]

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John Marchant
Robert Walker

Arthur Jones

To the Right Honourable Philip Lord Hardwicke Baron of Hardwicke in the County of Gloucester Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain

Humblly Complaining

and sheweth of London John Brindley of the Parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the County of Middlesex Bookseller and John Ward and John Oswald Citizens and Stationers of London That John Milton late of London Gentleman deceased having composed and written a poem in English...

afforded to set on or about the twenty eighth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven having occasion for a further sum of money applied to and borrowed the sum of you said Crater Charles Collet and the sum and for the serving the repayment thereof...

Copy Manuscript or from a printed afterwards to wit on or about the twenty first day of February in the year of our lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty seven... And your Orator further shew unto your Lordship that the said John Position being a printer and publisher... And your Orator further shew unto your Lordship that the said John Position being a printer and publisher... And your Orator further shew unto your Lordship that the said John Position being a printer and publisher...

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due to him on the twenty of the said month do declare that he is not possessed of the said two thirty eighth parts or shares of and in the said Copy Manuscript or from... And your Orator further shew unto your Lordship that the said John Position being a printer and publisher... And your Orator further shew unto your Lordship that the said John Position being a printer and publisher...

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Use of the said John Milton and the said Andrew Compton by the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant... the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant have liberty printed and imported or made to be printed and imported in several of the publick Cases... the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant have liberty printed and imported or made to be printed and imported in several of the publick Cases... the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant have liberty printed and imported or made to be printed and imported in several of the publick Cases...

Improvements by them printed and published or to be printed and published to reimburse themselves the great sum of money which they your Orators or those under whom they respectively claim have paid and expended for the original Copies and Manuscripts thereof and in and about the printing reprinting publishing and vending the same yet that the said Confederates therein that in order to prevent the said sale by your Orators they the said Confederates will sell the said surreptitious Impressions made or to be made by or for themselves at a much lower Price than the genuine Impressions have usually been sold for or may reasonably be expected at by your Orators and your Orators expressly charge that the better to enable themselves to sell the said surreptitious Impressions at such lower Price the said Confederates do print or cause to be printed on a bad paper with old and worn out Types and in a faulty incorrect manner... the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant and the rest of the said Confederates who discovered may upon their oaths and respective oaths swear that the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant and the rest of the said Confederates may severally and severally whether as they know have heard been informed and believe your Orators or any and which of them is or are, possessed of and added into the Copy or Manuscript of the said Poem... the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant and the rest of the said Confederates who discovered may upon their oaths and respective oaths swear that the said Robert Walker and the said John Marshant and the rest of the said Confederates may severally and severally whether as they know have heard been informed and believe your Orators or any and which of them is or are, possessed of and added into the Copy or Manuscript of the said Poem...

Itay it please your Lordship the Promises promised to grant unto your Orators aforesaid by Majesty's Writ or Writs of Habeas Corpus to be directed to the said Robert Walker and John Marshant and all and every their Agents Workmen and Servants their, commanding and requiring them and each and every of them under a return from thence to be deposed to desist from printing reprinting importing publishing selling or exposing to sale or conveying the said Poem... Willm Wharrier