

of the Inhabitants, tho' they abhorred his Actions only to Escape a Nasty Joal, and to Secure their Estates, were by fear and Compulsion drove to Comply, Submit and Sign to whatever he commanded—

And Tho Captain Leisler had at first so violently opposed the Collecting of the Revenue, Alleging it unlawful, as soon as his Wines were landed, and that he got in some Power, he forthwith set up for himself the collecting of the said Revenue by Peter D Lanoy allowing him a great salary and all the perquisites of that office—

Upon the 10 of December following Returned the said Mr John Riggs from England with Letters from his Majesty, and the Lords in answer to the letters sent by the Lieut Govenor and Council above recited, Directed to our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq our Lieut govenor and commander in chief of our Province of New York, in America and in his absence to such as for the time being, take care for the preservation of the peace, and administring the Laws in our said Province whereby his Majesty Approved of the proceedings, and care that had been taken by said Lieut Govenor, and Council for the peace and Safety of the Province, with Further Powers and directions to continue therein till further orders, which Said letters the said Mr Riggs designed to deliver on the following morning to the gentlemen of the Council to whom they properly did belong being an answer to their Said letter, but was Obstructed