

There never was any militia within this colony on a legal establishment; what not long ago appeared and made such a show by their numbers, were only volunteers commissioned by the governor. The quakers have always been about three quarters of the assembly, though in number perhaps not exceeding one quarter of the people; the quakers artfully persuade the Dutch and Germans, that if they chuse others than quakers for their representatives, they would immediately have a militia law imposed on them, which would subject them to greater slavery, than what they suffered in their own country.

This colony by importation of foreigners and other strangers in very great numbers, grows prodigiously; by their laborious and penurious manner of living, in consequence they grow rich where others starve, and by their superior industry and frugality may in time out the British people from the colony. The greatest year of importation of Germans, Irish, a few Welch and Scots, was from December 25, 1728, to December 25, 1729, being about 6200 persons. In the year 1750, Germans imported into this province and territories, were 4317; British and Irish passengers and servants above 1000.

We omitted to observe, that some Palatines who came over to New-York by queen Anne's bounty, 1707, in the province of New-York, they were not allowed a sufficient encouragement of quantities of land; and by encouragement of Sir William Keith governor of Pennsylvania, they removed to Pennsylvania.

The numbers of foreigners, principally Germans, imported into this province or colony, in the course of about 25 years last past, has been so excessive; that if it is not limited by a provincial act, or by the dernier resource, an act of the British parliament, the province and territories of Pennsylvania may soon degenerate into a foreign colony, endangering the quiet of our adjacent colonies.

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