

of Parliament, instead of their Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.—

But as soon as Those gentlemen Entered upon the Office Captain Leisler with a Party of Men in Arms, and Drink fell upon them at the Custom House, and with naked Swords beat them thence, endeavoring to Massacre some of them, which were rescu'd, by Providence, whereupon Said Leisler, beat an Alarm crying about the City Treason and made a Strict search to Seize Coll Bayard who made his Escape and departed for Albany where he Staid all summer in hopes that Orders might come from England to settle Those Disorders—

The said Captain Leisler finding almost every Man of Sense, Reputation or Estate in the place to oppose and discourage his Irregularities, caused frequent false Alarms to be Made, and Sent Several Parties of his armed Men out of the Fort, Drag'd into Nasty goals, within said Fort, Several of the Principal Magistrates officers, and Gentlemen and others, that would not own his Power to be Lawfull, which he Kept in close Prison during will and Pleasure, without any Process or allowing them to Bail, and he further Publish'd Several times, by beat of Drums

That all those who would not come into the Fort and Sign Their hands, and So thereby to own his Power to be Lawfull Should be deemed and Esteemed as enemies to his Majesties and the Country, and be by him treated Accordingly, By which Means many