

Leisler to be commander-in-chief of the said province, until their majesties' pleasure should be known therein. And the said Jacob Leisler was afterwards confirmed in the said command by his majesty's letter, dated the thirtieth day of July, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine; and the said Jacob Leisler having the administration of the said government of New-York, by virtue of the said power and authority so given and confirmed to him as aforesaid, and being in the exercise thereof, captain Richard Ingoldsby arriving in the said province, in the month of January, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and ninety, did, without producing any legal authority, demand of the said Jacob Leisler the possession of the fort at New-York; but the said Jacob Leisler, pursuant to the trust in him reposed, refusing to surrender the said fort into the hands of the said Richard Ingoldsby, kept the possession thereof until the month of March then next following, at which time colonel Henry Sloughter being constituted captain-general and governor-in-chief of the province, arrived there in the evening, and the said Jacob Leisler having notice thereof, that same night (though very late) took care to deliver the said fort to his order, which was done very early the next morning.

"And whereas the said Jacob Leisler, also Jacob Milborne, Abraham Gouverneur, and several others, were arraigned in the Supreme Court of Judicature at New-York aforesaid, and convicted and attainted of high treason and felony, for not delivering the possession of the said fort to the said Richard Ingoldsby, and the said Jacob Leisler and Jacob Milborne were executed for the same. May it therefore please your most excellent majesty, at the humble petition and request of Jacob Leisler, the son and heir of the said Jacob Leisler, deceased, Jacob Milborne, the son and heir of the said Jacob Milborne, deceased, and of the said Jacob Gouverneur, that it be declared and enacted,

"*And be it enacted*, by the king's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the said several convictions, judgments and attainders of the said Jacob Leisler, deceased, Jacob Milborne, deceased, and the said Abraham Gouverneur, and every of them, be and are repealed, reversed, made and declared null and void to all intents, constructions, and purposes whatsoever, as if no such convictions, judgments, or attainders, had ever been had or given; and that no corruption of blood, or other penalties, or forfeitures of goods, chattels, lands, tenements, hereditaments, be by the said convictions and attainders, or either of them, incurred, any said usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding."