

of the fort and Stores which Accordingly was effected whilst the Lieut Governor and Council with the Convention were met at the City Hall to Consult what Might be proper for the Common Good and Safety, where a Party of Armed men, came from the fort and forced the Lieut Governor to deliver them the Keys and Seized also in his Chamber a Chest, with Seven hundred and Seventy three pounds twelve Shillings in money of the Government, and though Coll Bayard, with some others appointed by the convention used all endeavours to prevent Those disorders, all proved vain (for most of Those that appeared in arms were drunk and Cry'd out, They disowned all manner of Government,) whereupon by Captain Leisler's persuasion, they proclaimed him to be their Commander there being then, no other Commission officer amongst Them.

Captain Leisler being in this manner possess of the fort, took some persons to his assistance, which he called the Committee of Safety, and the Lieut. Governor, Francis Nicholson being in this manner forced out of the Province

About a week after reports came from Boston, that their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Orange were proclaimed King and Queen of England, Whereupon the Council and convention were very desirous to get that Proclamation, and not only wrote for it, but some of them hearing, that two gentlemen were coming from Connecticut with a Copy of