

of the Militia Officers, and dayly Labour of the Inhabitants, had the same finished before the End of May, Excepting Captain Leisler's Quota.

About the Middle of May the Ship Beaver John Corbett Master, being ready to Sail for England, the Lieut Governor and Council sent in her Mr John Riggsf and in Several other Ships, that soon followed, letters to the Earl now Duke of Shrewsbury then principal Secretary of State and to the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Plantations, wherein they Signified their rejoicing at the News of his Royal Highness The Prince of Orange, now his present Majesties arrival in England, in order to redress the grievances of the Nation, and giving a particular account of the State of Affairs of this Province, and that they would endeavour to preserve its peace and Security till orders, Should arrive from England, which they humbly prayed might be hastened with all possible Speed Which Said Letters were most graciously received and answered by his Majesty's Letter bearing date 30th July 1689—

But against expectation it soon happened, that on the Last day of Said Month of May, Captain Leisler having a Vessell with some Wines on the road, for which he refused to pay the Duty, did in a Seditious Manner Stir up the meanest Sort of the Inhabitants (affirming that King James being fled the Kingdom all manner of Government was fallen in this Province) to Rise in Arms, and forceably possesses Themselves