

About the Year 1733 appeared the *New-York Weekly Journal*, printed by *John Peter Zenger*. One may easily perceive the Remains of the *Dutch* Inhabitants formerly possessing this City and Province, by the Names that occur in this History. The Administration here was become distasteful before the *Journal* began to give Marks of it, and *Zenger* set it up only to get a Penny. There had been a News-Paper published in *New-York* some time; but this Printer's was intended for *Politicks*, as well as News, and it was not likely the Printer would long escape Animadversions, if he dared to speak any thing of the Governor in his Journal, whether true or false, if displeasing to his Excellency. This Paper containing something of that kind, had not been published above two Months before the new Chief Justice, *James De Lancey*, Esq; harangued the *Grand Jury* with a solemn Charge preparatory to a Prosecution against *Zenger*, for Words derogatory to the Governor's Dignity; but the *Grand Jury* giving no Ear to the Judge's Speech, the Council took it in hand, and sent a Message by *Philip Cortlandy*, Esq; one of their Members, to the Assembly, to desire a Conference between a Committee of Council and a Committee of Assembly, about the Proceedings to be carried on against the said *Zenger*.

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Zenger the Printer prosecuted.

The Members of the Council who were forward in this Affair were

George Clarke, Esq;
Mr. Levingston,
Mr. Cortlandy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Kennedy,

Mr. Lane,
James De Lancey, Esq; Ch. Just.
Dr. Codden,
Mr. Horsmanden.

A Committee of the Assembly, *Mr. Garretson* Chairman, met a Committee of Council the 17th of *October*, 1734, and the latter deliver'd to the former the Request of their Board, That the Assembly would concur with the Council in an Order for burning by the Hands of the common Hangman the *New-York Journals*, No. 7, 47, 48, as derogatory to the Dignity of the Government of his Majesty King *George II.* and reflecting on the most considerable Persons in the most distinguish'd Stations, &c. The Counsellors left the said Journals with the Assembly Men, and the Chairman, *Mr. Garretson*, reported the Case to the House, who declined having any Concern in the Matter; so the Council sent *Mr. Levingston* to the Assembly, to desire they might have their Papers again. No doubt the House was ready enough to return them.

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Opposed by the Assembly.