

Commission Officers in the Province for to consult and advise with them what might be proper for the preservation of the peace and the safety of the Said Province [at] that Conjunction till orders should arrive from England.

Whereupon the Said Justices Magistrates, and officers were Accordingly convened, and Stiled by the name of the General Convention for the Province of New York ; and all matters of Government were carried on and managed by the Major vote of that CONVENTION.

And in the first Place it was by them Agreed, and ordered forthwith to fortify the City of New York —

And that for the better security of the fort (since the garrison was weak and to prevent all manner of Doubt and Jealousies) a competent number of the City Militia, should keep guard in that fort, and Nicholas Bayard Coll. of Said Militia recommended to give Suitable Orders Accordingly—And that the Revenue should be continued and received by some Gentleman Appointed by that Convention for repairing the fort and Fortifying of the City, but against this order Capt Leisler, who as a Captain was a member of that CONVENTION, did enter his dissent with some few others—

It was also recommended to said Colonel Bayard to hasten to fortify the City with all Possible Speed, who upon the credit of the revenue did Advance what money was needful for materials, and by the assistance