

was as well in Col. *Hunter's* time, as in Lord *Cornbury's*, or Col. *Cosby's*, which was not the Golden Age of this Province.

But however this Security of theirs lasted not long; for in the Year 1734, they were alarmed with the Movements of the *French* and *Indians* on the Frontiers of *New-York*, and the Assembly came to the following Resolutions.

“ That there be allowed, towards fortifying the City of *New-York*, the Sum of 6000 *l.*

“ That there be allowed the City of *Albany*, to erect and complete a Stone Fort, Soldiers Barracks within the same, repairing the Officer's House, or building a new one, and making the Carriages for the great Guns, the Sum of 4000 *l.*

“ That there be allowed, for erecting a Fort on Beams upon a Stone Foundation at *Scanestaday*, a good Block House in each Corner thereof, Carriages for the great Guns, &c. the Sum of 800 *l.*

“ That there be allowed, for Messengers and Presents to the *Senekaa's* Country, maintaining a Smith and some Men among that Nation, and for building Fortifications there, if found feasible and practicable, the Sum of 500 *l.*

“ That, for purchasing great Guns, and making Carriages for the same, for the Security of *Suffolk* County, to be employed there as Occasion may require, and for discharging a Demand of the said County, in opposing a Pirate Vessel which infested them some Years ago, be allowed to the County in all 200 *l.*

This Assembly took into Consideration a Declaration of two Lawyers, Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Murray*, that “ the Courts of Chancery, King's-Bench, Common-Pleas and Exchequer were of original Jurisdiction by the Laws and Constitution of *England*, as ancient as the Kingdom itself. “ That as in that Colony they were entitled to the same Laws, Liberties and Privileges, and under the same Constitution, so they were entituled to the same Courts; and that if those Courts should, in that Province, be put upon any other Footing than they are in *England*, their own Act would draw into Question, whether they were entitled to the Liberties and Privileges aforesaid; and therefore they conceived it would not be improper to regulate the Courts; and that the Judges should be made during their good Behaviour, by an Act as it was in *England*. This, doubtless, was occasioned by the Attempt in President *Van Dam's* Case, to turn the Supreme Court into a Court of Chancery.

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